



**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 Christmas Eve Mass	9.30pm 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**
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

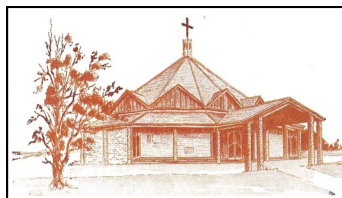
Monday 24th	Carol Service Christmas Evening Vigil Mass	5:00pm 5.30pm
Saturday 29th	No Vigil Mass	

Mass times for Saturday during January will be the same.

ST. AGNES KAIHU

DECEMBER

Tuesday 25th	Christmas Day Mass Mass as per normal on 6 th January 2019	11:30am
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09 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The word of God comes to John the Baptist in the desert. We are not told what this word is but we see the result: John leaves his life of solitude and prayer to proclaim



a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As the forerunner of Jesus, John's work is to prepare the people to receive the one who is coming, the one who is "the salvation of God." John has been prepared for his mission by his life in the desert.

Later Jesus will also follow this path. After being baptised in the Jordan, he will be led into the desert by the Spirit where he will fast and pray for forty days and forty nights.

Advent and Lent, our two seasons of preparation in the church year, provide annual opportunities for us to enter into the desert on retreat. We are given time to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, John, and the Desert Fathers and Mothers to listen to God away from all distractions. Where can you find space in your life to cultivate interior silence and contemplation? How might you set aside time for deep listening to the word of God?

*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 15 & 16 December
PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday: 7.00pm - T Neems, L Witten
 Sunday: 9.30am - R Gilmour, S Moran

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday: 7.00pm - * T Neems, P Witten
 Sunday: 9.30am - * E & K Perreau,
 K & S Windsor, S Schoonderwoerd

Readings 09 December 2018

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

Readings 16 December 2018

Zephaniah 3:14-18
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Gospel Luke 3:10-18

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: Arthur House, Wayne Salmon, Marie Hackett.

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

Last Sunday Collection: \$785.20

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 10 Be strong, do not fear. <i>Isaiah 35:4</i></p>	<p>December 11 The Lord's coming is near. <i>James 5:8</i></p>	<p>December 12 Set your minds on things above. <i>Colossians 3:2</i></p>	<p>December 13 Always give thanks to God. <i>Ephesians 5:20</i></p>
<p>December 14 You shall be my people. <i>Ezekiel 36:28</i></p>	<p>December 15 My presence will go with you <i>Exodus 33:14</i></p>	<p>December 16 Be patient. <i>James 5:8</i></p>	

Christmas Cards are available at Moran's Bookshop

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.

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.

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.

BOARD REQUIRED for a young single lady nursing at Norfolk Court Rest Home. She needs somewhere close to her place of work as she will be on shift work and doesn't drive. She is a member of this parish. Please if you can help phone 0221831521.

Requiem Mass for Connie House will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hokianga Road, Dargaville on Monday 10th December 2018 at 11 am, followed by interment at Mount Wesley Returned Services Cemetery, Dargaville.

Hear the Cry of the Poor and of the Earth. A day of retreat and reflection on hearing the 'cry of the poor and of the earth' through the lives of St. Mary MacKillop who urged us to 'seek the poorest' and ecologist Julian Tenison Woods. Led by Lyndall Brown rsj and Jill McLoughlin rsj 9am-4pm **Saturday 23 February 2019** Mary McKillop Centre 30 Holgate Rd Kohimarama. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Numbers limited. Please register with Peter Garrick peterg@cda.org.nz ph 022 1300 730 to secure your place.

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

Quotemeal "Deny your weakness, and you will never realise God's strength in you." — Joni Eareckson Tada