

MASS TIMES AND PARISH DIARY

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:	Miha Maori	Patea	Waverley	RECONCILIATION:
St. Anne's Tues 11.30am, Sat 9.30	Sun. 1 Kaiwhaiki 11.00am	Sun 1 & 3 9.30am	Sun 2 & 4 9.30am	St Annes Sat. 9.00—9.20am
St Mary's 9.30am & 6.00pm	Sun. 3 St Mary's 9.30am	Wed 2 & 9.30am	Wed 1 & 3 9.30am	St Mary's Fri 11.00—11.40am
Holy Family Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm	Sun. 4 Jerusalem/Ranana 10.00am (Hiruharama)			Holy Family Sat. 5.00-5.20pm

	ST MARY'S	HOLY FAMILY	ST ANNE'S/OTHERS
MONDAY 18 Dec	7pm Pro-Life Rosary	9.00am, No Service 10.00am Mass @ St Marcellin's Chapel 7.30pm Faith Exploration	
TUESDAY 19 Dec	12.05pm Mass	10.00am Mass 4.00pm Legion of Mary	10.30am Jane Winstone 11.30am St Annes No Mass
WED NESDAY 20	12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Patea Mass
THURSDAY 21 Dec	12.05 pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.15am Nazareth Mass
FRIDAY 22 Dec	11.00am Reconciliation 12.05pm Mass	9.00am Mass	
SATURDAY 23 Dec		5.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Vigil Mass	9.00am Reconciliation 9.30am Mass

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Readings for this week: Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11 | Thess 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil. 4: 4) This is the entrance antiphon for Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent which gives us the reference for the expression Gaudete Sunday, taken from the Latin word, second person plural imperative, for "rejoice!" I like to think of joy as being the fulfillment of hope. Our hope is that not only we receive of the benefits of the Lord in this life but we will be with him forever in the next. We rejoice to see that the birthday of the Lord is near since the Incarnation was a new birth for humanity. In our baptism we were born into the relationship with God enjoyed by Christ as of right. As adopted children we anticipate a share in his inheritance. Throughout Advent we have been looking to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming feast: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with out spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may be glorified with him." (Romans 8: 14-17) Advent then speaks not only to birth but also to suffering and death since we share in his Passion as well as his Nativity.

Fr Marcus

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

It's very easy to get taken up with material things as David discovers in next week's first reading. Back in his day, the Ark of the Covenant was a simple tent so that, wherever the people went, the Ark was able to be taken with them. It was never intended to be a permanent fixture. But we can see from the opening of the reading that David has lost sight of that and is planning a permanent shrine. "See now," he says, "I am living in a house of cedar, but the Ark of God stays in a tent." However, the prophet Nathan informs him that God's more interested in building David and his family into a "house", a community, than in dealing with the externals of establishing a shrine for the Covenant. Paul certainly didn't have buildings in mind when he wrote to the Romans about the "obedience of faith". In his mind, faith is measured by the way we transform ourselves, not by the buildings we erect. Other than Jesus himself, there is no one in the gospel who does this better than Mary of Nazareth. Luke gives her just one unique characteristic: she listens to God word, reflects on it and puts it into action. There's nothing that suggests that she had that quality right from the moment of her conception; she had to develop it just like the rest of us and Luke's gospel story shows the extent to which she did that. As we move to the last Sunday of Advent, a question to consider might be: am I more taken up with the material aspects of Christmas than I am with coming to an adult understanding of what Christmas is really all about?

JB Kendall rsj

GENERAL BUSINESS

Columban 2018 Calendars for sale. \$12.00 each. See Jo in the office.

SVDP Christmas cards are also available for sale at St Marys office. \$2.50 a pack.

Parishioners, especially those who are by themselves on Christmas Day, are encouraged to support the Christmas Day Meal run by Christian Social Services Wanganui. You can go along to lend company to others or to volunteer as a helper.

