

The Blessed Virgin Mary is like a mother who has many children. She is always busy going from one to the other!

St John Vianney

317 Hillsborough Road, Auckland 1042

3rd Sunday of Advent Year C 2025
13th | 14th December 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10
Psalm 145: Lord, come and save us.
2nd Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen'.

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

REMINDER EMERGENCY GRANTS AND CHRISTMAS GRANTS

A gentle reminder that we still have emergency grants available for parishioners in need as well as a Christmas grant for families in need at Christmas. Just contact our office on (09) 360 3045 or email annmariep@caringfoundation.org.nz

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: No Mass
Friday: 10 am
Saturday: 9 am & 5:30 pm
(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession: 8:00 am to 8:50 am)
Office Hours: Tue., Wed. & Fri. 9 am to 2 pm

Fr. Samuel Pulanco
(Parish Priest)

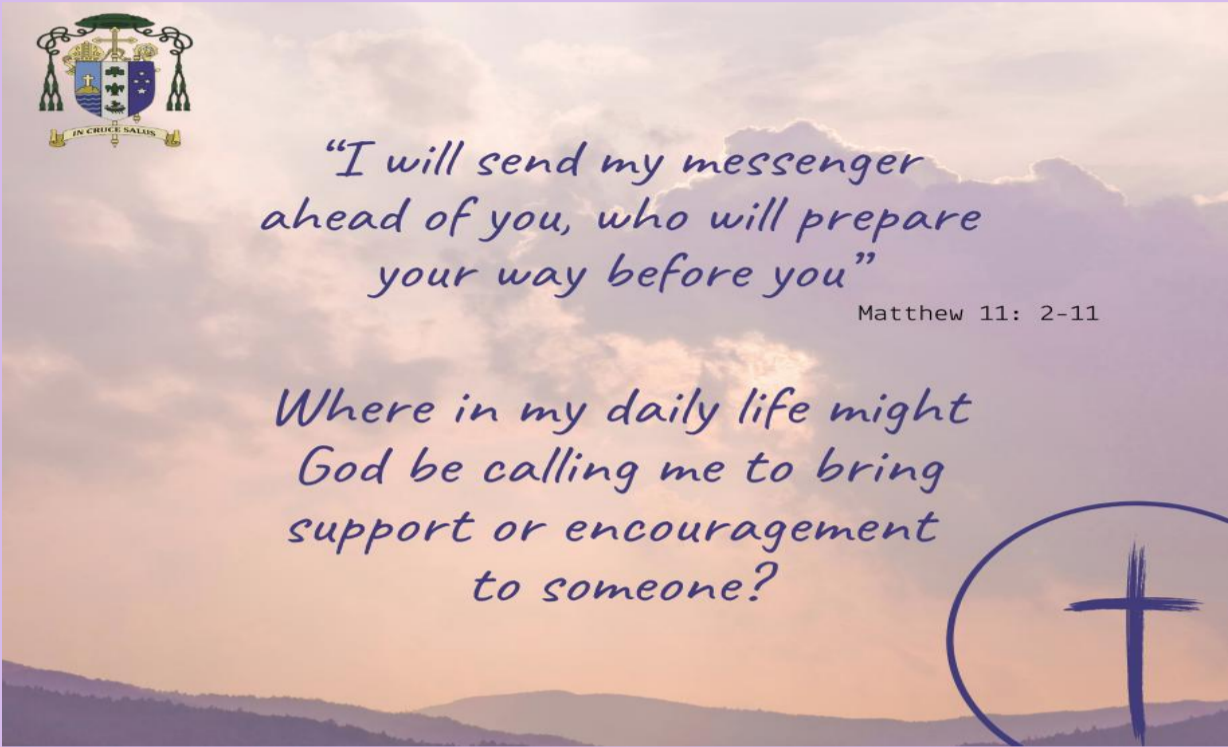
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Facebook: St John Vianney, Hillsborough
Office Hours: Tue., Wed & Fri 9 am to 2 pm

Parish Collection last Weekend

6th | 7th December 2025
Parish Collection: \$ 1,495.30

Account Name: **ST JOHN VIANNEY HILLSBOROUGH**
Account #: **02-0108-0707833-000**
Code: **Your Name (complete name)**
Reference: **Offering**
Particulars: **Donation**
"No one has ever become poor from giving."
Anne Frank



THE BLIND SEE AGAIN. Many of the Jewish people did not expect a Messiah like Jesus. Many wondered: are you the one who is to come? Jesus came not to exercise sovereignty and over all over the people but bring blessing to the poor and needy. Let us celebrate his birth this Christmas by being good news for the poor.

St Paul Sunday Missal pg. 141

Nine Days Novena (Prayers & Mass) for the Birth of Jesus (Simbang Gabi): 15th to 24th December at 7 pm

Schedule of Christmas Masses

Wednesday 24th December: 7 pm and 10 pm Mass
Thursday 25th December: 9 am

Advent Reconciliation:

Tuesday and Wednesday: 6 pm to 6:50 pm

New Year's Eve Mass

Wednesday 31st January 2025: 7 pm.

Saturday 5:30 pm December: A reminder to all ministers PLEASE come 10-15 minutes before the MASS to prepare yourselves in the Sacred Liturgy.

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Date	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Choir	Counter	Flower Roster
06 12	Maddy & Claudia Cachay, Catherine Rinda	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Gammy	Trevor	John & Tusi Smith
13 12	Arca Fernandes, Janice Cruz Julih Tan	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Trevor	TBA	
20 12	Clementine Roidrigues, Lester D'Souza, Trevor Lee Joe	Jenifa & Chantel D'Souza, Mary Langton, Sangeeta Sequeira ,	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Marina and Paul	TBA	Veronica and Clementine
27 12	Volunteer	Volunteer	Dwayne, Llyod, Legacy, Leonides	Volunteer	TBA	

Sunday 9 am December: A reminder to all ministers PLEASE come 10-15 minutes before the MASS to prepare yourselves in the Sacred Liturgy.

Date	Hospitality	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir	Sacristans	Altar Servers	Counters
07 12	SJV Filipino Community	SJV Filipino Community	William Naufahu, Olivia Pale, Sete Sevele,	Robyn and Paul	SJV Filipino Community	SJV Filipino Community	Dale and Dimple
14 12	Samoan Community	Georgia Cuer Francis Ekeroma Vanessa Togafiti	William Naufahu, Tusi Smith, Rosita Ekeroma, Dimple	Samoan Community	Cecilia and Friz	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Ralph Lautua
21 12	Indian & Sri Lankan Community	Indian & Sri Lankan Community	Maureen Lowe, Anil Mathew, Arlene Baracca, Lucia Saldanha	Pinto Family Choir	Ashley	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	Sunil and Royston
28 12	Pacific Community (Tongan, Fijian, Niuean, Vanuatu etc)	Volunteer	Ralph Lautua, Olivia Pale, Sete Sevele Dimple	Volunteers	TBA	Skyrah, Aschleyh, Shininan, Denil, Peyson	TBA

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07 12	Holy Angels	Ken D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Holy Angels	Tusi & John Smith
14 12	Lydia Quadros, Alvita and Anika Suares	Ken D'Souza, Melissa D'Souza, Sarah McAlpine, Marie LangSiu	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Cielo's Group	
21 12	Couples for Christ	Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Couples for Christ	Veronica and Clementine
28 12	Volunteers	Ken & Melissa D'Souza Marie LangSiu, Sarah McAlpine	Blake, Rylee, Mary Torres	TBA	Aaron Fisk	

We are now accepting enrolments for
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026:
FIRST RECONCILIATION, FIRST COMMUNION, AND CONFIRMATION.

Please visit our website to complete the registration form, or you may register in person at the parish office.

Kindly refer to our office hours timetable for assistance and **the office is closed on 22nd December 2025 to 17th January 2026**

FOOD BANK:

The Spirit of Generosity and Care for the Poor.

Our parish invites everyone to share in the spirit of generosity by supporting our Food Bank Pantry. As you prepare your weekly grocery list, please consider adding a few items to donate. You may place your contributions in the designated basket at the church.

Each Wednesday, a volunteer will deliver all collected items to our Catholic agencies, who in turn extend your kindness to those most in need.

Thank you for your continued compassion and support for our brothers and sisters who rely on our help.



Auckland Prison (Paremoremo) - Catholic Prison Chaplaincy / Auckland South Correction Facility – Catholic Prison Chaplaincy
We are seeking to employ two suitably qualified persons to work as members of Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa Chaplaincy Team, which delivers Ecumenical Chaplaincy services to men in prison at the Auckland Prison and Auckland South Corrections Facility. The positions are permanent part-time positions of 24 hours per week at Auckland Prison and 20 hours per week at Auckland South – days to be determined but with the expectation of some Sundays per month for Sunday Services. To view the full advert and the position description please go to our website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz under Diocesan Services and Staff Vacancies.



WAKE & PRAY ADVENT MEDITATION 6.AM DAILY ON ZOOM

Contact Dianna: diannaf@cda.org.nz Faith Formation Team

PROJECT AND MUSIC COORDINATOR – CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND Are you looking for a role where you can make a positive impact in the lives of young people? Do you have experience in the areas of music ministry and events? We're looking for someone who answers "Yes!" to become our full-time Project and Music Coordinator. You'll be part of a tight-knit team implementing a bold new strategy for ministry to young people in the Diocese of Auckland. To learn more, please visit: www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/staff-vacancies/



the Catholic Kiwi Podcast

Sr Lauren of the Cross OCD

Sharing stories of faith, mission and ministry from the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand

