

Roster for Sunday 17th December

Door Welcome: Estelle Brand
Main Welcomer: Paul Brogan
Writer of Welcome & PoF: David Black
Reader 1: Billie Knight
Cantor: Richard Stoks
Reader 2: Alexis Collins
Minister of Holy Communion: Siale Tonga Veamatahau

Readings for Sunday 17th December

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11
Psalm: Luke 1:46-50,53-54
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

Saints of the Week

December 10th: *Our Lady of Loreto*
December 12th: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Pray the Mass on Sundays:

Shine TV 2pm Free-to-air channel 25 or Sky 201

Find out what has been happening around the diocese:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/>



We are on Facebook!

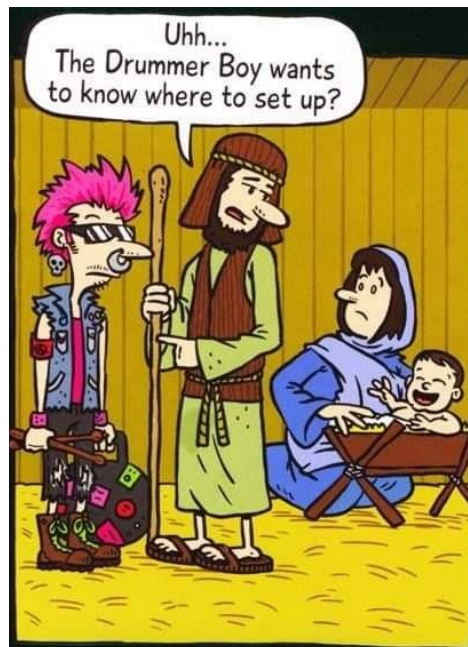
Scan the QR code to visit our Facebook page. Here you can see parish news, photos, upcoming events, & share & contribute to our growing online community.

CWL Raffle Winners at Parish Dinner

 Kevin Tansey
Monica McClay
Nive Richardson
Vanessa Fork

Latest edition of NZ Catholic for sale in church foyer \$4/copy

Please contact Emma Sellwood for anything you would like included in the newsletter ejp5144@gmail.com
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Sunday Mass Times: 9am

Weekdays: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9am
Exposition & Benediction following Thursday 9am Mass
Confessions: before Benediction on Thursday and following Saturday 9am Mass

Rosary is recited at 8.30am before Mass

Church of the Holy Rosary Matakawau 12 noon on the last Sunday of each month.

Sunday
10th December
2023

2nd Sunday
Of Advent



Scripture Readings

1st Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 84(85):9-14*

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2nd Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-14*

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

Gospel: *Mark 1:1-8*

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

Christmas Mass times

Tuakau Vigil Mass— Sunday December 24th, 7pm

Waiuku Vigil Mass—Sunday 24th December, 10pm

Waiuku Christmas Day—9am

Matakawau Christmas Day—12pm

Waiuku New Year Mass—Monday, 1st January 24, 9am

Notices from the Diocese

Please keep in your prayers all our parishioners who are unwell and please let Father Mathew know of any who may need assistance.

Pastoral Visit:

Fr. Mathew is happy to visit you and spend time with you over a cuppa. If you or you know someone who would appreciate a pastoral visit, contact him on 021 2090210 (text) or (09) 235 9633

Prepare the Way of the Lord: Advent is a special time to reflect, to ponder the Word, and to 'Be still' & silent in the presence of God. Please join a community on Zoom this Advent from the holiness of your home- Saturday evenings to ponder the Advent Sunday Gospels; Wednesday mornings in silent Meditation; Wednesday evenings to reflect on Pope Francis' message for us that *'it is confidence that must lead to love'*. We ask Mary, our Mother, to open our hearts to the presence of her Son this Advent. God bless.

Register with diannaf@cda.org.nz

Christmas 2023

2024 Columban Calendars available in the Foyer. Still \$12. Put cash in the container, or credit the parish bank account with "calendar" in the reference field.

Advent Booklets: If you would like to order a booklet for Advent this year please see or call Carol on 021 562 201. Thank you.

The Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal: donations doubled! Give an impactful gift this Christmas! Every donation will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$50,000. We partner with over 60 local agencies to provide help for families & people in poverty and hardship. To find out how to donate, visit our website: www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Food Bank Christmas Donations: The Food Bank kindly request donations of Christmas puddings & other delicious Christmas treats that recipients may otherwise not be able to enjoy. Biscuits, mince pies, shortbread etc. Thank you. The Food Bank is run solely on the generous donations from our community.

Rite II Advent Reconciliation on Friday 15 December, 7pm. A wonderful opportunity to prepare spiritually for Christmas & to encounter Jesus Christ, the merciful face of God. Invite family & friends.

Invitation to Christmas House today after Mass!


Monnie McClay invites all children in parish to her home at 48 King St to look at her Christmas decorations & Christmas train. There will be Christmas cookies to decorate & lucky dips!



Waiuku Notices



Minor Chords Kids' Music Group at St Anthony's
We are having lessons today straight after Mass :) 

Parishioners will be sad to hear of the death of Clare McEvoy, whose funeral was held in this Church on Thursday. Clare & her late husband Paul & their family were members of this Parish for many years & she was Treasurer of the CWL for a long time. She has not been attending Mass for some time due to ill health. May she rest in peace. 

Working Bee Last Week

Thank You to all those who worked last Saturday around the church & gardens to spruce up St Anthony's before the Christmas Season. We would like to acknowledge Peter Miller who not only provided the larger trailer to remove all the plant material, but continues to mow the parish paddock across the road.

MUSIC FOR ADVENT

With the new liturgical season starting, we will have a change of mass setting to Douglas Mews' Mass of St Theresa. The following National Liturgy Office webpage has helpful audio file links on it: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/resources/new-mews-mass/> We will sing Save us, saviour of the world for the Memorial acclamation, & use the Great Amen tune for the Gospel acclamation. For Christmastide, we are changing to Maria Guzzo's Mass of Mary, Queen of Peace mass setting. Thank you.

Join us in celebrating Mass today at CHT Home & Hospital (14 Waimanawa Lane, Waiuku) for the elderly residents on Sunday December 10th @ 1.15pm

Wanted: Empty egg cartons for loose eggs. Half & dozen sizes please.

Computer Input Person/People Required

Someone or several persons are needed to take responsibility for preparing service plans & any associated material for the church computer. Megan is no longer able to undertake this task due to poor eye health. If you can help, please contact Megan or a member of the liturgy committee after mass, or phone 021 0904 1311. Thank you.

Wanted: Clean plastic bags for the Food Bank please. They use these to package donated fruit & veges into separate parcels. Bread bag size or similar is ideal.

Bible Diary 2024: A great Christmas gift for someone you love. It contains daily prayers, daily Mass reading, short reflections, saints of the day, short quotes- indeed, handy & useful for all age groups. Copies available in the foyer & the cost per copy is NZ\$20.