

## Roster for Sunday 24th December

Door Welcome: Donna Croucher  
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Cantor: Kevin Tansey  
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Minister of Holy Communion: Trish Chitty

## Readings for Sunday 24th December

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16  
Psalm: Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29  
2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

## Saints of the Week

December 17th: St Peter of Spain  
December 18th: St Malachi the Prophet

## 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/](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.

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

## Searching for unique Christmas gifts?

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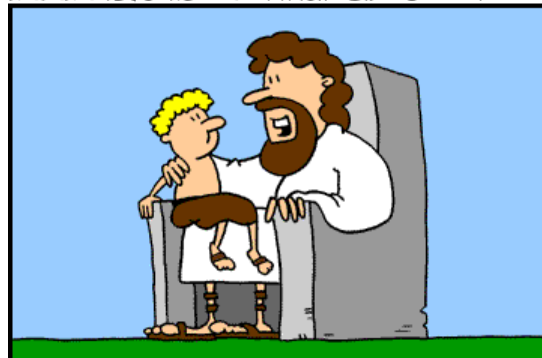
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**Please** contact Emma Sellwood for anything you would like included in the newsletter [ejp5144@gmail.com](mailto:ejp5144@gmail.com).

Or text 021 246 0082.

Our last newsletter of the year will be next week, Sunday 24th December 2023.

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HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?

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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*  
*17th December*  
*2023*

*3rd Sunday*  
*Of Advent*



## Scripture Readings

*1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11*

*He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord*

*Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-50,53-54*

*My soul rejoices in my God*

*2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

*May you all be kept safe*

*for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ*

*Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28*

*'There stands among you the one coming after me'*

## 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](mailto:diannaf@cda.org.nz)

**What about the Synod?** The Synod on Synodality was not just a meeting in Rome in October. This week the Synod Secretariat issues guidelines Towards October 2024 for how local Churches continue the journey together exploring the question "HOW can we be a synodal Church in mission?". Regional opportunities for holding conversations around this theme will be held post Easter. Visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

## 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](http://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.



## Waiuku Notices

### 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.

### Wanted

Empty egg cartons for loose eggs. Half dozen & 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 for the Food Bank:

Clean plastic bags 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.

### Minor Chords Kids' Music at St Anthony's

We will resume music group after mass on Sunday 21st January 2024. Thank you for working hard to make music happen at St Anthony's & keep up the practise over the holidays!

### Children's Liturgy

After Mass on February 11th a meeting is planned to discuss having Children's Liturgy during Mass. A request for parents of young children to attend or anyone willing to assist.

### Catechism classes

Father Mathew will commence classes for Primary children on Wednesday 5pm in the church in February.