Fr James Mallon

Mary Goulding

Br Guy Consolmagno SJ

Tim Wilson

Season 1 is now live on YouTube & Spotify






PODCAST

CATHOLIC KIWI PODCAST: Six episodes of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference's new podcast series have now been released, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. Guests in the opening episodes include Carmelite Sister Lauren of the Cross, broadcaster and policy expert Tim Wilson and Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM. More episodes will be released before Christmas to complete season 1, with season 2 set for 2026. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

Bishop Steve invites you to

Closing Mass of Year of Jubilee



SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 11 AM
CATHEDRAL OF ST PATRICK AND ST JOSEPH

AUCKLAND CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP NETWORK

PRESENTS

PRAISE *in the* PARK

FREE EVENT

14TH FEBRUARY 2026

4PM-6PM

**PRAISE
WORSHIP
ADORATION**



**LET EVERYTHING
THAT HAS BREATH
PRAISE THE LORD**

PSALM 150:6

**SELWYN DOMAIN
MISSION BAY, AUCKLAND**

PRAISEINTHEPARK.NZ

SAVE THE DATE – 14 FEBRUARY 2026 | 4 PM – 6 PM | PRAISE IN THE PARK
All are welcome to gather with us at Praise in the Park, a two-hour Catholic event at Selwyn Domain, 48-56 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay, on Saturday, 14 February 2026. There will be praise and worship, testimonies and gospel teaching followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration, where space for reflection, prayer and encounter with Jesus will be offered. If you can help with administration, sponsorship, prayer ministry, or practical help on the day, we would love to hear from you on aucklandccr@gmail.com

WELCOME EVERYONE to a time of reflection on Pope Leo XIV's recent Apostolic Exhortation to all of us on love for the poor, 'Dilexi Te'.

Meet on Zoom, 7 – 7.40pm, all Wednesdays in Advent, to simply read short passages from Pope Leo XIV's message to all of us, and to ponder his words.

'Come and See'. Contact Dianna Fouhy, Faith Formation Team, Auckland Diocese, to register: diannaf@cda.org.nz

PROPERTY OFFICER – ST PATRICK’S & ST JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, AUCKLAND:
The Cathedral is looking for a part time (10 hours per week) Property Officer, responsible for maintaining the Cathedral buildings and grounds to a high standard of safety and cleanliness. Duties include property inspections, managing contractors, minor repairs, and ensuring security systems and compliance requirements are met. What we’re looking for: Trades background and practical maintenance experience; Self-motivated, organised, and able to work independently.
Applicants for this position must have NZ residency or a valid NZ work permit. Applications close 19 December 2025. To view the full advert, position description and how to apply, please visit the Diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz Diocesan Services, Staff Vacancies

FAMILY LIFE CATHOLIC GIFTS has many lovely gifts this Advent Season, ready for our Saviour's Christmas birthday. We have a good variety of Nativities and other gifts, including a great new selection of Bibles and books for both children and adults.
Come and see us at 569 Richardson Road Mt Roskill, or phone (09) 629 0820, or visit our website: catholicgifts.co.nz
Our last day for business this year is 24th December (9am-2pm). All proceeds from sales support our life-saving work, defending Life, Faith and Family.



Catholic Caring Foundation’s Christmas Appeal Give a gift to help families and people in need. Please support the Caring Foundation’s Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers. Your donation will have **DOUBLE THE IMPACT!** “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.” Take home our newsletter, and donation card, or visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz or call (09) 360 3012.

ADVENT! PREPARE PRAY PONDER, NOW

PREPARE	PRAY	PONDER
<i>Dilexi Te</i> , to all Christians on love for the poor	Sit in the silence with Jesus who loves you	Advent Sunday Gospels
Wednesday evenings on Zoom 7 - 7.40pm	Daily 6.15 am on Zoom	Saturday Evenings on Zoom 7 - 7.40pm
Reflect on Pope Leo’s words.	Stay awake!	Hear the Word in your heart!
<small>https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html</small>	<small>www.wccm.org/www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz</small>	<small>https://universalis.com/mass.htm</small>
Contact Dianna, diannaf@cda.org.nz Faith Formation Team, Catholic Diocese Auckland		

WINGS.NGA PARIRAU Have you tried praying and meeting with others in small groups from the comfort of your own home and table? It’s all good! Daily Meditation 6.15am on Zoom

Reflection with Pope Leo XIV *Dilexi Te*, Wednesday evenings 7pm on Zoom
Lectio Divina, pondering the Sunday Gospel, Saturdays 7pm on Zoom

Contact Dianna Fouhy, Faith Formation Team, Catholic Diocese of Auckland diannaf@cda.org.nz graphic attached

VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD
Are you hearing the calling of God to serve Him through Priesthood?
Find out more by contacting
Fr. Marchellino Park
Director of Vocations
aucklandpriests@gmail.com
www.aucklandpriests.co.nz

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: _____