

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>Thursday 24</b>	<b>Carol Service</b> .....	<b>9.30pm</b>
	<b>Christmas Eve Mass</b> .....	<b>10.00pm</b>
	(Please bring a plate for a shared Christmas celebration)	
<b>Friday 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> .....	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Sunday 27</b>	Feast of the Holy Family.....	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Tuesday 29</b>	St Thomas Beckett.....	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday 30</b>	Mass.....	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Thursday 31</b>	Thanksgiving Mass and Pot Luck Tea.....	<b>6.00pm</b>

**JANUARY 2021**

<b>Friday 1</b>	Mary, Mother of God.....	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Jan 4 – 29</b>	Weekdays there will only be <b>Liturgy</b> on <b>Wednesdays</b> and <b>Fridays</b> at <b>9.00am</b>	

**ST. MARY'S RUAWAI**

**DECEMBER**

<b>Thursday 24</b>	<b>Carol Service</b> .....	<b>5:00pm</b>
	<b>Christmas Evening Vigil Mass</b> .....	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 26</b>	Mass.....	<b>5.30pm</b>

**JANUARY 2021** Mass times for Saturday during Jan will be the same.

<b>Sunday 31</b>	<b>All Parish Mass</b> .....	<b>10.00am</b>
	<b>(NO Vigil Mass 30 Jan)</b>	

**ST. AGNES KAIHU**

**DECEMBER**

<b>Friday 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> .....	<b>11:30am</b>
	Mass as per normal on Sunday January 3, 2021.	



**13 DECEMBER 2020**

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

Dargaville.....	Sunday 9.30am
Ruawai.....	Vigil Saturday 5.30pm
Kaihu.....	1st Sunday 11.30am
Tangiteroria.....	3rd Sunday 11.30am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday.....	12.10pm
Wednesday.....	12.10pm
Thursday.....	12.10pm
Friday.....	12.10pm

**Public Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament**  
Friday 11am

**Reconciliation**

**Dargaville** Fri 11am or by appt.  
**Ruawai** 4.30-5.15pm before  
Saturday Vigil Mass

**Northern Wairoa  
Catholic Parish**

*Sacred Heart - St. Mary's - St. Agnes - St. Pius X*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11, Magnificat pg 177,  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

Today's gospel tells us that John the Baptist was born into the world for a singular purpose, "to testify to the light." And not just any light, but "the light of the human race", "the light that shines in the darkness," that the darkness can never overpower. One of the reasons the feast of Christmas was originally placed on December 25 was to highlight the symbolism of celebrating the birth of the one who proclaimed himself "the light of the world" during the darkest days of the Northern Hemisphere's winter.



Whether we find ourselves in the Northern or Southern Hemisphere on this Gaudete Sunday, there is plenty of darkness to be encountered: poverty, war, violence, hatred, greed, and all manner of evil. When we turn our gaze to our own suffering and that of others, it is easy to become discouraged. How can any light possibly brighten this darkness?

As Christians, we could say that we have all been born into the world with the same vocation as John the Baptist: to testify to the light, to be hope in the world by fully living our belief in and relationship with Jesus Christ. This is the source of our gladness, and the reason St. Paul urges all of us to "rejoice always." As the feast of Christ's nativity draws nearer, we pause to ask ourselves, How do we live our vocation to joy? How are we being called, at this moment in human history, to testify to the light that no darkness can overcome?

