



**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**

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

**JANUARY 2019**

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Mary, Mother of God	<b>9.00am</b>
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From the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 to the 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Carol Service Christmas Evening Vigil Mass	<b>5:00pm 5.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Vigil Mass</b>	

Mass times for Saturday during January will be the same.

**ST. AGNES KAIHU**

**DECEMBER**

<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Christmas Day Mass	<b>11:30am</b>
<b>Mass as per normal on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>		



**23 December 2018**

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

<b>Dargaville Vigil</b>	Saturday 7:00pm
<b>Dargaville</b>	Sunday 9:30am
<b>Ruawai Vigil</b>	Saturday 5:30pm
<b>Kaihu</b>	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*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

There is a theme that runs throughout all salvation history of God choosing the small and humble to do great things. We see this in the gospel where the woman chosen to be Jesus' mother is not the wife of the high priest who lives close to Jerusalem, but is instead a young unmarried woman from Nazareth, a small settlement in the northern part of Israel. And yet it is this woman who says "yes" to the angel's request that she bear a child who will be, "Son of the Most High."



In the first reading the prophet Micah calls Bethlehem-Ephrathah "too small to be among the clans of Judah," but then goes on to say "from you shall come forth for me / one who is to be ruler in Israel." Jesus will be born not in Jerusalem, the holiest and most important city in Israel, but in little Bethlehem. When we gather together in a few days to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord we will hear that arriving in Bethlehem, with no room available at the inn, his family must seek shelter in the place where animals are kept. The first people to visit his manger-cradle are not the local elite or dignitaries but shepherds fresh from the fields.

All of these details of Jesus' conception and birth reveal to us the character of God. If it is God's way to choose the small and humble, then it must be ours as well. How might we find a way to embrace this preference in our own lives and in our celebration of Christmas?

*Living Liturgy 2018*

**MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 30 December**

**PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD**

Sunday: 9.30am - S Schoonderwoerd, B Isaacs

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday: 9.30am - \* R & K Gilmour, Alma Moran, N & S Moran

**Readings 23 December 2018**

Micah 5:1-4  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Gospel Luke 1:39-44

**Readings 25 December 2018**

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
Gospel John 1:1-18

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**LAST DAY OF THE YEAR** Monday 31st December we will have a special Mass of Thanksgiving for all the graces and blessings that the Lord has bestowed on us throughout the year. This will be at 7pm. Bring a plate for supper and lets celebrate.

**NEW YEARS DAY** Tuesday 1st January 2019 Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at 9am. Come and start your New Year with our Holy Mother. Bring a plate to celebrate.

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.

**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.

**NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are:** Papal medal awarded in recognition of decades in Maori mission. Wellington has new pro-cathedral. First Baptism at Otago Corrections Facility. Pope's year in review. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on January 27.

**Quotemeal** "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." — Robert Louis Stevenson

**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:** Esmá Thornton, Connie House  
**Death Anniversary:**

**Sick:** Charlotte Powell, Molly McGowan, Stephanie Matich, Jim Grbavac, Fr Nick Alleman, Frankie Harrison, Leah Leedom, Mary Dunn, Ken Glamuzina, Von and Pat Cassidy, Mark Tibbits, and Hannah Yakas.

**Last Sunday Collection: \$719.30**

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><b>December 24</b> Return to your God.  <i>Hosea 12:6</i></p>	<p><b>December 25</b> A Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.  <i>Luke 2:11</i></p>	<p><b>December 26</b> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us  <i>John 1:14</i></p>	<p><b>December 27</b> Consider what God has done.  <i>Ecclesiastes 7:13</i></p>
<p><b>December 28</b> My sheep listen to my voice.  <i>John 10:27</i></p>	<p><b>December 29</b> Keep yourselves in God's love.  <i>Jude 21</i></p>	<p><b>December 30</b> The Lord has done great things for us  <i>Psalms 126:3</i></p>	<p><b>December 31</b> Jesus said: Remain in My love.  <i>John 15:9</i></p>

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

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS ARE often full of sound. it would BE GOOD FOR US TO MAKE ROOM FOR SILENCE TO hear the voice OF LOVE.

