



Kerikeri and Waitāruke

Catholic Pastoral Area

Parish Newsletter 2023/47

24 December 2023

Advent to the beginning of Christmas Octave

1st READING	2nd READING	GOSPEL
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<u>2 SAMUEL</u> 7:1-5,8-11,16	<u>ROMANS</u> 16:25-27	<u>LUKE</u> 1:26-38
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From a sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux

The whole world awaits Mary's Reply

You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit.

The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life.

Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race.

Open your heart to faith, O blessed Virgin, your lips to praise, your womb to the Creator. See, the desired of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter. If he should pass by because of your delay, in sorrow you would begin to seek him afresh, the One whom your soul loves. Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving. *Behold the handmaid of the Lord, she says, be it done to me according to your word.*

Blessings, Fr Tony

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

<p>24 December 2023: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B) This Week's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-11,16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p>31 December 2023: Feast of the Holy Family Next Week's Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40</p>
<p>Welcome: Rod Laptop: Lorna Reader 1: Aleksandra Reader 2: Bob Prayers of the Faithful: TBA Collections: Rod Mins. of Eucharist: Wendy, Peter B & Eileen Sacristan: Pauline M Hospitality: Eileen & Rod Church Cleaning: Sue & Murray</p>	<p>Welcome: Olivier Laptop: Howard Reader 1: Marie W Reader 2: Enid Prayers of the Faithful: Willie Collections: Rod Mins. of Eucharist: Peter B, Pauline M & Volunteer Sacristan: Pauline M Hospitality: Nellie & Sigit Church Cleaning: Marie & Peter</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 Abadiez, Maureen Clare, Leah Goddard, Michael Garrett, Jenny Hope, Bishop Denis Browne, Teddy Jacobs, Paul Dowd, Geoff Davies. Please keep them in your prayers...</p>	

We remember those who have died recently:

Paul Dowd, 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...**

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: 24 December, Christmas Vigil; 25 December, Christmas Day; 26 December, St Stephen, First Martyr; 27 December St John, Apostle and Evangelist; 28 December, Holy Innocents.

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMETABLE: There will be no weekday Masses from the 1st – 5th of January.

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.

NZ CATHOLIC: \$4 in both churches. 17 Dec –27 January edition now available.



THIS IS THE FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2023. PUBLICATION WILL RESUME FOR THE FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME BEGINNING 28 JANUARY 2024. THE JANUARY ROSTER HAS BEEN SENT OUT AND A COPY WILL BE PLACED ON THE NOTICE BOARD.

Faith in 55 words or fewer -

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern."
– *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Collections 16 & 17 December 2023

Kerikeri: \$360.60

Waitāruke: \$76.90

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



FATHER TONY WISHES YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A HAPPY, HOLY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS, AND AN ENJOYABLE NEW YEAR.

Holy Family Parish
34 Cobham Road, Kerikeri 0230

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

Your continued financial support is much appreciated.
Donations and regular giving contributions can be paid directly into the parish account:

HOLY FAMILY KERIKERI ECCLESIASTICAL GOODS TRUST
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**