



Parish Newsletter

St Joseph's

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First Sunday of Advent – 28 November, 2010

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

"How can I say I love God whom I cannot see if I ignore the need of my neighbour whom I can see? "

Inspired by these words, 10 years ago- on Friday November 26th, 2000- our St. Vincent de Paul Conference had its first Meeting at St. Joseph's; committed to a hands-on outreach to the needy within our communities. Today at Mass we celebrate-with great joy- 10 years of wonderfully dedicated work by the members of our Conference; in Waihi, Waihi Beach and Whangamata. It has been a work of great love. The compassionate face of Christ has been brought to countless people in times of personal crisis. Congratulations! We look back with thanksgiving to God for so many blessings and we look to the future with hope and anticipation. We know that God will continue to bless you and your work- for it is work precious to the Lord.

This Sunday afternoon I will attend the Diocesan Mass in Rotorua in celebration of the canonization of St. Mary of the Cross. After that I will be driving to Whakatane where I will stay the night and then on to Gisborne on Monday. On Monday evening there will be Advent Reconciliations there and on Tuesday morning our Priests' Deanery Meeting. **There will be no Mass at St. Joseph's on Monday and Tuesday.** There will, however, be Communion Services.

Advent Reconciliations will be held at Waihi on Wednesday December 15 and Whangamata on December 22nd. I will be helping Fr. Darren with Reconciliations at Paeroa on Wednesday of this week (December 1st) at 7.00pm. Parishioners may opt to come to Paeroa if our dates don't suit.

There will be no Holy Hour on December 5th. Barbara's focus has been the preparation of the Combined Service with the Anglicans last Friday evening.

Christmas Masses: 7.00pm on Christmas Eve at Waihi (especially for children); Midnight at both Waihi Beach and Whangamata- with Carol singing beginning at 11.40pm; 8.00am at Waihi Beach; 9.00am at Whangamata.

Let us cover the people of the West Coast with prayer asking God to give them comfort and strength. May God grant the 29 miners eternal peace.

Kind Wishes,
Msgr. Frank.

	Whangamata 5.30pm	Waihi Beach 8.00am	Waihi 10.00am
Ministry	4th & 5th December Second Sunday of Advent (Purple)		
Servers:	Tony Schomaker	Minister of the Day	Servers: Sarah, Teagan Projector: Danielle
Readers	Terry Dowling	Margaret Dowrick, Willie Lynch	Lynn Hale, Anne Guzzo
Eucharist Ministers	Claire Avey Inge Forster	John & Therese Van Loon Denise McConnon	Diane, Mark, Linda 3 rd Dec. Lois Watkins 10 th Dec. Des Mulhern
Presenter	Chris O'Connell	Therese Van Loon	Sarah Boggiss
Greeter	Minister of the Day	Glennis Burgess	Margaret Dutton
Cleaners		Margaret Dowrick	Diane & Ron Pratt
	11th & 12th December Third Sunday of Advent (Purple)		
Servers	Claire Avey	Minister of the Day	Servers: Meico, Jeremiah Projector: Matthew, Martin
Readers	Patricia Byrne	Pam Firkin, Barry Denton	Gloria Ellmers, Glenda Rush
Eucharist Ministers	Don Waylen Chris O'Connell	Willie Lynch, Barbara Richards Sarah Giles	Colleen, Mike, Lynn Fri. 17 th : Anne Guzzo
Presenter	Brian Wilson	Barbara Richards	Talia Steiner
Greeter	Minister of the Day	Mary Graham	Emma Hughes
Cleaners		Denise McConnon	Irene Anderson, Jill James
	18th & 19th December Fourth Sunday of Advent (Purple)		
Servers	Betty Dittmer	Minister of the Day	Servers: Victoria, Luciana Projector: Jamie, Mikayla
Readers	Cynthia Gavey	Bev Mulhern, Maurice Rimmer	Phillipa & Kelly Ellard
Eucharist Ministers	Kath Daly Mick Kennedy	Betty & John Henderson Margaret Dowrick	Angela, John Anderson, Julie Fri 24th Dec. Colleen McHardy
Presenter	Pauline Hughes	John Henderson	Kathleen Hennah
Greeter	Minister of the Day	Pam Firkin	Trish Hennan
Cleaners		Josephine Cleary	Diane Spiers, Lynn Hale
	25th December Christmas Day (White)		
Servers	See Notice board	Minister of the Day	Servers: Projector:
Readers		Sue Hope, Shaun O'Leary	
Eucharist Ministers		Mary Graham, Rob Hill, Trich Metcalfe	
Presenter		Rob Hill	
Greeter	Minister of the Day	Jill & Paul Davenport	
Cleaners		Pat Savage	
	26th December Feast of the Holy Family (White)		
Servers	See noticeboard	Minister of the Day	Servers : Projector:
Readers		Win Morris, Therese Van Loon	Angela Pascoe, Margaret Holden
Eucharist Ministers		Glennis Burgess, Maureen Goodwin Ken Burgess	Anne Guzzo, John Murphy, Lois Fri Dec 31 st : Lois Watkins
Presenter		Maureen Goodwin	Lynn Hale
Greeter	Minister of the Day	Brian Mullan	Marion Harris
Cleaners			Julie Pachnatz, Angela Pascoe



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

Daily Mass calendars for sale at the back of the church. \$2.50 each.

Reconciliation Rite 11: Wednesday 15th December, 7.00pm, Waihi
Wednesday 22nd December, Whangamata

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, Leo Blake, 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 1) Weekdays Year 1
Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri. 8.30am & 4.30pm Waihi
Saturday 9.30am (after Mass)

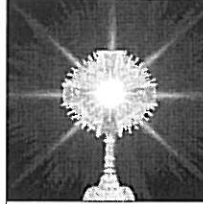
Readings for the First Week of Advent

Monday: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matthew 8: 5-11
Tuesday: Romans 10: 9-18; Matthew 4: 18-22 (St Andrew, Apostle)
Wednesday: Isaiah 25: 6-10; Matthew 15: 29-37
Thursday: Isaiah 26: 1-6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Friday: Isaiah 29: 17-24; Matthew 9: 27-31 (St Francis Xavier)
Saturday: Isaiah 30: 19-26; Matthew 9: 35-10: 1, 6-8

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

First: Isaiah 11: 1-10
Second: Romans 15: 4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

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.
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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
Waihi: Saturday Prayers: 8.00 -9.00am

Advent: An Advent Reflection group will meet Monday's after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Centre starting Monday 22nd November.

First Sunday of Advent

Our God is constantly challenging us to be watchful, awake and alert. Help us to listen anew as you stand at the door of our lives. Remind us that we have a role to play, to rouse a sleeping world which is in danger of losing its soul. Help us to live in the generous service of your kingdom.

(First candle is lit). Sung response: Come Lord, come Lord Jesus.

SVDP Today is our 10th anniversary and we wish to sincerely thank all the Parishioners who regularly gave groceries for our Food Parcels, furniture and appliances, over the last 10 years. Your generosity has helped hundreds of desperate families over the years

Sausage Sizzle Sunday 5th December after 10am Mass, Waihi.
All welcome, come and join us.

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

Columban Calendars for Sale \$7. Christmas Cards \$2 for pack of 5.

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