

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

O Come, O come, Emmanuel  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That doth in exile homeless mourn  
Until her Saviour Christ be born.

*Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.*

O come thou day star seen on high  
with healing for our hearts draw  
nigh:  
Do thou the mists of night dispel  
and death's foreboding darkness  
quell.

*Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.*

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.  
A world that needs thee ransoming  
And save thy Servants who confess  
with humbled hearts their  
faithlessness.

*Rejoice, rejoice!  
Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

Alma Redemptoris - Choir  
*Kind mother of the Redeemer,  
the open gateway to heaven  
and star of the sea.  
Help your fallen people who strive to  
rise again: we pray you, who bore your  
holy son by a miracle of nature, a  
virgin first and last, who receive God's  
greeting from the mouth of Gabriel,  
have mercy on sinners.*  
(English Translation)

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art:  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry  
longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit Rule  
in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

O come, divine Messiah;  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away.

*Dear Saviour, haste!  
Come, come to earth. dispel the night  
and show your face, and bid us hail  
the dawn of grace.*

*O come, divine Messiah; the world in  
silence waits the day when hope shall  
sing its triumph and sadness flee  
away.*

O Christ, whom nations sign for ,  
Whom priest and prophet long  
foretold,  
Come break the captive's fetters,  
Redeem the long lost fold.

*Dear Saviour, haste!  
Come, come to earth. dispel the night  
and show your face, and bid us hail  
the dawn of grace.*

*O come, divine Messiah; the world in  
silence waits the day when hope shall  
sing its triumph and sadness flee  
away.*

You come in peace and meekness  
And lowly will your cradle be;  
All clothed in human weakness  
Shall we your Godhead see.

**EPIPHANY WATER.** This is an  
advance notice for those wish to  
obtain some Epiphany Water as we  
approach the Solemnity of the  
Epiphany. Fr Sumich will be praying  
the Epiphany Water Blessing on  
Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm sharp! at  
Saints Joseph and Joachim Parish,  
Otahuhu. Please bring a large water  
vessel (filled with water) which has  
an opening in the top, in order to  
receive the blessed salt. Do not be late  
otherwise you won't be able to add  
your vessel to those being blessed at  
the front of the Church. The blessing  
takes approx 45mins. Following the  
Blessing, a Traditional Mass will be  
celebrated, @ approx 7:45pm.



**Family Prayers for Advent**

**What to do?**

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week
5. say Gospel of the Week
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

**4<sup>th</sup> Week Prayer:** Stir up your might,  
we pray You O Lord, and come; rescue  
us through Your great strength so that  
salvation, which has been hindered by  
our sins, may be hastened by the grace  
of Your gentle mercy. Who lives and  
reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**4<sup>th</sup> Week Gospel: Luke 1:39-45**  
"Blessed are you who believed that  
what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled."

**Fourth Candle  
and Week 4 of Advent**

**Monday:** "O Wisdom, you come forth  
from the mouth of the Most High. You  
fill the universe and hold all things  
together in a strong yet gentle manner.  
O come to teach us the way of truth."

**Tuesday:** "O Adonai and leader of  
Israel, you appeared to Moses in a  
burning bush and you gave him the  
Law on Sinai. O come and save us with  
your mighty power."

**Wednesday:** "O stock of Jesse, you  
stand as a signal for the nations; kings  
fall silent before you whom the peoples  
acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do  
not delay."

**Thursday:** "O key of David and sceptre  
of Israel, what you open no one else can  
close again; what you close no one can  
open. O come to lead the captive from  
prison; free those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death."

**Friday:** O Rising Sun, you are the  
splendour of eternal light and the sun  
of justice. O come and enlighten those  
who sit in darkness and in the shadow  
of death."

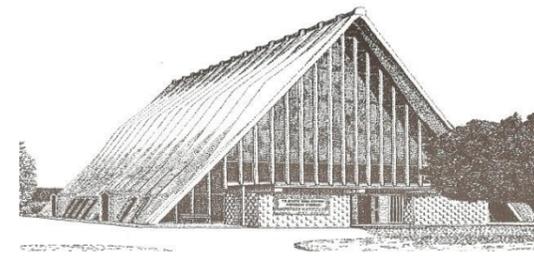
**Saturday:** "O King whom all the  
peoples desire, you are the cornerstone  
which makes all one. O come and save  
man whom you made from clay."

**Sunday:** "O Emmanuel, you are our  
king and judge, the One whom the  
peoples await and their Saviour. O  
come and save us, Lord, our God."

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

24<sup>th</sup> December 2017



**First Reading. 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16;**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

**Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29;**

*℟. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. *℟.*

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages. *℟.*

'He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.' *℟.*

**Second Reading. Romans 16:25-27;**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel. Luke 1:26-38;**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour.

Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**SUNDAY, DEC 24<sup>TH</sup>**

11pm: Carols Service  
12am: Midnight Mass

**MONDAY, DEC 25<sup>TH</sup>, CHRISTMAS DAY**

12am: Midnight Mass  
8am: Sung Latin Mass  
10am: English Christmas Mass

**TUESDAY, DEC 26<sup>TH</sup>**

9am: Mass  
(no Mass @7pm)

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 27<sup>TH</sup>**

9am: Mass

**THURSDAY, DEC 28<sup>TH</sup>**

9am: Mass

**FRIDAY, DEC 29<sup>TH</sup>**

9am: Mass

**SATURDAY, DEC 30<sup>TH</sup>**

9am: Mass

**SUNDAY, DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>, FEAST HOLY FAMILY**

8am: Latin Mass  
9:30am: English Mass

**NOTE: There will be no weekday  
Masses from Monday Jan 1 until Sat  
Jan 6 as Fr Jeremy will be away at Hearts  
Flame, Catholic Summer School.**

# Christmastide 2017-18

Christmas time runs from First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity of the Lord up to and including the Sunday after Epiphany or after 6 January (33. *Universal Norms for the Liturgical Calendar*).

