



**CATHOLIC PARISH
OF THE NORTHERN WAIROA
CHRISTMAS and HOLIDAY MASS TIMES**
*In the Spirit of Christmas giving,
let's not exclude the gift of self to the Lord
And to one another at Masses over the holiday period.*

SACRED HEART PARISH DARGAVILLE

DECEMBER

Monday 24th	Carol Service	9.30pm
	Christmas Eve Mass	10.00pm
(Please bring a plate for a shared Christmas celebration)		
Tuesday 25th	Christmas Day Mass	<u>9.00am</u>
Wednesday 26th	Feast of St Stephen	9.00am
Thursday 27th	St John, Apostle & Evangelist	9.00am
Friday 28th	Holy Innocents Mass (No Holy Hour)	9.00am
Saturday 29th	St Thomas Becket No Vigil Mass	9.00am
Sunday 30th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (All Parish Mass with a shared Lunch)	10.00am
Monday 31st	Thanksgiving Mass	7.00pm

JANUARY 2019

Tuesday 1st	Mary, Mother of God	9.00am
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From the 2nd January 2019 to the 25th January 2019 there will only be
Liturgy on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.00am

There will be **NO** Saturday Vigil Mass in Dargaville during January 2019

ST. MARY'S RUAWAI

DECEMBER

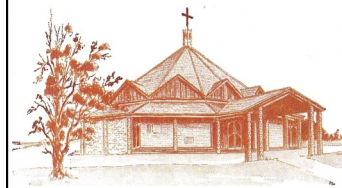
Monday 24th	Carol Service	5:00pm
	Christmas Evening Vigil Mass	5.30pm
Saturday 29th	No Vigil Mass	

Mass times for Saturday during January will be the same.

ST. AGNES KAIHU

DECEMBER

Tuesday 25th	Christmas Day Mass	11:30am
	Mass as per normal on 6 th January 2019	



02 December 2018

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SUNDAY MASSES

Dargaville Vigil	Saturday 7:00pm
Dargaville	Sunday 9:30am
Ruawai Vigil	Saturday 5:30pm
Kaihu	1st Sunday 11:30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday:	5:30 pm
Wednesday:	9:15 am
Thurs/Sat :	9:00 am
Friday:	11:00 am

**Public Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
Friday 10:00 am

Reconciliation
Friday 10:00 am or by appointment

**Northern Wairoa
Catholic Parish**
Sacred Heart - St. Mary's - St. Agnes - St. Pius X

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a season of preparation. We prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the feast of Christmas. We prepare spiritually to greet Christ when he comes again. And we also look to how we can prepare our world to become more and more like the kingdom of God where love and justice rule. Advent is a time when we live this preparation in an intentional manner, but waiting and preparing are constant hallmarks of the Christian life.

In the second reading, the apostle Paul reminds us that we have never arrived in this life. Our preparation is never complete. He exhorts the community in Thessalonica that even as they are conducting themselves in a way pleasing to God, that they "do so even more".(4:1) The conduct that Paul calls the community to is one that has "abound(ing)...love" as its foundation and guide. As Christians, we never have a reason to be bored or complacent. Our work is never finished as we collaborate with Jesus in building a kingdom of love and peace.

Despite the foreboding nature of our gospel reading today, as Christians we believe in a radical promise—that light is stronger than darkness, love is stronger than hate, and life is stronger than death. We are called to be signs of hope in a world at times overcome with fear. As we begin the physical preparations for Christmas by lighting our Advent wreaths, buying gifts, planning our feasts and parties for the Christmas season, let us also consider, how might we prepare ourselves to be light, love, and life to those around us?

*To prepare ourselves we are having a **Working Bee** on Saturday 15th December after the 9am Mass. Please bring equipment to actively take part in this preparation of beautifying our Church and Centre.*

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 8 & 9 December
PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday: 7.00pm - No Mass
Sunday: 9.30am - S Bourke, A Bourke
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday: 7.00pm - * No Mass
Sunday: 9.30am - * J Nyssen, B Campbell,
M Guthrie, Sinta Joseph, A Bourke

Readings 02 December 2018

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Gospel Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Readings 09 December 2018

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:3-6,8-11
Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday brings the remembrance of Christ's Redemptive passion and death. Friday is also the day of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The First Friday of the month is a special day of adoration, mainly in reparation for the sins of mankind. Come and join us as we spend an hour of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed.
Every Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is prayed and Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during this time.

