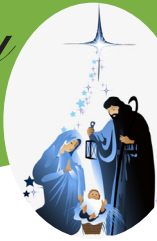


CATHOLIC PARISH
OF THE NORTHERN WAIROA

*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

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

JANUARY 2021

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

ST. MARY'S RUAWAI

DECEMBER

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

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

Sunday 31	All Parish Mass	10.00am
	(NO Vigil Mass 30 Jan)	

ST. AGNES KAIHU

DECEMBER

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



25/27 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
OR LITURGY**

Wednesday..... 9.00am
Friday..... 9.00am

**Public Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
Will resume in February

Reconciliation
Dargaville By Appointment
Ruawai By Appointment

**Northern Wairoa
Catholic Parish**

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



**25 DECEMBER
THE NATIVITY OF THE
LORD**

Throughout the Christmas liturgies, there is a strong theme of light and darkness. At the Mass during the night Isaiah proclaims, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." And in the gospel for the Mass during the day we hear, "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it."

For us Christians, the light is a concept, but even more, it is a person. In Jesus' life all darkness is dispelled. He is the fullness of light that our God longs to give each one of us. As the Body of Christ, we are called to proclaim with our lives that no matter how strong the darkness may seem, the light is always stronger.

**27 DECEMBER
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

Following the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph do what countless generations did before them (and which parents continue to do today): they present their baby to God in a spirit of thanksgiving. There is a longing in the human heart to give our best gifts back to God, and what greater gift in the life of a parent is there than the life of their child? Of course, in Mary's and Joseph's case, this is compounded by the fact that the newborn child they bring to the temple is not only the greatest gift of their lives, but also the greatest gift of God to all humanity.

As parts of the Body of Christ, we are also members of the Holy Family of God. At times our role might be to tend the young, the sick, or the elderly in our own biological family units. At other times, we might be privileged to offer support to a young or struggling family. In his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul tells us how we are to tend the bonds of love that unite us in Christ, by putting on "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." In this way, we offer our lives to God in thanksgiving and help to build and nurture his Holy Family.



ROSTER DECEMBER 2020 / JANUARY 2021

	SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 3 JANUARY
Ministers of the Word	J Nyssen, X Lopez	B Campbell, E Perreau
Collection	K Gilmour, R Gilmour	A McMillan, B McGilp
Gifts	RQ Gilmour, T Hopkinson	A Thomas, A Punnoose
Eucharistic Ministers	*M Marinkovich, K Cyprian B Isaacs, P Witten J Lopez	*B Campbell, R Gilmour A Thomas, A Bourke J Nyssen
Altar Servers	St Maximilian group	St Joseph group
	SUNDAY 10 JANUARY	SUNDAY 17 JANUARY
Ministers of the Word	B Zwaans, R Gilmour	A Bourke, S Bourke
Collection	Huavi family	P Witten, R Truter
Gifts	D Hamblyn, K Edmonds	K Gilmour, R Gilmour
Eucharistic Ministers	S Schoonderwoerd N Moran, *H Yakas K Perreau, E Perreau	P Bourke, A Punnoose J Lopez, RQ Gilmour *D Guy
Altar Servers	St Maximilian group	St Joseph group
	SUNDAY 24 JANUARY	SUNDAY 31 JANUARY
Ministers of the Word	M Marinkovich, T Neems	K Cyprian, S Moran
Collection	K Mahe, M Mahe	N Moran, S Moran
Gifts	K Mahe, M Mahe	S Martin, A Moran
Eucharistic Ministers	K Gilmour, R Gilmour N Moran, *S Moran A Moran	M Marinkovich, *K Cyprian B Isaacs, P Witten J Lopez
Altar Servers	St Maximilian group	St Joseph group

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

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

Last Sunday's Collection: \$898.98 Development Fund: \$164.00
May God bless and reward you for your Christian charity and generosity.
Please remember the Parish in your WILL.



**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 and the presider is Bishop Michael Gielen. Join in the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral Choir and Vocal ensemble. Or it can be watched from <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/>. Mass will be broadcast at 2pm the next Sunday the Feast of the Holy Family and that will conclude this current provision of broadcast Mass.

ROSARY: Recited 20 minutes before each Mass.
 January: *Rosary Intention is for the Kaihu Community.*



ST MARY'S RUAWAI DE-CONSECRATION

On **Saturday 6 February**
 with Mass at 11am
 All welcome.



"May we be in this
 world a ray of that light
 which shone forth from
 Bethlehem, bringing joy
 and peace to the hearts
 of all men and women."

POPE FRANCIS



HEADING NORTH THIS SUMMER?

A reminder and encouragement to visit the places of important Catholic history in our diocese, particular **Motuti**, where Bishop Pompallier's 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.

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

Prayer to St. Joseph

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.

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 asap if you are interested in attending.

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

Recent deaths: Leila Tibbits. **Death Anniversary:** Sue Breckon, Terry Passell, Michael Gilmour. **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.