



Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2023/45

10 December 2023

Second Week of Advent

1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
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<u>ISAIAH</u> 40:1-5,9-11	<u>2 PETER</u> 3:8-14	<u>MARK</u> 1:1-8
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From a pastoral letter by St Charles Borromeo

The season of Advent

Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

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MASS TIMES

**Holy Family
(Kerikeri)**

Sunday: 10:15 am

Monday 9:15 am

Tuesday 9:15 am

Wednesday 9:15 am

Friday: 12:30 pm

Saturday 9:15 am

Holy Hour

First Friday: 11:30am

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

5:30-6:00pm

First Friday

11:30-12:15pm

SACRED HEART

(Waitāruke)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am

(School Term Only)

Sunday's Readings, and Rosters for Kerikeri 2023

10 December 2023: Second Sunday of Advent (Year B) Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1: 1-8	17 December 2023: Third Sunday of Advent (Year B) Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:1-6, 19-28
Welcome: Olivier Laptop: Bob Reader 1: Children Reader 2: Children Prayers of the Faithful: Children Collections: Pauline K Mins. of Eucharist: Pauline M, Eileen & Wiga Sacristan: Pauline M Hospitality: Please Bring a Plate Church Cleaning: Marie and Peter	Welcome: Lorna Laptop: Murray Reader 1: Peter D Reader 2: Sue Prayers of the Faithful: Cheryl Collections: Paul Mins. of Eucharist: Barry, Kathy & Pauline K Sacristan: Howard Hospitality: Lorna Church Cleaning: Nellie & Sigit
Please pray for the sick: Those who are ill or injured and in need of our prayers, especially Helen Foley, Vera Langton, Brenda Tweedale, Judy Poole, Barrett Feldman, Monica Hegarty, Maurice Macken, Pam Scahill, Carmen Evlampieff, Danielle Harris, Pope Francis, Shirley Douglas, Wanda Watola, Emelisa Abadiez, Maureen Clare, Leah Goddard, Michael Garrett, Jenny Hope, Bishop Denis Browne, Teddy Jacobs, Paul Dowd, Geoff Davies, <i>Please keep them in your prayers...</i>	

We remember those who have died recently:

Sr Marie Thérèse Ranum, Des Shepherd, Joe Evans, Joan Sonnenstein, Moss Pepper, Del Drummond, Michael Timoti, Charles Crothers, Fr Michael Hill, IC, Irma Corcoran, David Barrett, Margaret Austin-Campbell, Moira Tracy. Fr John Tollan, Alison James, Fr Mario Dorado, OFM CAP, Fr Leo Doyle, Derek Vujcich, Brian Walsh, and our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O 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 5.00pm Thursday: kerikericatholic@gmail.com, or phone 401 7429.

Parish Priest: Fr. Tony King-Archer.

Presbytery: 6 Cobham Court, Kerikeri;

Phone 021 190 6969 email: kerikeripriest@gmail.com

Parish Notices:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 12 December, Our Lady of Guadalupe; 13 December, St Lucy, V.M.; 14 December, St John of the Cross, p. D. (m).

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE: No changes to the timetable this week.

OUR 2023 CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION THIS SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER ARE: Millie Wyatt, Alfie and Mary Anderson, Tino Nyakudya, Huka, Lani and Cota Faneva. Please keep the children in your prayers. Don't forget there will be a Shared Lunch after Mass to which everyone is invited to celebrate with the families.

RITE II RECONCILIATION: will take place this Wednesday the 13th December at 6pm in Holy Family Church. Waitāruke Rite II Reconciliation will take place on Friday 15th December at 6pm.

ADVENT REFLECTION: Wiga Autet will facilitate a one-hour Reflection after Mass on the 15th December. The theme of the Reflection is "Shepherds: they came, believed and took the Good News to the world—will you?". Everyone is welcome to participate. A light lunch will be served during the session.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CARING FOUNDATION'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL – donations to be doubled! Every donation to the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. The Caring Foundation partners with over 60 local agencies to provide the right help at the right time for families and people in poverty and hardship. To find out how to donate, pick up our Christmas post-card today, or check out our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz

ROSTERS: Holy Family thanks all those who are serving the needs of the Parish, however, we still need volunteers for the following Ministries: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Prayers of the Faithful, Collectors, Musicians, Laptop Operators, Church Cleaners, Hospitality Hosts and Flower Arrangers. Please talk with Fr Tony or Pauline McKinley if you can help in any way.

FEED MY SHEEP: Thank you for your continuing and generous help. Your contribution makes real difference to the Food Bank's recipients during this season of Advent and Christmas.

AFTER PREVIOUSLY SELLING OUT, A FEW MORE COLUMBAN CALENDARS have been made available for sale at Holy Family Church at \$12 per copy.

NZ CATHOLIC: \$4 in both churches. 3–17 Dec edition available.

Faith in 55 words or fewer -

"The Saviour whom we await is able to transform our life with his grace, with the power of the Holy Spirit, with the power of love. The Holy Spirit, in fact, infuses our hearts with God's love, the inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and freedom."
- Pope Francis

Collections 2 & 3 December 2023

Kerikeri: \$254.60

Waitāruke: \$57.00

Thank you for your kind generosity. God bless.

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The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament.

Blessings, Fr Tony

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Parish Pastoral Council

Currently in hiatus for restructuring: to return in 2023.

Finance Committee

Fr Tony King-Archer, Bob McKinley,
Sigit Widodo, Lisa Anderson,
Marie Byrne.

Sacred Heart Parish
867 State Highway 10, Kaeo 0274

Katekita: Pastoral Care

Maata Job Rakena,
Mary Smith, Aroha Henare.

Finance Committee

Leon Rossbotham, Debbie McLean,
Ihaka Lenden, Hannah Da Via

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Please email the Finance committee if you would like a tax receipt, please see names of committee members listed above. 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. For Kerikeri:

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