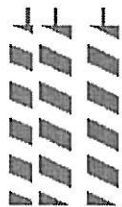


Whangamata
Waihi Beach
Waihi

Reconciliation
Wednesday after 9.00am Mass
Thursday after 9.00am Mass
Saturday after 9.00am Mass

Third Sunday of Advent

O God, you bring life and joy into the wilderness of our everyday lives. Open our hearts to your humble gentle love. We know that you are with us on our journey and that you will fill us with hope when we are downhearted. We await your Coming patiently. We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen



(Third candle is lit).

Sung response: Come Lord, come Lord Jesus

Christmas & Holiday Mass Times in our Parish

Waihi: 7.00pm Vigil 24 December.
10.00am Sundays
9.00am New Years Day.

Whangamata: Midnight Mass;
9.00am Christmas Day
9.00am Sunday 26 December
9.00am New Years Day

Thru January: 5.30pm Vigil and 9.00am Sunday

Waihi Beach: Midnight Mass:
8.00am Christmas Day
8.00am Sundays

St Joseph's Parish Roll Form Waihi, Whangamata, Waihi Beach

For new parishioners and those who have changed their address.

We attend Church at:

Waihi

Whangamata

Waihi Beach

Surname:

Names:

Address:

Phone No:

Mob/email:



I would like Planned Giving
Envelopes.

Please place this form in the collection basket at Mass



Parish Newsletter

St Joseph's

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Whangamata
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Third Sunday of Advent – 12 December, 2010

Dear parishioners of St. Joseph 's, St. Patrick's, Stella Maris and all visitors,

On Monday the Thames Coromandel District Council granted our application for a land use consent to construct an extension to our existing Church at Whangamata. What should give us special joy was the last sentence in the document: 'The proposal has been assessed against the requirements of the Development Contributions Policy and it has been determined by Council's Contributions Administrator that no development contributions are payable.'

I have now given our architect, Diana Blake, the green light to draw up working plans. They will take six weeks to complete. She will begin in mid-January and they should be completed by the end of February. The project will then be offered to tender.

We will need every cent you can give. A number of parishioners are contributing to the project by weekly/monthly direct Credit payments for a set period of time. This may be a good option to consider for those for whom a lump sum donation is precarious.

Last night the Parish Leadership Team had a superb end-of the year meal together which I enjoyed thoroughly. It was my privilege to pay the bill. Every Christmas, the Clergy Trust Fund gifts priests with a \$500 bonus to be used as he wishes. Most priests use the bonus for just such functions as this one. This Fr. Philip did last year. It is not accurate to say that the Parish paid for last year's or this year's function. Such a use of Parish monies would bring the ire of the Bishop heavily upon the Parish Priest.

On Tuesday (December 14), at 6.30pm, Prize-giving for our Parish School will be held in St. Joseph 's Church. A big effort has gone into the preparation of the Nativity Play. I know it will be delightful. All parishioners are very welcome to come.

On Wednesday (December 15), at 7.00pm, there will be the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St. Joseph 's Church. There should be 5 priests in attendance as I am expecting a good number of parishioners to attend. Please make this a priority for your evening.

Reconciliation services will also be held at St. Pius X, Katikati, on Tuesday December 21st and at St. Patrick's, Whangamata on Wednesday, December 22nd.

Next Sunday (December 19) at 6.30pm there will be a Combined Churches Carol Service and Christmas musical at the Salvation Army Church, Waihi. All are very welcome.

Thanks to all who marked my Ordination anniversary so joyously!
Please remember Audrey Dean, a former parishioner, and also Chris O'Connell's brother-in-law, David Phfahert, in your prayers. Both Audrey and David died during the week. David worked with me as a Marist Brother at Sacred Heart and later served the Church in Auckland for many years as its financial manager. May they rest in peace. Kind Wishes, Msgr. Frank.



St. Joseph's Catholic School—your parish school

For any enquiries please ring 863 8653 or call at the school office.

Principal: Shaun O'Leary .

Board of Trustees Chair: Mark Kennett

Newsletters are at the back of the church or can be viewed on the school website: stjosiwaihi.school.nz

St Patrick's Fund-raising.

Donations to St Patrick's Building Fund can be placed in envelope marked St Pat's, put in collection and it will be receipted for tax purposes.

