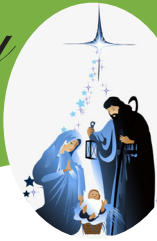


CATHOLIC PARISH  
OF THE NORTHERN WAIROA

*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>
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>	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.	



**20 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*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

Although Mary was conceived and lived without sin, as a fully human member of the Body of Christ, she experienced human emotions and difficulties. Before she assents to Gabriel's proclamation that she will become the mother to God's own son, Mary is said to be "troubled" and questions how this event can possibly come to be. Gabriel responds, "Do not be afraid...for nothing will be impossible for God." As disciples of Christ and spiritual children of Mary, we are called to take these words to heart in our own lives.



Being faithful to God's call will very likely lead us to places of discomfort, hardship and even fear. In his book Ave Maria, Pope Francis writes, "If a young man of today, a young woman of today, hears a special call from the Lord and is not afraid, that means something is missing. However, when along with enthusiasm for that call there is also the experience of fear, then we can move forward, because God calls us to great things."

In the words of Gabriel we see a pattern for God's action and invitation in human lives. God desires to bring us to a fullness of life beyond our wildest imaginings. To become his collaborators, like Mary, we must both believe in the God of possibilities and be willing to face our fears. Today as we ponder the message spoken to a young Jewish woman nearly two thousand years ago, we might ask, in our own lives of faith do we dare respond to God's invitation by echoing Mary's words of courage and trust, "Be it done to me according to your word"?

	SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER
Ministers of the Word	S Bourke, A Bourke	J Nyssen, X Lopez
Collection	K Perreau, E Perreau	K Gilmour, R Gilmour
Gifts	J O'Neill, S Schoonderwoerd	RQ Gilmour, T Hopkinson
Eucharistic Ministers	S Schoonderwoerd, K Gilmour K Perreau, *E Perreau H Yakas	*M Marinkovich, K Cyprian B Isaacs, P Witten J Lopez
Altar Servers	St Joseph group	St Maximilian group
	SUNDAY 3 JANUARY	SUNDAY 10 JANUARY
Ministers of the Word	B Campbell, E Perreau	B Zwaans, R Gilmour
Collection	A McMillan, B McGilp	Huavi family
Gifts	A Thomas, A Punnoose	D Hamblyn, K Edmonds
Eucharistic Ministers	*B Campbell, R Gilmour A Thomas, A Bourke J Nyssen	S Schoonderwoerd N Moran, *H Yakas K Perreau, E Perreau
Altar Servers	St Joseph group	St Maximilian group

### Next weeks Sunday Readings:

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14, Psalm 128, Colossians 3:12-21,  
Gospel Luke 2:22-40

### 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.

#### PRAY CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas Day @ 1.50pm  
SHINE TV

Free-to-air TV Channel 25  
SKY TV Channel 201

Mass comes from the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph presided by Bishop Michael Gielen. Or watch at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/>

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself  
a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*  
— Pope Francis

Last Sunday's Collection: \$517.10 Development Fund: \$145.00  
May God bless and reward you for your Christian charity and generosity.  
Please remember the Parish in your WILL.

*Be inspired!* "The Magi are filled with awe by what they see; heaven on earth and earth in heaven; man in God and God in man; they see enclosed in a tiny body the one whom the entire world cannot contain." — St Peter Chrysologus

## PARISH CALENDAR

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

### DECEMBER

Rosary Intention is for the Ruawai Community.

**Sunday 20** Fourth Sunday of Advent ..... 9.30am  
Tangeritoria Mass ..... 11.30am  
**Monday 21** Meditation group ..... 7pm

— Please see back page for Christmas schedule —



Congratulations to  
Phillip and Sasine Mahe  
married 12 December

Love and prayers from the Parish.

### 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\***

**\*Daily Mass Calendars** are still available. Please see Ruth after Mass\*

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

**Recent deaths:** Leila Tibbits. **Death anniversary:** Nan Beadsall, Neta Young, Maurice Glamuzina. **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.

### Heavenly Crossroads

38 Hokianga Road, Dargaville, Kaipara Community Centre

**Heavenly Crossroads: A heavenly drink with a crossroad of conversation.**

At the Community Centre (opposite Town Hall).

**Open Tuesday-Sunday 9am-6pm.**

Coffee and tea \$3, cold drinks \$1. Come for a cuppa and a chat and help support our youth. Thank you.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE RETREAT

**Saturday 6 March 2021**

**9am-4pm**

**St Francis Retreat Centre  
50 Hillsborough Rd**

Led by Fr Merv Duffy SM. It will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and Fratelli Tutti. The fee is \$20 including lunch. Places are limited so please contact Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) asap if you are interested in attending.