

THE CHALLENGE OF AGING...

Waiting patiently in expectation does not necessarily get easier as we become older. On the contrary, as we grow in age we are tempted to settle down in a routine way of living and say: "Well, I have seen it all. ... There is nothing new under the sun. ... I am just going to take it easy and take the days as they come". But in this way our lives lose their creative tension. We no longer expect something really new to happen. We become cynical or self-satisfied or simply bored.

The challenge of aging is waiting with an ever-greater patience and an ever-stronger expectation. It is living with an eager hope. It is trusting that through Christ "we have been admitted into God's favour ... and look forward exultantly to God's glory" (Romans 5:2).



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For those who wish to continue to subscribe to our Parish Pledge Envelope Scheme, feel free to use the envelopes located by the Notice Board at the back of the Church. And if you are new to the system, please let any member of the Finance Committee know so that we can allocate a planned giving number to record your donation. You can also call the Parish Office on 401 7429 for further information. Thank you for your generosity.

Last Sunday's Collection: Kerikeri: \$1216.43; Waitaruke: \$281.10
Thank you for your kind generosity. God bless.

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to new members and visitors to Holy Family Catholic Church, Kerikeri, and Sacred Heart Church, Waitaruke. If you would like to be a part of the Planned Giving scheme, please complete the form below:

Please tick the box for the church you want to support, complete the form, and send it to: **PO Box 531 Kerikeri 0245:**

- () Holy Family Catholic Church, Kerikeri,
() Sacred Heart Church, Waitaruke: **See Debbie (09-405 0537)**

Name: _____

Phone: (Home/Work): _____ Email Address: _____

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Kerikeri and Waitaruke

Holy Family
Catholic Church
36 Cobham Road
Kerikeri

Catholic Pastoral Area
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Sacred Heart
Catholic Church
Waitaruke, 876 SH 10
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Weekly Mass Times

HOLY FAMILY PARISH (Kerikeri)

Sunday Mass
10:15 am.

Tuesday 9.15 am

Wednesday 9.15 am

Friday 12:30 pm

**First Saturday 9:00
am**

**First Friday of the
Month: HOLY HOUR
AND RECONCILIATION**
11:30 am to 12:15 pm
prior to Mass.

**Reconciliation: Every
Saturday 10 am**

SACRED HEART PARISH (Waitaruke)

Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 pm

**NB: Liturgy of the Word
every 3rd Saturday of
the Month at 5:00 pm**

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

THE GOSPEL
LUKE 3:10-18

*The crowds ... tax collectors ... soldiers
... asked John the Baptist, "What
should we do?"*

THE FIRST READING
ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18a

He will sing joyfully because of you.

THE SECOND READING
PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

*Then the peace of God will guard your
hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

What should we do to ready our hearts,

O Lord, for your coming?

Anne Osdieck

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Parish Notices:

CHRISTMAS MASSES

VIGIL Dec 24 Waitaruke 8 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY Dec 25 Kerikeri 10.15 am
Carols begin at 9.45 am.

FR ANTHONY TRENWITH from Takapuna Parish will be here in January to provide Mass for Kerikeri and Waitaruke.

FOOD BANK: Thank you for your continuing generosity in response to the Food Bank's request for help. Your gift of food makes a real difference to the recipients.

CARITAS GIFTS are available by phoning 0800 22 10 22 or emailing caritas@caritas.org.nz

