

Holding on to The Christ...

Life is unpredictable. We can be happy one day and sad the next, healthy one day and sick the next, rich one day and poor the next, alive one day and dead the next. So who is there to hold on to? Who is there to feel secure with? Who is there to trust at all times? Only Jesus, the Christ. He is our Lord, our shepherd, our rock, our stronghold, our refuge, our brother, our guide, and our friend. He came from God to be with us. He died for us, he was raised from the dead to open for us the way to God, and he is seated at God's right hand to welcome us home. With Paul, we must be certain that "neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).



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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: 402.90; Waitaruke: \$133.00
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: _____

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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.

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

Feast of the Holy Family

THE GOSPEL
LUKE 2:41-52

"Your father and I have been looking for you."

THE FIRST READING
SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14

When he prays, he is heard.

THE SECOND READING
1 JOHN 3:1-2, 21-24

We have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask

Caring, loving, nurturing God, we ask all things of you - our joy, our health, our breath, our life.

You ask of us one thing only, that we love you, and love one another because of you.

You are the great giver. Please make us great receivers.

And thank you for being Our Father.

Anne Osdieck

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Parish Notices:

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

A WARM WELCOME TO FR ANTHONY TRENWITH from Takapuna Parish who will stay here during January to provide Mass for Kerikeri and Waitaruke.

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS has issued a Message to mark the 52nd World Day of Peace which will be celebrated on New Year's Day. The introduction is included on the page opposite and the full text is available on the Noticeboard, and online from the Vatican website:

<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2018/12/18/messaggio-giornata-pace.html>

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.

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.

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.

A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!

This is the **last Newsletter** until the beginning of February. Any changes to the weekly Mass Timetable will be announced at Sunday Mass.

Please check the Noticeboard for the January roster.

May you and your families enjoy a safe, restful and peaceful holiday however you spend it.

From the Parish Office

A Message from Pope Francis for the 52nd World Day of Peace

In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you" (Lk 10:5-6).

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history.[1]The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.

So let this be my greeting at the beginning of the New Year: "Peace be to this house".

Sunday's Readings and Rosters for Kerikeri 2018

<p>30th December 2018 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>6th January 2019 Epiphany of the Lord Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 John 1:43-51</p>
<p>Welcome: Olivier Laptop: Murray Reader 1: Filomena Reader 2: Marie B Prayers of the Faithful: Howard Ministers of the Eucharist: Peter B, Lisa, Fonu Sacristan: Howard Hospitality: Joan and Brian Church cleaning: Lisa and Peter Lawns: Howard</p>	<p>Welcome: Judy Laptop: Howard Reader 1: Maureen Reader 2: John U Prayers of the Faithful: SHARED Ministers of the Eucharist: Judy, Steve, Veronica Sacristan: Anthony Hospitality: Cris and Keely Church cleaning: Ashly and Kevin Lawns: Anthony</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:

Fr. David Mullins S.M., Winnie Wheatley (mother of Alan), George Owen, Maria Howie, Loui Katene, 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.