## December

- 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Vespers & Vigil Masses
- 25<sup>th</sup> – The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord \*
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St. Stephen, proto-martyr (Latin)  
Synaxis of the Theotokos (Byzantine; Maronite)
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St. John, apostle (Latin)  
Feast of St. Stephen, proto-martyr (East)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs (Latin)  
20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia (Byzantine)  
Adoration of the Magi (Maronite)
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial of St. Thomas Becket (Latin)  
Flight to Egypt; Innocents (Byzantine; Maronite)
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave  
Return from Egypt to Nazareth (Maronite)
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family (Latin)  
Finding of the Lord in the Temple (Maronite)  
Commemoration of Sts. David the King; Joseph the Betrothed; James the Kinsman - (Byzantine)

## January

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Octave: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God \*  
Circumcision of the Lord & St. Basil (East)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Memorial of Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen (Latin)  
Finding of the Lord in the Temple (Maronite)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> – Memorial of Most Holy Name of Jesus (Latin)  
Presentation of Jesus to St. Simeon (Maronite)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (U.S.)  
Presentation of Jesus to St. Anna (Maronite)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – Memorial of Saint John Neumann (U.S.)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (Traditional)  
(West: Magi. East: Baptism of the Lord)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> – Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner (Byzantine)  
Epiphany (U.S. Latin observance)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> – The Baptism of the Lord (Latin)  
[End of Christmas season]
- \* Denotes Holy Day of Obligation (U.S.)  
Yellow indicates a solemn feast. The first eight days of Christmas (octave) are one supreme solemnity.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> & March 25<sup>th</sup> (related infancy feasts)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Annunciation to Mary – Incarnate Word's conception nine months before Christmas day.



Christmas Octave

Christmas Season



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## FR JEREMY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

At this time of year, all of us together, head into the Christmas mystery, liturgically renewed once again, where we await the "truth to spring from the earth" (Psalm 85:12). This truth is Christ Himself, the Word Incarnate, and He comes to reveal the love of the Father for us, and the peace He desires each of us to know. Let ask the Lord to lead us along the straight paths of His providence, into his infinite Mercy, and there discover that joy of joys, that we are loved infinitely and tenderly – regardless of our abilities, our qualities, our gifts, and yes, most importantly of all, regardless of our sins.

The child Jesus, so small and vulnerable, so dependent and fragile, teaches us so much about the goodness and love of God. That God would become flesh, and further - an infant among us - begins to show us, in truth, who He is. Let us adore this Infant King, let us bow down and worship this God madly in love with His creation. And give thanks that we have been privileged to know Him.

May this Christmas be one of personal encounter with the Merciful Father, through the gift of His Son, and lead us to share this joy with those around us.

At this time of Christmas, let us also not forget those suffering around the world in war torn regions; let us not forget those who are struggling and are in difficulty, those who are in prison, and those who are without the basics of life, and especially, those without any hope. Let us beg the child Jesus to change our hearts to be attentive to those in need of our Christian help, and let us ask Him to bring peace to all.

May you all have a Holy and Joyful Christmas !

Fr Jeremy

This statue shows a Christian woman who is old at death's door. As she passes from this life to the next, she is no longer sick or old and does not carry the burdens of this mortal life. She is welcomed by her Saviour into eternal life whole and strong to live forever in heaven. What a promise, what joy unspeakable! And what consolation and Hope !



**NEXT SUNDAY:  
31 December 2017**

**Holy Family (Yr B)**  
*Sirach 3:2-6, 12 - 14 or Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12 - 21 or Heb 11:8,11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40;*

### LITURGY ROSTER

#### Holy Family

**Readers:** E. Taffard, F. Xavier

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

A. Endemann

**Offertory:** Leifi Family

**Special Ministers:** M. Tupai

**Please note:** January's Roster is on the noticeboard on the door. If you are unable to attend, please arrange cover.

### CUP OF TEA ROSTER

On Break till 28<sup>th</sup> January

### CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

On Break till February.

**During January,**

**Please keep the Church tidy.**

### ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**24 Dec:** Freeth Herbert, Margaret

Bartocci **31 Dec:** Teresa Gilmer

**1 Jan:** Kathleen McCormick, Vitolena Iese

**2 Jan:** Mare Radaly **3 Jan:** Allan Forsman,

Mary O'Flaherty, Kenneth Rush **4 Jan:**

Patrick Graham **6 Jan:** Sr Anna Bugler,

Anica Ujdur. **7 Jan:** Eileen O'Rielly, Henry

Goldfinch, Brian Heenan and

Noel Blackman

### PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$ 1,287.50
Priests	\$ 643.70
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 1,931.20</b>

### FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2017

**This is our FINAL Newsletter for 2017**

Thank you to all our helpers who have kept Holy Family ticking along this year. May all parishioners have a very safe and Holy Christmas and a very Joyful New Year.

From Fr Jeremy and Ellen

**Just a reminder:** Parish activities that take a break in January:

- Catechism Classes
- Rosary for Life
- Sunday Cup of Tea
- Church/Hall Cleaners
- Newsletter
- Hall Bookings

The Parish Office will be

**CLOSED** from

the 22<sup>nd</sup> December till 16<sup>th</sup> January.