

PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations: to Jonah Oliver YALDA upon receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today. May the Lord bless you, your parents, god-parents, family and friends on this your very special day. The Parish of Onehunga welcomes you all.

1. No Hall Bookings through-out the month of January 2019, with the exception of our own Parish Groups & Communities. Thank you.
2. Just a reminder that there are still no evening Masses, and no Adorations on Sundays till Tuesday 12th & Sunday 17th February 2019.
3. Thank you all for your generosity in your continual giving of dried goods to enable the Caring and Services Committee to continue our work. YES we are still collecting and distributing - while the need is there, we will continue.
4. 2019 Columban Calendars On Sale still: for \$12.00. Contact Therese at 09)320-4558
5. Sacramental Programme – 2018 Enrolments are now open for children 8 years and older to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation. Please contact Melanie or Michaela Duarte on 622 1521 or email olotasacramentalprogramme@gmail.com or contact the parish office on 320 4558 Enrolments close 25 February 2018.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

1. **'Parish to Parish for Bed & Breakfast'**. I have had great pleasure in producing this book. If interest in a copy to find out about Parish to Parish cheap accommodation, please contact Marie Anderson Ph (03)359 5541 email: Marie.ian@xtra.co.nz.
2. **Mercy Spirituality Centre** 104 The Drive, Epsom. Ph. 638 6238 or [in-fo@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz](mailto:fo@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz) or www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz
RETREAT DAY: Rediscovering Wholeness of Life in Christ: How gratitude opens the way with SARAH COOPER. Sat 16 Feb, 9.30am-3.30pm. \$65 incl. lunch. **MUSIC WORKSHOP: Psalms and Gratitude** with Fr CHRIS SKINNER sm. Sat 23 Feb, 10am-1pm. \$30 incl. Morning tea. St Columba Centre.
DREAMWORK 101: Introduction to Dreamwork with MARGARET BOWATER. Fri 23 Feb, 6-9pm & Sat 23 Feb, 9.30am-4pm. \$130. See our website for more details. Bookings essential, email: info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz to register.
3. **THANK YOU FROM THE CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION**
The Foundation would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for their prayers and support of Bishop Pat's Foundation, throughout 2018. Through your support, the Foundation was able to give grants to over 50 organisations who care and support families and communities in need throughout the diocese. We couldn't have done this without your support. Thank you. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and safe Christmas. www.caringfoundation.org.nz
THE YEAR AHEAD
We look forward to working with you throughout 2019, to ensure that we are reaching grass-roots organisations who are providing support and help to those in hardship. Our next grants round will open in **Feb 2019** and close mid April 2019. Details for making an application for a grant in 2019, will be available on our website [in January www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



“A light
has come
unto us.”

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR C 6TH JANUARY 2019

Daily Morning Eucharist:	Monday - Friday	7.30am
Daily Evening Eucharist:	Tuesday - Thursday	7.00pm
First Friday Eucharist:	7.30am and also at 7.00pm	
Saturday Eucharist:	8.00am and Vigil	6.00pm
Sunday Eucharist:	8.30am & 10.00am	
Public Holidays:	8.00am, no evening Mass	
Adoration:	Sunday	5.00pm-5.45pm
Tongan Mass:	2nd Sunday of every month	at 12.00pm
Samoan Mass:	3rd Sunday of every month	at 11.30am
Youth Mass:	4th Sunday of every month	at 10.00am
Reconciliation:	Every Saturday	at 8.30am-9.00am and 5.00pm-5.30pm
Samoan Divine Mercy:	Every Sunday	at 6.00pm-8.00pm

REFLECTION

(Isa 60:1-6). The exiles returned to Jerusalem to find the city in ruins. Here the prophet cheers them with a vision of a restored city that will become a beacon of light for all the nations. The nations will come from afar to pay tribute to and worship the Lord in Jerusalem. Though addressed to Israel as god's chosen people, the prophecy will be fulfilled in Christ ('the light of the world'), and in the new Israel, the Church.

(Eph 3:2-3,5-6). This reading expresses the theological meaning of today's feast: God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ. This is the mystery, hidden in the past, now revealed in Christ. It is difficult for us to appreciate the sense of shock that the Jews felt at the fact that the pagans were to be accepted into the Church on equal terms with themselves. This is the aspect that is highlighted in the reading.