## PARISH CALENDAR

**ROSARY:** Recited 20 minutes before each Mass

### DECEMBER

*Rosary Intention is for the Ruawai Community.*

<b>Sunday 13</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> .....	<b>9.30am</b>
	<b>Baptism after Mass if required</b>	
<b>Monday 14</b>	<b>Meditation group</b> .....	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thursday 17</b>	<b>Mass</b> .....	<b>6.15pm</b>
	<b>*followed by Reconciliation*</b> Please bring a plate for supper <b>(NO 12.10pm Mass and NO Gospel Group)</b>	
<b>Friday 18</b>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> .....	<b>11am</b>
	<b>Reconciliation (or by appointment)</b> .....	<b>11am</b>
	<b>Mass</b> .....	<b>12.10pm</b>
<b>Saturday 19</b>	<b>Reconciliation (Ruawai)</b> .....	<b>4.30pm</b>
	<b>Ruawai Vigil Mass</b> .....	<b>5.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 20</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> .....	<b>9.30am</b>
	<b>Tangiteroria Mass</b> .....	<b>11.30am</b>

	SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	T Neems, M Marinkovich	S Bourke, A Bourke
<b>Collection</b>	N Moran, S Moran	K Perreau, E Perreau
<b>Gifts</b>	Lopez family	J O'Neill, S Schoonderwoerd
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	B Campbell, S Moran A Thomas, A Bourke *J Nyssen	S Schoonderwoerd, K Gilmour K Perreau, *E Perreau H Yakas
<b>Altar Servers</b>	St Maximilian group	St Joseph group
	SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 3 JANUARY
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	J Nyssen, X Lopez	B Campbell, E Perreau
<b>Collection</b>	K Gilmour, R Gilmour	A McMillan, B McGilp
<b>Gifts</b>	RQ Gilmour, T Hopkinson	A Thomas, A Punnoose
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	*M Marinkovich, K Cyprian B Isaacs, P Witten J Lopez	*B Campbell, R Gilmour A Thomas, A Bourke J Nyssen
<b>Altar Servers</b>	St Maximilian group	St Joseph group

### Next weeks Sunday Readings:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, Psalm 89, Romans 16:25-27, Gospel Luke 1:26-38

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Please give the names of your loved ones to James Nyssen if you would like them included in our prayers and parish bulletin.

We had a wonderful celebration of Father's Ordination Anniversary starting with Mass and concluding with a cake and shared lunch.



**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS** and gratitude from the Caring Foundation. Your support for families and communities in need during 2020 has helped the foundation support over 60 agencies working with the poor and the vulnerable. Thank you for your compassion and care. Please keep the Foundation in your prayers, and if able please support our Christmas Appeal. [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)



**Last Sunday's Collection: \$610.70**  
**Development Fund: \$222.00**  
**May God bless and reward you for your Christian charity and generosity.**  
**Please remember the Parish in your WILL.**

*Be inspired!* "In the first place it should be known that if a person is seeking God, His beloved is seeking him much more." - St John of the Cross (14 Dec)

### HEADING NORTH THIS SUMMER?

A reminder and encouragement to visit the places of important Catholic history in our diocese, particular **Motuti**, where Bishop Pompallier remains are interred in St Mary's Church, and Tōtara Point, where the first official Mass was celebrated on 13 January 1838.

All are invited to:

**Mass @ Tōtara Point**  
**Sunday 10 January 2021**  
**at 11am**

to commemorate the first Mass in Aotearoa.

**\*Please note, during the month of January we will not be publishing a newsletter\***

### NZ CATHOLIC

The December 13-26 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: *\*New pastoral plan for Auckland diocese* *\*New vaccines prompt serious questions* *\*Hospital chaplain called a local hero* *\*Marist ordained to priesthood*

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on Dec 27.



### LET US PRAY FOR THE DEAD AND THE SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES

**Recent deaths:** Leila Tibbits. **Death anniversary:** Marie Hackett, Bernard Fannon, Archie Smith, Ella Spring. **Sick:** Rex Whiteman, Joan Lambeth, Brian Hopkinson, Mons. Fr Kevin Hackett, Margaret Everett, Steve Midgley, Gwen Aldersley, Tevita Vaea Tupou, Rihari Gunn, Brian Warmington, Doug Greenwood, McGregor Smith, Frances Mrkusich, Lisa Maree Zwaans, Charlotte Powell, Stephanie Matich, Fr Nick Alleman, Mark Tibbits, Arthur King, Fr Tevaga, Peter and Ann Jackson, Reti Leef, Peter Angus.