


	Reconciliation
Whangamata	Wednesday after 9.00am Mass
Waihi Beach	Thursday after 9.00am Mass
Waihi	Saturday after 9.00am Mass



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
*O God you are calling us to conversion and repentance. Who we are today, impacts on our future glory. Fill us with the power of your refreshing Spirit so that others will be drawn to your forgiveness and love.*

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

**Christmas & Holiday Mass Times in our Parish**


<b>Waihi:</b>	<b>7.00pm Vigil 24 December.</b> <b>10.00am Sundays</b>
<b>Whangamata:</b>	<b>Midnight Mass;</b> <b>9.00am Christmas Day</b> <b>9.00am Sunday 26 December</b>
<b>Thru January:</b>	<b>5.30pm Vigil and 9.00am Sunday</b>
<b>Waihi Beach:</b>	<b><u>Midnight Mass</u></b> <b>8.00am Christmas Day</b> <b>8.00am Sundays</b>

**St Joseph's Parish Roll Form**  
**Waihi, Whangamata, Waihi Beach**  
 For new parishioners and those who have changed their address.

**We attend Church at:**

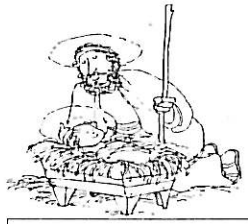
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 Whangamata .....  
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Surname: .....  
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I would like Planned Giving Envelopes. ....

Please place this form in the collection basket at Mass



# Parish Newsletter

## St Joseph's

Mueller St, Waihi  
 Port Rd,  
 Whangamata  
 Fyfe Rd, Waihi Beach  
 P O Box 7, Waihi  
 Ph 07-863 8998

**Second Sunday of Advent – 5 December, 2010**

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

Over the last three months the Fund-Raising Committee at St. Patrick's has met every week and members have courageously gone out to ask for funds from every known Catholic in Whangamata. So far the response to this work has amounted to \$20923.80. We have a fair way to go yet! However there have been many promises yet to be fulfilled. Hopefully as the project begins to take physical shape, these promises will become realities. Over the holiday period the group will be especially active in trying to solicit help from visitors to Whangamata. I hope parishioners in Waihi and Waihi Beach will also be generous. The Whangamata Catholic community is a much loved part of our Parish. They are certainly giving of their very best and deserve our unqualified support.

**Wednesday** is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. (It is also the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood.) There will be the normal 9.00am in Whangamata as well as an **11.00am Mass at St. Joseph's, Waihi.** Mass on **Friday** at Waihi will be the End of the year Mass for the School. The school has asked that this Mass be at **9.00am.**

Wednesday will be the final day of our Bible Studies programme for our Youth. The positivity and openness of our young parishioners to learning about the Bible has made leading the Course an absolute delight.

Please mark Wednesday evening, December 15<sup>th</sup> in your Calendar for your Advent Reconciliation if you live in Waihi or Waihi Beach and Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, if you live in Whangamata.

We especially welcome the St. Mary's Youth Group to our 10.00am Mass at St. Joseph's and hope they have thoroughly enjoyed their camp down at Dickey's Landing. Thanks, too, to the Passionist Family Group members who are hosting a sausage sizzle after this Mass.

Congratulations to Phillip Prosser and Katy Flynn-Coutts on your Wedding at Stella Maris, Waihi Beach, last Saturday.

Our sympathy and promise of prayers reach out to Lynn Hale on the death of her sister, Rachel, and to Frances Bicknell on the death of her sister, Betty. May Rachel and Betty be at peace rejoicing in the wondrous love of the Lord they have so faithfully served.

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: stjoseph.waihi.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 Withford'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 2) Weekdays Year 1

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

Saturday 9.30am (after Mass)

Readings for the Second Week of Advent

**Monday:** Isaiah 35: 1-10; Luke 5: 17-26

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 40: 1-11; Matthew 18: 12-14 ( St Ambrose)

**Wednesday:** Gen.3:9-15,20; Ephes.1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1: 26-38 (Immaculate Conception)

**Thursday:** Isaiah 41: 13-20; Matthew 11: 11-15

**Friday:** Isaiah 48: 17-19; Matthew 11: 16-19

**Saturday:** Ecus 48: 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17: 10-13

### Readings for Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

**First:** Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

**Second:** James 5: 7-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 11: 2-11

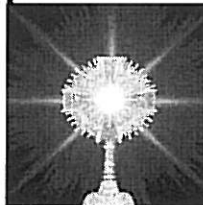
**Sunday Mass:** Whangamata **VIGIL 5.30pm** Waihi Beach: **8am** Waihi **10am**

**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  
**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.

**PFG** invites the whole Parish to a sausage sizzle this Sunday 5th December after the 10am Mass at Waihi.

**SVPD** Thanks to everyone again for your support. The demand for food parcels has increased considerably over the last month and has been depleting our supplies. With Christmas coming up we know this will increase even further, we ask again for your generosity to help us over this difficult time.

## SPRING CLEANING - ST JOSEPH'S 9.30am Saturday December 11. ALL HANDS ON DECK PLEASE

### Reconciliation Rite 11:

Wednesday 15th December, 7.00pm, Waihi

Wednesday 22nd December, 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