

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**- Christmas Touches the Whole of Creation -**

"Somehow I realized that songs, music, good feelings, beautiful liturgies, nice presents, big dinners, and many sweet words do not make Christmas. Christmas is saying "yes" to something beyond all emotions and feelings. Christmas is saying "yes" to a hope based on God's initiative, which has nothing to do with what I think or feel. Christmas is believing that the salvation of the world is God's work and not mine.

Things will never look just right or feel just right. If they did, someone would be lying... But it is into this broken world that a child is born who is called Son of the Most



**Holy Family Parish Finance Committee**

Fr. Rodney Acting Parish Priest  
 Phil Prendergast (Secretary),  
 Judy Poole, Filomena Davies,  
 Marieta Alexander, Bob McKinley

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
 Katekita: Parish Pastoral Care**

Tana Manuel, Maata Job Rakena,  
 Mary Smith, Moana Wood, Aroha Henare

**Finance Committee**

Brian Smith (Chairperson)  
 Toa Faneva, Debbie McLean  
 Margaret Pepper

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: \$484.30; Waitaruke: \$51.00**  
**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kerikeri and Waitaruke**

**Holy Family**  
 Catholic Church  
 36 Cobham Road  
 Kerikeri

Catholic Pastoral Area  
**Parish Newsletter 44**  
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**Sacred Heart**  
 Catholic Church  
 Waitaruke, 876 SH 10  
 Whangaroa 0478

**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.

**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**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*THE GOSPEL*  
LUKE 1:39-45

*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb.*

*THE FIRST READING*  
MICAH 5:1-4a

*You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth ... one who is to be ruler in Israel.*

*THE SECOND READING*  
HEBREWS 10:5-10

*Behold I come to do your will.*

Christ,  
 you are humankind's most sublime Amen to the Father, and most wondrous gift to us.

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 RALPH SENDS** Christmas greetings from the Philippines to all at Kerikeri and Waitaruke .

**FR RODNEY** will leave us on Boxing Day for his next assignment, so please stay for a cup of tea after Mass this Sunday to thank him for his care of our community over the last two months.

**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.

**ANGEL TREE PROJECT:** Grateful thanks for all the prayers for the families, and kind donations for this year's project. Our Holy Family community provided gifts for about 20 children. Blessings from Sue.

**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.

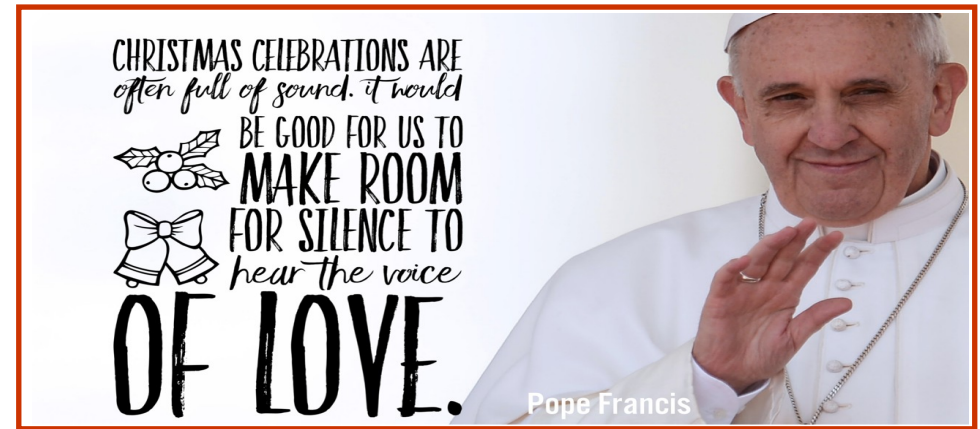
**James Van Schie** who is currently Executive Officer of the NZ Bishops' Conference has been appointed general manager of the Auckland Diocese.

**INVITATION FROM ST PETER'S PARISH, PANGURU,** to commemorate the 181st Anniversary of the First Mass celebrated at Totara Point on the 13th January, 1838, to take place on the 13th January, 2019, at 11.00 am. Details on the Notice Board.

**CHRISTMAS REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS:**

"It will be Christmas if, like Joseph, we make room for silence; if, like Mary, we tell God, 'Here I am'; if, like [Jesus](#), we are close to those who are alone; if, like the shepherds, we leave our sheepfolds in order to be with Jesus.

"It will not be Christmas if we seek the blinding lights of the world, if we fill ourselves with presents, lunches and dinners, but we do not help at least one poor person, who resembles God because God arrived poor on [Christmas](#)."



**Sunday's Readings and Rosters for Kerikeri 2018**

<p><b>23rd December 2018</b>                  The Fourth Sunday of Advent                  Next Week's Readings:                  Micah 5:1-4                  Hebrews 10:5-10                  Luke 1:46-56</p>	<p><b>30th December 2018</b>                  Feast of the Holy Family                  Next Week's Readings:                  Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14                  Colossians 3:12-21                  Luke 2:41-52</p>
<p><b>Welcome:</b> Lorna  <b>Laptop:</b> Phil  <b>Reader 1:</b> Steve L  <b>Reader 2:</b> Enid  <b>Prayers of the Faithful:</b> Phil  <b>Ministers of the Eucharist:</b> Veronica, Maria C, Wiga  <b>Sacristan:</b> Steve L  <b>Hospitality:</b> Lisa and Peter  <b>Church cleaning:</b> Marion &amp; Leonard  <b>Lawns:</b> Howard</p>	<p><b>Welcome:</b> Olivier  <b>Laptop:</b> Murray  <b>Reader 1:</b> Filomena  <b>Reader 2:</b> Marie B  <b>Prayers of the Faithful:</b> Howard  <b>Ministers of the Eucharist:</b> Peter B, Lisa, Fonu  <b>Sacristan:</b> Howard  <b>Hospitality:</b> Joan and Brian  <b>Church cleaning:</b> Lisa and Peter  <b>Lawns:</b> Howard</p>

**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:**  
**Winnie Wheatley (mother of Alan), George Owen, Maria Howie, Loui Katene, Dion Hodder,** 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](mailto:kerikericatholic@gmail.com), or phone 401 7429.