



Sunday's Readings and Rosters for Kerikeri 2020

6 December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent This Week's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8	13 December 2020 Third Sunday of Advent Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28
Welcome: Rod Laptop: Christelle Reader 1: Alyson Reader 2: Maureen Prayers of the Faithful: Howard Mins. of Eucharist: Filomena, Bob & Alison C Sacristan: Pauline Hospitality: Lorna Church Cleaning: Nellie & Sigit Lawns: Peter A.	Welcome: Lorna Laptop: Howard Reader 1: David Reader 2: Filomena Prayers of the Faithful: Cheryl Mins. of Eucharist: Lisa, Peter B & Pauline Sacristan: Howard Hospitality: Howard Church Cleaning: Lisa & Peter Lawns: Peter A.
<p align="center"><i>Please pray for the sick:</i> Those recovering from surgery, illness or in need of our prayers, especially Christine Spence, Ian Lynch, Nory Estal Grattan, Paul Dowd, Fr Martin Bugler, Moss Pepper, Margaret Mary Upperton, Joe Evans, Dulcie Hoffmann, Rosita Ko, Paul Vujcich, Toni Carlstrom, Howard Trenwith, Geoff Davies. <i>Please keep them in your prayers.</i></p>	
<p align="center"><i>We remember those who have died recently:</i> Pat Straker, Margaret Bonner, Eileen Auckram, Gary Finnerty, Ian Dudley, Sylvie Parvone, Fr. Paul Prendergast, SSC, Fr. Philip Handforth, Rob Hamlin, Bernice Keenan, Anne O'Sullivan, Jim Blair, Mary Donoghue, Messina Shaw, Bridget Simmonds, Leone Booth, Fr. Nick Hoogeveen, Margaret Cahill and our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time.</p>	

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 5pm Thursday: kerikericatholic@gmail.com, or phone 401 7429.

Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Holy Family
Catholic Church
36 Cobham Road
Kerikeri

Catholic Pastoral Area
Parish Newsletter 2020/45
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Sacred Heart
Catholic Church
Waitāruke, 867 SH 10
Whangaroa 0478

Weekly Mass Times **HOLY FAMILY (Kerikeri)**

Sunday Mass
10:15 am

Monday 9:15 am
Tuesday 9:15 am
Wednesday 9:15 am
Friday
HOLY HOUR 11:30am
MASS: 12:30 pm
Saturday 9:15 am

Reconciliation
Wednesday
5:30-6:00pm
Friday
11:30-12:15pm

SACRED HEART (Waitāruke)

Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 pm
The Rosary is prayed before Mass from 4pm

NB: Liturgy of the Word every 3rd Saturday

Thursday 9:00 am
(School Term Only)

The Second Sunday of Advent

1st READING 2nd READING GOSPEL

ISAIAH
40:1-5, 9-11

2 PETER
3:8-14

MARK
1:1-8

The entire Bible ends on a note not so much of triumph and completion as longing and expectation: "Come, Lord Jesus." The start of Mark's gospel, which we hear read at mass this Sunday, conveys much the same message, albeit in a different way. Longing and expectation are, of course, at the heart of what Advent's all about and so the voice which we hear "crying in the wilderness" is a reminder that the one we're longing and hoping for is coming. While there's a sense of nearness to this coming, there's also a sense that we still have to wait a while longer yet since, with the Lord, "a day can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day". We know that this will happen because God has said so—it really is just that simple. What we need to realise though, especially during Advent, is that the call of John the Baptised is a call to recognise one who is to come, already dwelling among us—something that should be a source of hope and joy in our lives. God decreed a time for making promises and a time for the promises to be fulfilled. The time for making promises was the time of the prophets, ending with John the Baptist, the last prophet. From then until the end is the time for the fulfilment of promises. Our challenge is not just to come to an awareness of his presence, but to witness to that same presence with our lives. God didn't just send his Son to point out the way – he made his Son the way itself, so that we can go on our journey guided by him as he walks along his own way. So the only Son of God was to come to men, to take on humanity, and thus to die. All this had to be prophesied and foretold; people had to be awaiting it with faith and this is what Advent is all about—our waiting and watching for Christ, not just hoping but knowing he will come because he is already here.

Blessings, Fr Anthony

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Parish Notices:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 7 December: St Ambrose ; 8 December: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

RITE II RECONCILIATION: WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER AT 5:30PM. An opportunity to prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ at Christmas as well as in our lives each day. Fr Larry of Kaitia Parish has kindly agreed to assist.

KEEP THE DATE! An open invitation to gather next Sunday after Mass with Bishop Michael, to give thanks for the year and for all our volunteers who do so much for our parish. Bishop Michael will also be blessing the new confessional at Holy Family. Please bring a plate to share.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS those children (and one teacher) from Hato Hōhepa school who will be being baptised, confirmed and making their First Communion next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS MASSES a sign up sheet for ministries is on the noticeboard in the foyer of Holy Family church.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED within walking distance of the Kerikeri Retirement Village, either boarding or as a flatmate. For a young lady, Josmy. Please contact Eileen if you can help or know of someone who may have a room available. Ph. 09 407 9661.

RHEMA PRAYER WARRIORS: meeting for all those active or interested in this important ministry next Sunday, 12pm at Frontline church, 119 Hone Heke Road.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS. On sale in both churches for \$12 each, these calendars track the Church's year and the secular year. Every purchase helps to support the work of Columban Missionaries world-wide, and our parishes.

NZ CATHOLIC is on sale once more in the Church Foyer. Your purchase helps to support the diocese and our parish. \$4 per issue,

FEED MY SHEEP: Thank you for your continuing response to the Food Bank's request for help. Your gift of food makes a real difference to the recipients more than ever in this time of COVID-19.

PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD FOR OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Just a reminder about the importance of following the recommended practices. Please remember to record your visit using the QR codes at the entrances to both churches (or ensure you keep a manual record) and use the hand sanitiser provided. If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home. If you have any concerns please feel free to talk to Fr Anthony. Holy Communion is available for those who are unable, or do not feel comfortable coming to Mass

God is a God of the Present...

The real enemies of our life are the "oughts" and the "ifs." They pull us backward into the unalterable past and forward into the unpredictable future. But real life takes place in the here and the now. God is a God of the present. God is always in the moment, be that moment hard or easy, joyful or painful. When Jesus spoke about God, he always spoke about God as being where and when you are. "When you see me, you see God. When you hear me, you hear God." God is not someone who was or will be, but the One who is, and who is for me in the present moment. That's why Jesus came to wipe away the burden of the past and the worries of the future. He wants us to discover God right where we are, here and now.



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**Collections 22 November 2020: Kerikeri: \$ 279.00
Waitaruke: \$51.00**

Thank you for your kind generosity. God bless.

Many thanks to all those who were able to maintain their contributions during the lockdown period. Your continued financial support at this difficult time is much appreciated.

A reminder that donations and regular giving contributions can still be paid directly into the parish account, the details of which are:

**R C Bishop of Auckland Kerikeri Parish Account
02 0100 0120958 26**

Please e-mail the Parish Office if you would like a tax receipt.

For those who wish to continue to subscribe to our Parish Pledge Envelope Scheme, envelopes are located by the Notice Board at the back of the Church.

If you are new to the system, please contact the Parish Office so that we can allocate a planned giving number to record your donation.