(Mt 2:1-12). For Matthew, the story of the Magi becomes an anticipation of the fate of the good news of salvation, a fate that he knew in the aftermath of the resurrection. God revealed himself to the Jews through the Scriptures, and to the Gentiles through nature. Hence, Matthew shows the Magi (who were Gentiles) receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox; the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come and, with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore him. Herod was one of the cruellest despots in history. A treacherous and cunning man, he plays true to form when the Magi call on him. He tries to trick them into revealing the identity and location of the child born to be King of the Jews, on the pretext of wanting to pay his own homage to the baby. He cannot tolerate the thought of a possible rival, and orders the massacre of all the baby boys in and around Bethlehem. There is nothing to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was merely the means by which a great mystery was revealed - the revelation of Christ as the Saviour of the Gentiles too.

Epiphany of the Lord Year C 6th January 2019

First reading:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 60: 1-6
The glory of the Lord shines upon you!

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13. R.v.11

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace fill the moon falls.

He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Second reading:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians. 3: 2-3, 5-6
*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance
that they are parts of the same body!*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. 2: 1-12
We have come from the East to worship the King!



Readers for this week: Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th January 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	David Hagar	1. Assumption Ilalio 2. Thomas Ta'amale	Veronica Hagar Pauline Calvert
8.30am	Cheryl Peters	1. Susitina Tu'inukuafe 2. Christina Christopher	Paul Lovett Su'a Tagalao
10.00am	Lisa Shaumkel	1. Toma Lauaki 2. Lonili Sangster	Ana Lauaki Alison Finekifolau

Extra-Ordinary Ministers for this week: Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th 2019

6.00pm	Tony Atonio, Malia Fuga, Imeleta Kelemete, Tatupu Vaalepu, Michaela Duarte
8.30am	Brandon Peters, Katarina Lovett, Hulu Tu'inukuafe, Glen Hill, Limpia Britto
10.00am	Tonga Enosi, Inoke Kata, Iufita Sefo, Elaine Williams Savelina Tu'ipulotu, Eseta Oloa

Readers for next week: Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December 2019

	Commentator	Readers	Reserves
6.00pm	Veronica Hagar	1. Nerid Lima 2. James Williams	Therese Ulberg Lois Armiger
8.30am	Pius Robertson	1. Glen Hill 2. Hulu Tu'inukuafe	Susitina Tu'inukuafe Cheryl Peters
10.00am	Kalala Soodalo	1. Tafaoimalo Leavasa 2. Peta Sefo	Tatupu Vaalepu Iufita Sefo

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6.00pm	Tony Atonio, Malia Fuga, Imeleta Kelemete, Tatupu Vaalepu, Michaela Duarte
8.30am	Tony Atonio, Paul & Katarina Lovett, Imeleta Kelemete, Grace Tu'inukuafe
10.00am	Malia Fuga, Faumuina Lio, Eseta Oloa, Elaine Williams, Melanie & Stan Duarte, Kilika Leavasa

Anniversaries for the coming week

1. Natty Lobo (1986)
2. Frank Warren Gumbley (2003), Peggy McFarlane
3. Tony Tuhega (1997), Samuel Henry Tilton (1984), Mary Bridget Disson (1990), Francis Laloli (1991), Julio Tauu-Ote-Rangi Williams (1998)
4. Alfred William Kemp (1976), William Craig (1988), Kevin Anthony O'Connor (1988), Clifton Charles Morrow (1995)
5. Queenie Ethel Menefy (1977), Jock Ewen Cameron (1982),
6. Lucy Beatrice Dawson (1997)

Weekly requirement to run the Parish is approximately \$2700.00
Collection for Holy Family \$2352.60
Collection for New Years Eve & Day \$692.30

Readings for Next Week (13/01/19)

Baptism of the Lord

1st Reading: Prophet Isaiah. 42: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm: 28: 1-4, 9-10 R.v.13

2nd Reading: Acts of the Apostles. 10: 34-38

Gospel: Matthew. 3: 13-17

Anniversaries of Deaths: If you wish the deceased members of your family to be mentioned in the Sunday bulletin, please supply details the week before.

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Monday—Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm