

There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.



St John Vianney

317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042

Third Sunday of Advent 2023 Year B

16th/17th December 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 61: 1- 2; 10 - 11
 Psalm Luke 1: My soul rejoices in God, my Saviour
 2nd Reading: 2nd Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5: 16-24
 Gospel: John 1: 6 – 8, 19-28

'There stands among you the one coming after me'

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.



REJOICING IN GOD, OUR SAVIOUR. Christmas is a feast of joy and light. We celebrate God who comes to dwell among us and save us. With the prophet Isaiah, we exult for joy in the Lord. With Mary, our spirits rejoice in God our saviour. We do not deny the pain and evil that exist in the world, but we rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus.

St Pauls Sunday Missal, pg.540

Sacramental Programme (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation). We are now accepting enrolment for the 2024 sacramental program. Please visit our website, click sacraments, click sacramental programs, fill up sacramental Form 2024, then submit.



Mass Time

Sunday: 9 am & 5:30 pm
 Monday: No Mass
 Tuesday: 7 pm
 Wednesday: 7 pm
(Reconciliation at 6:30 pm - 6:50 pm)
 Thursday: 7 pm
 Friday: 10 am
 Saturday: 9 am & 5:30 pm
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession: 8:00 am to 8:50 am)

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App: St John Catholic Church

(Church App)

Parish Collection

last Weekend

9th /10th December 2023

Parish Collection: \$1,658.10

Name: Hillsborough Parish
 Account #: 02-0108-0707833-000
 Code: **Your Name (complete name)**
 Reference: **Offering**
 Particulars: **Donation**
God Bless YOU!

Day/Date	Coordinator	Musicians	Hospitality	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Welcome Welcome /POF	Projectionist	Sacristans
Saturday 16 th December 2023 5:30 pm Vigil Mass	Clementine Rodrigues	Spotify / Volunteer		Jenifa D'Souza Chantel D'Souza Sangeeta Sequeira Hilda Leung	Claire Barry Palmira Fonseca	Clementine Rodrigues	Volunteer	Claire / Anthony
Sunday 17 th December 2023 9 am	Simone	Marina / Paul	India / Sri Lankan	Maureen Lowe Lukeanne Lowe Anil Mathew Lucia Saldanha	Harry Lowe/ Shaila Pinto	Simone	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sunday 17 th December 2023 5:30 pm	Youth Mass	Youth		Zach Pinto Ken D'Souza Melissa D'Souza Sarah McAlpine	Youth	Youth	Volunteer	Youth
Saturday 23 rd December 2023 Vigil Mass 5:30 pm	Arca Fernandes	Melroy		Jenifa D'Souza Chantel D'Souza Sangeeta Sequeira Hilda Leung	Janice Cruz Julih Tan	Arca Fernandes	Volunteer	Claire / Anthony
Sunday 24 th December 2023 9 am	Alise Sevele	Rowena / Joel	Pacific Community (Tonga/Fiji/Niue, Vanuatu)	Lilian Fo'ou Ralph Lautua Olivia Pale Sete Sevele	Angscar Palle SharlenenHavea	Alise Sevele	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sunday 24 th December 2023 5:30 pm	Jesty Chettair	Robyn Nash		Zach Pinto Ken D'Souza Melissa D'Souza Sarah McAlpine	Diana/Matthias Leonora Fisk	Jesty Chettair	Volunteer	Diana / Ivan

Cleaner Roster

1 st Week	Asian Communities
2 nd Week	Smith Family (Samoan Community)
3 rd Week	Indian/Sri Lankan Communities
4 th Week	Tongan Community/Pacific Islanders

Flower Roster

1 st Week	Asian Community
2 nd Week	Smith Family
3 rd Week	Indian/Sri Lankan Community
4 th Week	Regina and William



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175 CAMPAIGN – reflecting on our past by supporting those in need! As we reflect on the diocese’s 175th Anniversary, please join Bishop Steve’s 175 campaign through the Caring Foundation. By donating \$175 as a parish, a family, a group of friends, or individually, you will support families and people in need throughout our diocese. To donate, please pick up a donation card from your parish foyer or visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz to donate online or to find out other ways to donate.



Congratulation Logan and Danielle, “Today is the beginning of a happy and long life, together and forever.”

ST JOHN VIANNEY YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROL AND FUNDRAISING.

Let us support our youth on their fundraising. Last Sunday they visited several homes to serenade Christmas carols to the families. Then they proceed to the church for the 5:30 pm Mass to sing to our parishioners on their way home. Thank you SJV YOUTH.





HOME ENTHRONEMENT OF THE TWIN HEART OF JESUS AND MARY. - Fr Sam will be blessing the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart of Mary picture every first Friday after Communion. Two members of the Legion of Mary will be present to pray the consecration and enthronement prayers. Please contact Savio at 021 830693 for more information.

NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Christmas Story with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin:
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/23/the-christmas-story/>
 YouTube Recordings
 YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at:
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>
 Our next Zoom sessions will be in February/March on the theme of Miracles.
 For more information: www.studyjoy.nz
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The **SJV YOUTH** will be organising the annual Christmas Raffle this year. We will be selling tickets from 2nd Dec onwards at all the weekend masses.

- Ticket prices:
- 1 ticket = \$3
- 2 tickets = \$5
- 5 tickets = \$10

Please bring cash along and come and say hi!!!



LEGION OF MARY: We meet every Wednesday after the 7 pm Mass to discuss and enjoy our heritage as daughters and sons of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Contact Savio at 021 830693 to join us.

MONTE CECILIA HOUSING TRUST'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

Christmas approaches quickly and Monte Cecilia is reaching out for our annual appeal, asking for your help in ensuring that children in Monte Cecilia housing have a joyful Christmas, with food on the table and a toy of their own.



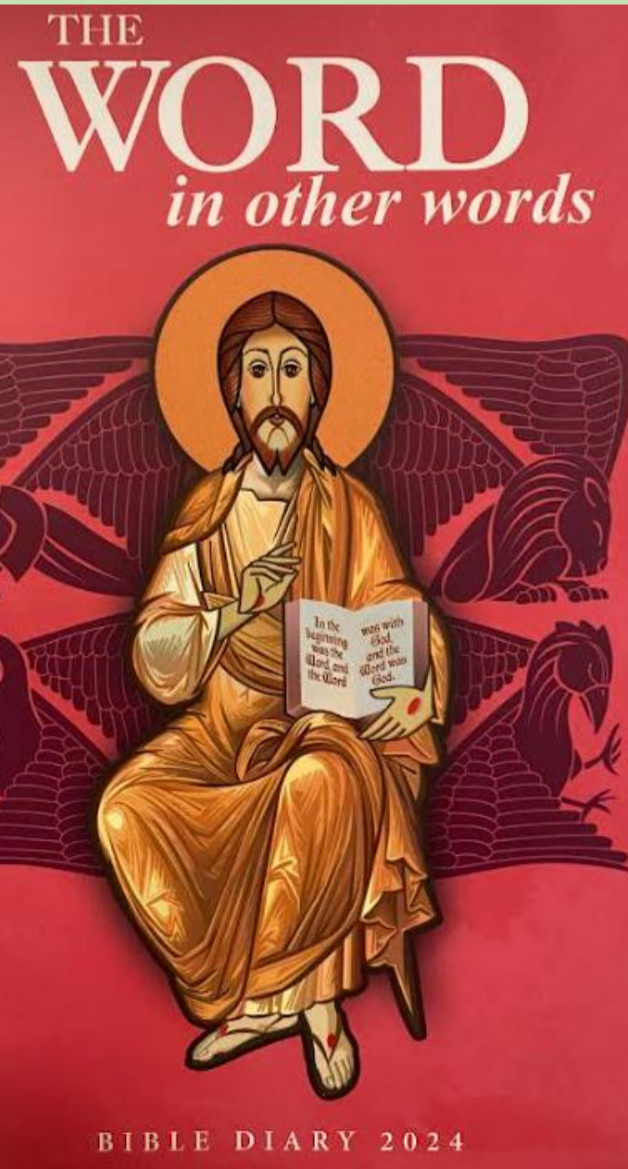
**Thank you!
For your generosity**

We are asking for donations of food, clothing, toys, which can be dropped off at our office, or you can donate a wrapped present, and we can match it with an appropriate child. Monte Cecilia houses over 1,200+ children living within our Transitional & Community housing. A little bit helps.

Please kindly ensure your donation reaches us by Tuesday 12th December, or alternately, you can make a monetary donation on our website. If you have any questions, please call 0800 624 848, or email us at info@montececilia.org.nz

Thank you for your ongoing support to the **VINNIES OP SHOP IN ONEHUNGA AND THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL.** If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact us.

