



**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	9.00am
	No Vigil Mass	
Sunday 30th	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	10.00am
	(All Parish Mass with a shared Lunch)	
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

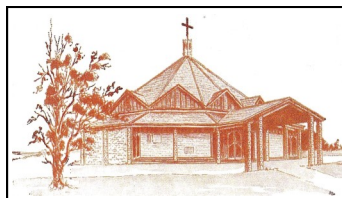
Monday 24th	Carol Service	5:00pm
	Christmas Evening Vigil Mass	5.30pm
Saturday 29th	No Vigil Mass	

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 6th January 2019	



16 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In her book,
The Religious Potential of the Child, theologian



Sofia Cavalletti says, "It is only in love, and not in fear, that one may have a moral life worthy of the name." In the gospel we hear the people gathered around John the Baptist ask him, "What should we do?" They want to offer a fitting response to the baptism of repentance they have experienced. Today we have the stern exhortations of John paired with the injunction from the apostle Paul, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" We are called not only to do good but to do good with joy and love.

In today's readings we hear the source of our joy proclaimed: "The Lord is near" and God is in our midst. Our belief in Emmanuel, "God with us," is central to our lives as Christians. It shapes our relationship with God and others and calls us to be living signs of God's presence in the world. When we live from this central belief we naturally desire to do what is right in honour of our relationship with God.

John the Baptist lifts up the image of Jesus with winnowing fan in hand, ready to "gather the wheat into his barn" and burn the chaff "with unquenchable fire." Advent can be seen as a time to clear away the chaff in our own lives. Out of love for God and for our neighbour we can ask, what are the things that separate us from experiencing God in our daily lives? Where have we failed to live the moral life with joy and love? We are now over halfway through with Advent. As Christmas draws closer may we intensify our prayer for Jesus to send the fire of his love to purify our hearts and minds anew.

Living Liturgy 2018

**MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK 22 & 23 December
PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD**

Saturday: 7.00pm - Leo Moran, Bev Guy
Sunday: 9.30am - James Nyssen, X Lopez

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday: 7.00pm - * Paul Witten, David Guy
Sunday: 9.30am - * Rosini John, RQ Gilmour
J Nyssen, A Lopez.

Readings 16 December 2018

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

Readings 23 December 2018

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

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: Bernard Fannon, Archie Smith, Nan Beardsall.

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: \$922.40

**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 17 The Holy Spirit will teach you. Luke 12:12</p>	<p>December 18 By grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:5</p>	<p>December 19 He will sustain you. Psalm 55:22</p>	<p>December 20 In God I trust. Psalm 56:11</p>
<p>December 21 Now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2</p>	<p>December 22 Christ lives in me. Galatians 2:20</p>	<p>December 23 Call to Me and I will answer. Jeremiah 33:3</p>	

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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.

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.

SINCERE THANKS to the Parish Family for the wonderful support of St Mary's Feast Day last Saturday. It was a delight to gather together and celebrate Mass, then share a bountiful meal afterwards. Special thanks to Paul and Leslie for hosting the BBQ at their home, (and to Kieran and Kerry for their cooking skills :) God bless you all. Love and blessings, Bev

Calling all kids If you're a kid under 13 and you love to sing... be in to win the ultimate smart bedroom bundle, with an Amazon Echo Dot smart speaker and Alexa-enabled smart coloured light bulbs... This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB, it's "**The Voice of Christmas**" singing competition... on the 'Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show'. Auditions are open until the end of next week by telephone... To enter, simply call **0800 THE VOICE** and sing a **Christmas Carol** as your audition. That's **0800 843 864**. Then tune in on Christmas morning to Newstalk ZB (or Radio Sport) from 6am-9am, to see if you've won!

Quotemeal

Don't tell God that you have a **BIG PROBLEM**.
Tell your problem that you have **A BIG GOD**.