

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 2021 – 29 Jan 2021 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** (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.		



6 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, Psalm 85,
2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8

At the beginning of our second reading, we are reminded that God does not experience time in the same way we do, for "with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day." The second letter of St Peter is believed to be the latest writing in the New Testament most likely composed in the first half of the second century. At this time, the community of Christians faced new challenges as they dealt with the unrealized expectation that Christ would return in glory within the lifespan of the first apostles. Instead of a sprint, their collective waiting for the fulfillment of God's kingdom, had turned into a marathon of unknown duration.



We, too, find ourselves in a time of waiting. Advent calls us to renew our own desire and longing for the "coming of the day of God," and each of today's readings offers insight into how we are called to prepare both individually and as a community for this moment.

The prophet Isaiah invites us to turn our attention to the valleys and mountains that obscure our vision of God's glory. The epistle writer invokes us to "holiness and devotion," while John the Baptist calls us to repentance.

While these readings seem to promote interior reflection, today's psalm turns our attention outward, telling us, "Justice shall walk before the Lord, and prepare the way of his steps." After we have done the internal work of acknowledging sin, we are invited to consider how our actions affect the dignity and rights of others. The path of justice is one that leads us to right relationship with God and with all people. In our waiting there is plenty of work to be done.

There is a new roster available on the back table in the church.

PARISH CALENDAR

ROSARY: Recited 20 minutes before each Mass

DECEMBER

Rosary Intention is for the Ruawai Community.

Sunday 6	Second Sunday of Advent	9.30am
	Kaihu Mass	11.30am
	Foodbank Sunday	
Monday 7	Meditation group	7pm
Tuesday 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass	12.10pm
	Fr's Ordination Anniversary Pot luck lunch after Mass.	
Thursday 10	Gospel Group	7pm
	Thursday Ladies Group	10.30am
Friday 11	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11am
	Reconciliation (or by appointment)	11am
	Mass	12.10pm
Saturday 12	Reconciliation (Ruawai)	4.30pm
	Ruawai Vigil Mass	5.30pm
	Working bee for Church and Centre	9am
	Movie Night Youth Fundraiser Parish Centre	6pm
Sunday 13	Third Sunday of Advent	9.30am
	Baptism after Mass if required	
Monday 14	Meditation group	7pm
Thursday 17	Mass	6.15pm
	followed by Reconciliation	
	(NO 12.10pm Mass and NO Gospel Group)	
Friday 18	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	11am
	Reconciliation (or by appointment)	11am
	Mass	12.10pm
Saturday 19	Reconciliation (Ruawai)	4.30pm
	Ruawai Vigil Mass	5.30pm


	SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER
Ministers of the Word	R Gilmour, B Zwaans	T Neems, M Marinkovich
Collection	K Mahe, M Mahe	N Moran, S Moran
Gifts	S Martin, A Moran	Lopez family
Eucharistic Ministers	M Marinkovich, K Cyprian B Isaacs, P Witten *J Lopez	B Campbell, S Moran A Thomas, A Bourke *J Nyssen
Altar Servers	St Joseph group	St Maximilian group
	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

Next weeks Sunday Readings:

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

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.



TUESDAY
8 DECEMBER
FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

Please join us to celebrate Father's Ordination Anniversary (20 years!) with a 'Pot Luck' lunch after 12.10pm Mass.
All welcome.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$878.10 Development Fund: \$223.00
May God bless and reward you for your Christian charity and generosity.
Please remember the Parish in your WILL.

SENIOR CITIZENS OUTREACH
Friday 11 Dec 1.30pm.



Working Bee
9am Saturday 12 December
for our Church and Centre.

Be inspired! "As the moon shines with the light of the sun, so the immaculate splendour of Mary is totally relative to that of the Redeemer. The Mother leads us to her Son; passing through her, we reach Christ." - Pope St. John Paul II

† **Father Simone you are warmly in our prayers for your Ordination Anniversary on 8 December. God bless you †**

LET US PRAY FOR THE DEAD AND THE SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES
Recent deaths: Sally Foster. **Death anniversary:** Connie and Arthur House, Wayne Salmon, Jim McKay. **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.