



Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2023/46

17 December 2023

Third Week of Advent

Sunday's Readings, and Rosters for Kerikeri 2023

<p>17 December 2023: Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) This Week's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:1-6, 19-28</p>	<p>24 December 2023: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B) Next Week's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Welcome: Rod Laptop: Lorna Reader 1: Aleksandra Reader 2: Bob Prayers of the Faithful: Filomena Collections: Rod Mins. of Eucharist: Wendy, Peter B & Eileen Sacristan: Pauline M Hospitality: Eileen & Rod Church Cleaning: Sue & Murray</p>
<p>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 Abadie, 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></p>	
<p>We remember those who have died recently: <i>Sr Marie Thérèse Ranum, Des Shepherd, Joe Evans, Joan Sonnenstein, Moss Pepper, 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...</i></p>	
<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 5.00pm Thursday: kerikericatholic@gmail.com, or phone 401 7429.</p>	

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)**

1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
<u>ISAIAH</u> 61:1-2,10-11	<u>1 THESSALONIANS</u> 5:16-24	<u>JOHN</u> 1:6-8,19-28

From a letter of Pope St Leo the Great
The mystery of our reconciliation
with God

The Son of God in his omnipotence could have taught and sanctified men by appearing to them in a semblance of human form as he did to the patriarchs and prophets, when for instance he engaged in a wrestling contest or entered into conversation with them, or when he accepted their hospitality and even ate the food they set before him. But these appearances were only types, signs that mysteriously foretold the coming of one who would take a true human nature from the stock of the patriarchs who had gone before him. No mere figure, then, fulfilled the mystery of our reconciliation with God, ordained from all eternity. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon the Virgin nor had the power of the Most High overshadowed her, so that within her spotless womb Wisdom might build itself a house and the Word become flesh. The divine nature and the nature of a servant were to be united in one person so that the Creator of time might be born in time, and he through whom all things were made might be brought forth in their midst.

For unless the new man, by being made *in the likeness of sinful flesh*, had taken on himself the nature of our first parents, unless he had stooped to be one in substance with his mother while sharing the Father's substance and, being alone free from sin, united our nature to his, the whole human race would still be held captive under the dominion of Satan. The Conqueror's victory would have profited us nothing if the battle had been fought outside our human condition. But through this wonderful blending the mystery of new birth shone upon us, so that through the same Spirit by whom Christ was conceived and brought forth we too might be born again in a spiritual birth; and in consequence the evangelist declares the faithful to have been *born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

Blessings, Fr Tony

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Parish Notices:

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: 21 December, St. Peter Canisius p., D.; 23 December, St. John of Kanty, p.

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

CONFIRMATION: Thank you to everyone involved in making last Sunday such a special and blessed day for our 7 Confirmands and their families, especially Bishop Steve, Fr Tony, the Sponsors and our Holy Family Parish Community. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit. From the PPRE Team.

ANGEL GIFTS: A huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the Angel Tree Appeal this year. We raised over \$1100 towards children's gifts and Family Kai Boxes. May you be richly blessed by God this Christmas. The PPRE team

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. 17 Dec –27 January edition now available. Some headlines for this issue: Joy as fourth Bishop of Hamilton ordained. Don't forget suffering Church. Pope receives new NZ ambassador. South Korea pilgrimage was a real blessing.

Faith in 55 words or fewer -

Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season. Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: "The Lord is near." . -EWTN.co.uk

Collections 9 & 10 December 2023

Kerikeri: \$403.10

Waitāruke: \$125.00

Thank you for your kind generosity. God bless.

Christmas Mass Timetable

The Masses at Kerikeri and Waitāruke (Kaeo) are:

Dec 23: Waitaruke: Mass 5pm

Dec 24: Kerikeri: Mass 10.15 am; Christmas Vigil Mass 6pm

Waitaruke: Midnight Mass starting with carols 11:30pm

Dec 25: Kerikeri: 10:15am

N.B. As there is insufficient space in the newsletter to cover all the rosters for the Christmas Masses, if anyone rostered cannot attend, please will he or she arrange a substitute and note the change on the roster pinned to the Notice Board in the Church Foyer Many thanks!

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Parish Pastoral Council

Currently in hiatus for restructuring: to return in 2023.

Finance Committee

Fr Tony King-Archer, Bob McKinley,
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Sacred Heart Parish
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Finance Committee

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02-0108-0708772-000

WAITĀRUKÉ PARISH NEW BANK ACCOUNT
02-0108-0705977-000.

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:

kerikericatholic@gmail.com. For Waitaruke: **waitarukecatholic@gmail.com**