Tickets, \$3 for adults and \$2 for children (5-12 years) and FREE for under fives, can be purchased from the City Mission at 7 Park Place or at the Zest for Mission Shop on Victoria Avenue. There will be no door sales.

ROSTER:

Over the holiday break I will be putting together the roster for Holy Family Church Vigil Masses. If you are not available for the roster at any stage from February to May 2018 or if you would like to join the roster for any of the ministries on a Saturday night please contact me. 344 1160 or 02040 325086 Pat.

FLOWERS:

We require flowers for the sanctuary at Holy Family for the Christmas Vigil. If you have any spare flowers (despite the drought) that would be ready to be dropped off for 24 December please contact Pat at Holy Family or Marie on 347 8472.

Please keep in your prayers those of our parish and school community who are sick, lonely or going through hard times and need our help and comfort. Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Helen Kennedy

CONDOLENCES: ANNIVERSARIES: Mary O'Neill (1/12), Bryce Orsborn (20/12), William Dawson (22/12), Dorothy Hackett (30/12), Tom Manson (16/12); Caroline Bourke (17/12); Faith Haddock (18/12); Eleanor Batchelor (23/12); John Joseph Bourke (30/12);, Johanna Mannex (30/12), Loretto Daws (07/12),

MASS OFFERINGS: Pat O'Leary (4/12), Carmela D. Cortez, Trevor Robin Blakemore, James Worthington (25/11), Eileen Hoskin (18/12), Departed souls of Hagenars and Van der Linden families, Harris and Knuth families, Michael and Peggy Power

MASS OFFERINGS

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FAITHSHARING GROUPS

WOMEN'S FAITHSHARING
Will resume next year.

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Rosary and Scripture
Wed. 10.30am
St Mary's Meeting Room.
All welcome.

MOTHER'S COMBINED PARISHES PRAYER GROUP

We will resume next year.

MEN'S FAITHSHARING

Fri. 7.00am. Contact Peter
ph. 342 5812 for venue.

LEGION OF MARY

Holy Family Church
Tuesdays @ 4pm. For more
info contact Paul Daws,
344 4828

EXPLORING FAITH GROUPS

EVENING: Monday 7.30pm -
9.00pm

Holy Family Meeting Room.

MORNING: Tuesday 10.30am -
12.15pm

St Mary's Community Room

The topic will be

**"We will be reflecting
on Christmas".**

Hosts: Mary Wood 344 3552,

Nancie & Brian Quigley 347
8177

Jo Smillie 345 0609 (Morning
Group)

Led by Sr John Bosco
Kendall rsj

You're all welcome to attend.

SOCIAL GROUPS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Holy Family Conference meet on the 2nd &
4th Mondays of the month at 4.45pm.
ph: Kevin Foley on 345 0542. Or 345 0161.

St Annes/St Marys Conference meet 1st
and 3rd Wed of month at 5pm.
Contact Marianne Vine 3450281

HOLY FAMILY CRAFT GROUP

Meet weekly on Thursdays at 9.30am.
For further information phone Shirley on
344 6365

ST MARYS CRAFT GROUP

Meet every second Sunday of the month in
St Marys Church foyer 2-4.
Contact Marianne 3450281
or Richelle 3452652.

LADIES GUILD GROUPS

St. Anne's

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.
Ring Kay Wilkinson
Ph. 343 3367

MAINLY MUSIC

Contact Anne 3446569
Facebook: Mainly music-st annes

FOCOLARE

Monthly meeting on 4th Sunday of month
at 1.30 at Anne's Place, 58 Bedford Ave,
Ph: 3454709
All Welcome

Holy Family Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals for Choir practices for
Christmas at Holy Family 7pm on
Wednesdays beginning 22nd November.
For information contact Jonathon
Greenwell at Cleveland's, 063455522
All welcome.