LET US PRAY FOR THE DEAD & THE SICK


Recent Death:
Death Anniversary:

Sick: Charlotte Powell, Molly McGowan, Stephanie Matich, Jim Grbavac, Fr Nick Alleman, Frankie Harrison, Leah Leedom, Mary Dunn, Ken Glamuzina.

Last Sunday Collection: \$834.00

May God bless and reward you for your Christian charity and generosity.
Please remember the Parish in your WILL

SPIRITUAL READING AND MEDITATION FOR A WEEK

<p>December 03</p> <p>Pray continually</p> <p>1 Thessalonians</p>	<p>December 04</p> <p>Grow in the grace...of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>2 Peter 3:18</p>	<p>December 05</p> <p>Jesus Christ is Lord.</p> <p>Philippians 2:11</p>	<p>December 06</p> <p>Submit yourselves to God.</p> <p>James 4:7</p>
<p>December 07</p> <p>Pray for each other.</p> <p>James 5:16</p>	<p>December 08</p> <p>God is the strength of my heart.</p> <p>Psalms 73:26</p>	<p>December 09</p> <p>We love Him because He first loved us</p> <p>1 John 4:19</p>	

2019 Columban Calendar - \$12.00 available from the Parish Office.
Christmas Cards are available at Moran's Bookshop

UP AND COMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

ADVENT PREPARATION: Through Advent as a parish we will be gathering gifts for the elderly in rest homes and the homebound. We ask you to purchase a small gift that is practicable and appropriate for a lady or man. Please put your **unwrapped** gift in the box at the back of the church. Please can these be in by the 12th of December. Thank you for your generosity.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S OUTREACH Please note the change of day!!! This will be held on **Wednesday 5th December** at 1.30pm. Come and enjoy a time of entertainment and hospitality. For those that are able please bring a plate.

Rosary Crusade (for Life and Faith) This will be a nation-wide Rosary Crusade held on 8th December at 3 pm. Our Parish has been registered to take part in this Prayer Crusade. Please mark your calendar and invite all your friends and neighbours. This is not only for Catholics, it's for anyone who is passionate about the sacredness of life. To prepare for this Crusade we will begin with a Novena on Friday 30th November at 12.15pm in the church. Everyone is most welcome.

Saturday December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the Feast day of St Mary's in Ruawai. We will begin with the Mass at 5.30pm, then there will be a celebration dinner at Paul and Lesley Fluhler's home at 34 Freyberg Rd Ruawai. Parking will be available at the Community Church car park. We ask that you bring a salad, or a desert and meat will be supplied. This is for the whole parish, all are invited. **Dargaville will NOT have a 7pm Vigil Mass.**

9 LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE: The Anglican parish invite our Parishioners to join with them in this Service. Sunday 16th December at 7pm.

RECONCILIATION RITE II Thursday 20th December at 7pm. Whangarei Priests will be in attendance. Please bring a plate for a shared supper.

DAILY MASS CALENDAR: This book is available at the office for all Ministers of the Word. You need this so as you can prepare for your ministry. The cost is \$3.50. Moran's Bookshop also sells "God's Word" which has the daily readings and Sunday readings for the year. This book follows the church calendar, or you can use your bible. There will be no more photocopied readings.

You are invited to the 181st anniversary of the First Mass celebrated at Totara Point on 13th January 1838. This celebration will be Sunday January 13th 2019 at 11am followed by a shared picnic lunch. There is a yellow road sign opposite the entrance to the memorial plinth at Totara Point.

DONATIONS OF FOOD WILL BE GLADLY ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT DECEMBER FOR THE FOOD BANK. NOT JUST THE 1ST SUNDAY.