You will notice a target barometer at the back of the church.

Scripture News: Our Scripture Journey takes us to the O.T. We are studying the book of Job to learn about suffering and conversion. Are you able to share with us? We meet each Thursday evening at 7.00pm @ Bob and Janice Witheford's house 6 Rata St. Waihi Phone 863 8406



Where: Anne Guzzo's, 3 Princes Street, Waihi
When: Every Wednesday 6.00pm—Soup & Buns
Time: 6.45pm Scripture followed by Rosary
All welcome Phone 863 8134

Prayer Groups

Christian Meditation Group meets on Tuesdays at 4.30pm
St Joseph's, Waihi. All Welcome Ph Raewyn 07 549 4005

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick and those in need of our prayers: Jim Hall, Billie Heath, Geoff Forster, Craig Hughes, Margie Douest., Bill Bain, Joan Baxter, Carmel Minards, Peter Richards, Pat Parker, Judith McBrearty, Olga Berry, Paul McCormack, and Des Spiers

Please pray for our Hamilton Diocese Seminarians: Danny Fraser-Jones, and Joseph Assen.

Prayer of the Church (Psalter Week 3) Weekdays Year 1

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri. 8.30am & 4.30pm Waihi

Saturday 9.30am (after Mass)

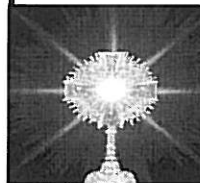
Readings for the Third Week of Advent

Monday: Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17; Matthew 21: 23-27 (St Lucy)
Tuesday: Zeph. 3: 1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21: 28-32 (St John of the Cross)
Wednesday: Isaiah 45: 6-8, 18, 21-26; Luke 7: 19-23
Thursday: Isaiah 54: 1-10; Luke 7: 24-30
Friday: Genesis 49: 2, 8-10; Matthew 1: 1-17
Saturday: Jer. 23: 5-8; Matthew 1: 18-24

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

First: Isaiah 7: 10-14
Second: Romans 1: 1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Sunday Mass: Whangamata VIGIL 5.30pm Waihi Beach: 8am Waihi 10am
Weekdays: Monday: 9.00am Waihi Tuesday 9.00am, Waihi
Wednesday 9.00am Whangamata, Thursday 9am, Waihi Beach
Friday 11.00am Waihi; Saturday 9.00am Waihi.
Parish Priest: Msgr. Frank Eggleton frfrank@xtra.co.nz
Parish Office: ccwaihi@xtra.co.nz
Youth Co-ordinator: Therese van Loon Phone 863 4059



Exposition
Whangamata: First Fridays: 6.00am-6.00pm
Wednesday: 9.30-10.00am
Waihi: Tuesday: 9.30-10.00am
Friday: 10.30-11.00am

Advent: An Advent Reflection group will meet Monday's after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Centre.

SVDP: Meeting this Monday 13 December in the Parish Lounge 7.00pm. Thanks once again for all the wonderful food donations, this is helping us with the huge demand we have at present.

Christmas Gifts for Waihi Hospital & Hetherington House.

Traditionally Catholic Women's League ladies take goodies—biscuits and sweets—to the residents at this time. There will be boxes at St Joseph's and Stella Maris today and next Sunday as parishioners may also like to make a small contribution. Thank you!

ROSA MYSTICA

The Catholic Shop, Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton will be open following Morning Masses every Sunday during Advent, in addition to the usual opening hours of 8am-4pm every Thursday and Friday. Christmas Gifts, Nativities, Columban Calendars, Daily Mass Calendars available.

Reconciliation Rite 11:

Wednesday 15th December, 7.00pm, Waihi
Wednesday 22nd December, 7.00pm Whangamata



Passionist Family Group Movement

There are seven groups in the parish, and they provide a simple and fun way for parishioners to get to know one another. Groups meet monthly for a low cost/no cost function. Family from different faith traditions are most welcome. Who can join? Anyone...everyone.

Come along and help build community in parish. It is simple...it is fun.

See notice board. For more information phone Paul & Jill Davenport 8638477 (Waihi/Waihi Beach) Colin & Kath Daly (Whangamata) 07 865 9953

Newsletter: Items to Denise by Wednesday evening please. Ph 863 5716, Fax 8635715