We need more good quality donations! Please drop them off at our shop at 345 Onehunga Mall, or call us if you need furniture picked up. Why not volunteer to help out at our Vinnies Shop? Any help would be wonderful. Our oldest volunteer is 97 and our youngest is 16 and we would be happy to have you join our team. Contact Wanda at the Vinnies shop (634-2697) for more information.



Bible Diary For Sale. \$25. Please pay via money transfer to parish account or cash in the office.

PROLIFE: The Auckland Voice for Life Training Day will be the ideal opportunity to meet other pro-life people, network, learn up-to-date and relevant information, and become better equipped. This free event will be held at the Reformed Church of the North Shore, Trias Road, Sunnynook, on 2 March, 2024. Contact Auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz for more information.

Office will be closed on 20th December 2023 to 22nd January 2024. No Newsletter and choir for the month of January. Other activities such as adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resume in February 2024.

2023 COLUMBAN CHRISTMAS APPEAL



"At Christmas, we are called to recognise the face of Jesus in every needy person."
Pope Francis

DONATE TO OUR MISSION

Your donation will help make a difference to those living on the margins of life in the countries where we work.

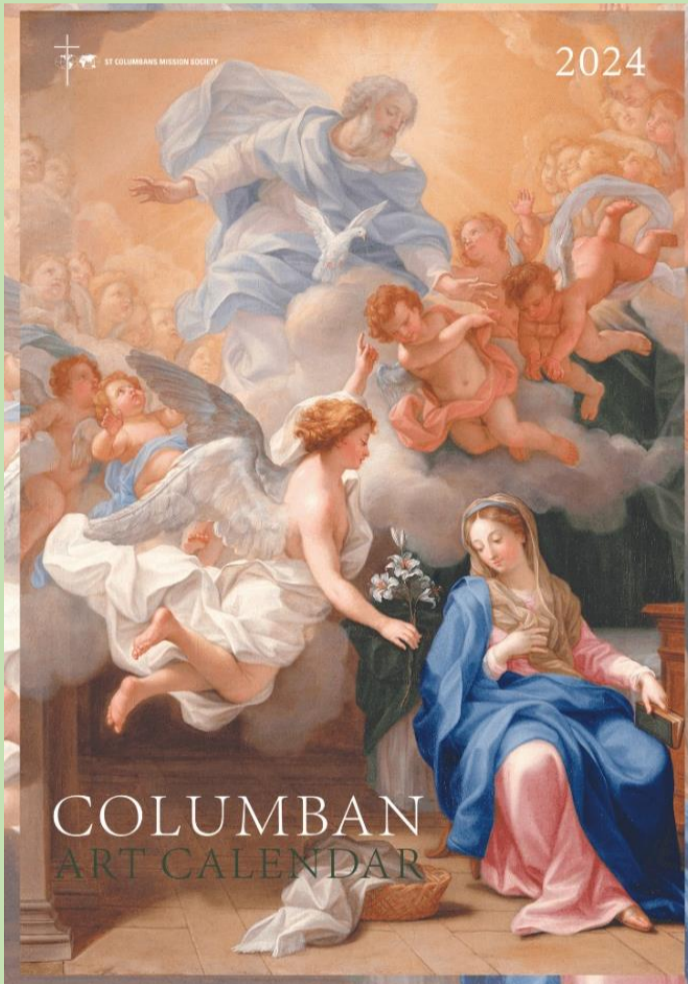
NZCatholic

The national Catholic newspaper Dec. 17, 2023 - Jan. 27, 2024 • No. 676

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'Peace on Earth'



Calendar for sale: \$15. Copy is available in our parish office.



St John Vianney Church Christmas Timetable

Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm (24th Dec)
Evening Mass: 10 pm (24th Dec)
Christmas Day Mass: 9 am (25th Dec)



Parish Roll & Planned Giving Programme

Welcome to our visitors and new parishioners. If you would like to be part of the Planned Giving Programme, please feel free to complete this form and place it in the collection basket or leave it at the parish office.

Any questions or comments please contact the office.

Please indicate:

- I wish to be listed on the parish roll.
- I wish to contribute to the parish on a one-off donation (please contact the office for the parish account).
- I wish to make a bequest to St John Vianney Parish, Hillsborough
- I wish to use the automatic payment system.
- I wish to use the envelope system.

Name: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Physical Address: _____

Email Address: _____