



## SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH

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### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Luke 23:35-43

#### The Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners,  
Talofa and greetings. Welcome to our First Sunday of Advent, Year A.

The Passing Of Time regularly brings us to the Season which we call "ADVENT." It is a time to look ahead, for Christmas will soon be here and we await its coming eagerly. Advent means "COMING."

The mere mention of Christmas fills the mind with fond memories and expectation. Isaiah sang of the future glory of Zion, the city of God. We sing in praise of the Lord Jesus who has come and is to come to His city, the world and into our hearts.

Isaiah envisioned peoples making their way to a holy mountain to learn about God and His wondrous Kingdom of peace. There the weapons of war (swords and spears) would be changed into instruments of peace. There justice and harmony would no longer be a dream but a glorious reality. Enmity and war would be no more.

The purple vestments worn at Mass in Advent Season have reminded us that the royal personage who was to come and has come, is King and rules now in His Kingdom, the Church.

The world before Christ, though full of natural beauty, was nonetheless spiritually darkened. As Saint Paul says, deeds of darkness flourish in the world. Light, however, as befits children of the Light, has come into the world through Christ. It is time now then to lead decent and honourable lives.

Paul knew the vices of the world and named them: drunkenness, immorality, quarreling and jealousy. Such vices must be fought against by Christians soldiers bearing the arms of prayer and virtue.

Jesus is always coming to us and Advent helps us prepare for Him. God's plan unfolds according to a time plan not revealed to us, and it behoves us always to be prepared for this great and joyful event. Advent is a holy season of preparation in prayers. We pray for ourselves, that in our preparation for Christmas, we may make practical plans to bring peace to troubled hearts, hope to the desperate and love to the un-loved. We continue to pray for the happy repose of all the souls of our loved ones who have died. Enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

Advent Blessings  
Fr. Simone Ah Lo sm.

#### The Parish Rosary Intention for November is for: The Kaihu Community

#### MASS TIMES for the week of **29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	November:	Church Open for Prayer
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	November: Mass	5.30pm
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	December: Mass	5.30pm
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	December: Mass	10.am Holy Hour. Reconciliation available at this time followed by Mass 11.am
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	December: Mass	5.30pm <b>Ruawai</b>
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	December: Mass	9.30am <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>

#### MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

##### PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday: 5.30pm – R Wallace, L Fluhler  
Sunday: 9.30am – S Moran, S Armadala

##### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday: 9.30am – K Gilmour

##### GIFTS and COLLECTION BASKET

Sunday: 9.30am – R Green, D Milich

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DYING**

**Recent Deaths:** Patrick Bourke

**Death Anniversary:** Patricia Warmington, Leonore McCarthy

**Sick:**

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**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> November:** After the **5.30pm Mass** we will burn the names of the Holy Souls we have been praying for during this month.

**THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - and Fr SIMONE'S 22<sup>ND</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY.** There will be **NO Mass** in Dargaville that night. It will be in Ruawai at 6.00pm at the Ruawai Community Church followed by a Pot Luck Tea.

**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: MASS and RECONCILIATION 6.30PM.** This year we will be having Reconciliation within the Mass. After communion we will have a time of reflection to think on our sins and to write them on a piece of paper and when ready take them up the front and place them in the basket. Then at the end of Mass they will be burnt. If you prefer to have Reconciliation with Fr Simone there will be time after Mass or you can make an appointment with him. Over the next few weeks will be time for you to prepare for this Reconciliation.

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER: No Saturday night Mass in Ruawai**

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**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE:**

**Christmas Eve:** Ruawai 5.00pm Carols  
5.30pm Mass  
At the Ruawai Community Church

**Christmas Eve:** Dargaville 9.30pm Carols  
10.00pm Mass

**Christmas Day:** Dargaville 9.30am

**Christmas Day:** Kaihu To be Confirmed

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**DON'T FORGET THIS SATURDAY: 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER WORKING BEE:**  
**IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 9.30am**  
Tidy up time for our Church and Centre. Bring a plate for a shared lunch afterwards.  
**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.**



**FAITH JOURNEY CAFE WITH A CUPPA:**

None for the month of December  
Will begin in February

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**PARISH GIVING:** If you would like to contribute to the Parish Giving by Internet Banking the bank account number is **R C Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Dargaville 02 0100 0120958 14**

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**Kids Korner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/1ST-WEEK-OF-ADVENT.pdf>  
**Parent Ponderings:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Heaven-and-Angels-Sing-1.pdf>

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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.** Coast to Coast Rosary for Life and Faith. Join in with others around New Zealand praying the Rosary at 3.00pm.

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