CDC Philosophy Camp

Join Fr Dominique Faure and CDC students to Search for the Truth, Ask the Big Questions, Go Deeper, Have Fun!
Aimed at 16-19 year olds.
3pm, 26th December - 2pm, 28th December

Cost: \$60 | Includes two nights marae-style accommodation, all meals
Email cameron@cdc.ac.nz | [facebook.com/cdcnz](https://www.facebook.com/cdcnz) | 09-489-8197
CDC, 1 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna

Thanks,

A big thank you to the over 80's brass cleaners especially a Presbyterian lady who is now retired. Also a big thank you to a gentleman who is part of the team "our buffer upper" and for the one new parishioner who is delightful and came along. Cate Joyce will be the new Brass lady. God is good.
A blessed Christmas to you all. Helen.



THANKS

Bob and Betty Wilson and Grandchildren would like to sincerely thank members of the parish, the Care & Concern Group, St Vincent de Paul and friends who have helped them over the past few weeks.
Your help and support has been greatly appreciated.



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Liturgy – mere Kirihimete

(Please bring a non-perishable food item to assist those in need at this time.)

Sunday 17 December, 4 – 5pm

Tui Motu Group


Tui Motu, an Independent Catholic Magazine, will challenge us to look with fresh eyes, with gospel eyes, at current social, ecological and spiritual values.

Come along and contribute to the **discussion-inter-church and inter-faith dialogue** is welcomed.

Wednesday 20 December, 4.30 – 6pm,
with Sr Rita Cahill rsj

To register please call Pam on 3455047
ext 3
or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

MARAE TIME

at Te Rau Oriwa Marae. 
The Drop-in Centre is open
9-1 pm every Monday to
Thursday.
Nau Mai, Haere Mai . All Welcome.

The Office will be closed at midday Friday 22nd December. There will be someone in the office at St. Mary's between 9.00am -12.00pm Monday-Friday. Normal office hours will resume again on the 15th January.



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Have you seen Bishop Charles' facebook page? For some great reflections and photos of his time in India and Laos check out his facebook page:
[facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan](https://www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan)
I am encouraging Bishop Charles to continue with regular posts from his busy life.

Are you feeling unwell or lonely?

You can borrow our beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima to assist you in your prayer time.

Contact Kathleen Orsbon
ph:3442245 and she will deliver it to you.



**OUR SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE
WHAT'S UP?**

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th December

9.30am @ St Marys
9.30am @ Waverley
10.00am @ Jerusalem

Christmas Eve Masses

Carols @ 7pm Vigil Mass @ 7.30pm @ St Marys
Carols @ 9pm Vigil Mass @ 9.30pm @ Holy Family

**Christmas Day
Monday 25th December**

Carols @ 9.00am Mass 9.30am @ St Marys
9.30am @ Kaiwhaiki
9.30am @ Patea

**Weekday Mass times from 26th December to 29th January
(Vigil and Sunday masses as normal)**

**Reconciliation- NOT on Fridays at St Marys-
but is available Saturday 9am at St Annes and 5.00pm Holy Family**

Tues 26th-Friday 29th Dec 9.00am @ St Marys

Sat 30th Dec 9.00am Reconciliation,
9.30am Mass @ St Annes
Vigil 5.00pm Reconciliation
5.30pm Mass @ Holy Family
Sun 31st Dec 9.30am Mass @ St Marys
6.00pm Mass @ St Marys
9.30am Mass @ Patea

Weekday Masses from Monday 1st January to Friday 26th January are:

Monday to Friday 9am at St Marys only.

Saturday 6th and 13th January
St Annes 9.00am Reconciliation,
9.30am Mass
Holy Family Vigil 5.00pm Reconciliation
5.30pm Mass

Sunday 7th and 14th January
St Marys 9.30am and 6pm Mass

There will be someone in the office at St. Mary's between 9.00-12.00pm Monday-Friday.

There will be no weekday masses in Patea and Waverley or at Kowhainui, Nazareth or Jane Winstone until the beginning of Febru- ary.



SHARING
— OUR FAITH —