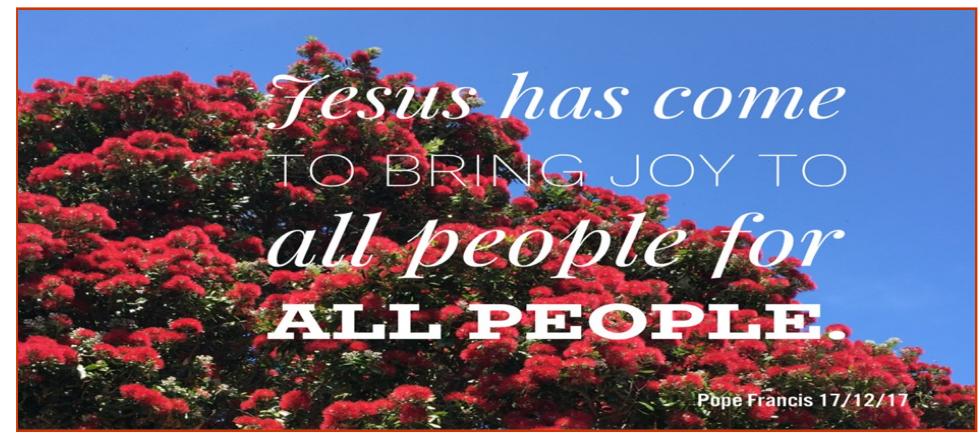
LITURGY CENTRE, JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION AND DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTERS are available on the Notice Board.

THE CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION sincerely thanks all parishioners for their prayers and support of Bishop Pat's Foundation throughout 2018. The Foundation was able to give grants of over \$670,000 to over 50 organisations who care and support families and communities in need throughout the diocese. www.caringfoundation.org.nz

HEARTS AFLAME 2019: 4-13 JANUARY - A summer school for young adults, 18-35 years old at Nga Tawa College, Marton. Further details on the Notice Board.

THE FIRST DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS OF 2019 will be held on **Sunday, 10 February** starting with praise and worship from 6.30-6.50pm, followed by Mass at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Patrick Dunn, the main celebrant, will also commission youth leaders, the youth advisory council members and the Auckland Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry team. All leaders of ministry with young people in the Auckland Diocese are invited to this Mass. RSVP with your parish or youth group name and numbers attending with Ry-
anne (marryanneg@cda.org.nz) by Monday, 4 February.

A DAY OF RETREAT AND REFLECTION on hearing the 'cry of the poor and of the earth' through the lives of St. Mary MacKillop and ecologist Julian Tenison Woods. Led by Lyndall Brown rsj and Jill McLoughlin rsj, 9am-4pm, Saturday 23 February 2019, Mary McKillop Centre 30 Holgate Rd Kohimarama. Cost: \$15 including lunch. Please register with Peter Garrick: peterg@cda.org.nz; ph. 022 1300 730.



Sunday's Readings and Rosters for Kerikeri 2018

16th December 2018
The Third Sunday of Advent:
Gaudete Sunday
This Week's Readings:
Zephaniah 3:14-18
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Welcome: Rod
Laptop: Howard
Reader 1: Maria C
Reader 2: Sione
Prayers of the Faithful: Filomena
Ministers of the Eucharist: Lisa,
Fonu, Judy
Sacristan: Steve L
Hospitality: Wiga and Olivier
Church cleaning: Judy
Lawns: Howard

23rd December 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Next Week's Readings:
Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:46-56

Welcome: Lorna
Laptop: Phil
Reader 1: Steve L
Reader 2: Enid
Prayers of the Faithful: Phil
Ministers of the Eucharist: Veronica,
Maria C, Wiga
Sacristan: Steve L
Hospitality: Lisa and Peter
Church cleaning: Marion & Leonard
Lawns: Howard

Please pray for the sick:

Those recovering from surgery, illness or in need of our prayers, especially **Cody Pogson, Geoff Davies, Leone Booth, Paul Vujcich, Hanna Manser, Jesse Prendergast and Margaret McCue.** Please keep them in your prayers.

We remember those who have died recently:

George Owen, Maria Howie, Loui Katene, Dion Hodder, Consorcia de Guzman, and our loved ones whose anniversaries of death occur at this time.
Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord...

Parish Newsletter:

A reminder to all our parishioners that if you have any items to be included in the Newsletter, please send it to the following email address by Thursday night. kerikericatholic@gmail.com, or phone 401 7429.