

## Roster for Sunday 28th December

*The Holy Family*

Door Welcome: [Chona de Vega](#)

Main Welcomer/POF Reader: [Mark Nickless](#)

Writer of Welcome/POF: [Maria Burch](#)

Reader 1: [Kevin Tansey](#)

Cantor: [Alexis Collins](#)

Reader 2: [Paul Brogan](#)

Minister of Holy Communion: [Richard Stoks](#)

And two others

## Readings for Sunday 28th December

1st Reading: [Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14](#) ·

Psalms: [Psalm 127\(128\):1-5](#)

2nd Reading: [Colossians 3:12-21](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 2:13-15,19-23](#)

## Saints/Feasts of the week:

Mon 22nd: [Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)

Wed 24th: [Vigil of the Nativity of Christ](#)

Thu 25th: [Nativity of the Lord](#)

Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.

For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

Matthew 1:20



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**NEW**

## Counties Catholic Men (CCM)

Calling all Catholic Men in the Counties area!

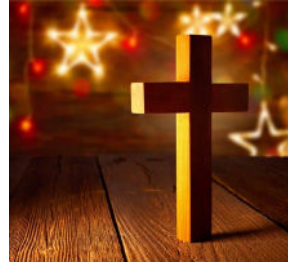
The Counties Catholic Men's Fellowship Group will be offering a refreshed program in 2026, with monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

We warmly welcome Catholic men of any background, history, or age to jump on board and be part of our journey. Come, share and explore your Catholic faith in a friendly, non-threatening environment, and make new friends in the process.

Every second month, we will explore by way of open, facilitated discussion with a Catholic and scriptural lens, a faith-based topic or issue that members of the Group will nominate. On alternate months, we will have events such as a topical guest speaker, participation in a local charity initiative, or a purely social event.

To grow your faith in this way, expand your local networks of like-minded people (and maybe meet some new mates in the process), please confirm or indicate your interest by emailing [countiescatholicmen@gmail.com](mailto:countiescatholicmen@gmail.com) with your name and mobile number (we'll set up a WhatsApp chat group), or call/txt any of Richard (029 5335370), Steve (027 2802273) or Daniel (021 737614).

# St. Anthony's Catholic Church Waiuku



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*Sunday 21st  
December 2025*

*4th Sunday  
of Advent*



**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

## Scripture Readings

*1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14 ·  
The maiden is with child*

*Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23(24):1-6  
Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.*

*2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7 ·  
Our apostolic mission is to preach the obedience of faith  
to all pagan nations*

*Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24  
How Jesus Christ came to be born*



## MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Eve**

Waiuku 7pm (carols from 6:30pm), Tuakau 9pm

**Christmas Day**

Waiuku 9am



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# Notices from Auckland Diocese

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

## CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Give a gift to help families and people in need. Please support the Caring Foundation's Christmas appeal through your donations and prayers. Your donation will have double the impact! "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." Take home our newsletter, and donation card, or visit [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) or call (09) 360 3012.

## CATHOLIC KIWI PODCAST

Six episodes of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference's new podcast series have now been released, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. Guests in the opening episodes include Carmelite Sister Lauren of the Cross, broadcaster and policy expert Tim Wilson and Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM. More episodes will be released before Christmas to complete season 1, with season 2 set for 2026. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

## FOOD FOR FAITH FOR ADVENT 2025

Daily reflections for those seeking greater maturity of Christian Faith in preparation for Christmas. Sign up to receive daily emails during Advent at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz).

## SCRIPTURE FOCUS THIS ADVENT

You are invited to prepare for Sunday Mass by reading and reflecting on the Scripture we will hear that weekend. Marist priest Fr Frank Bird has for several years been helping people make those preparations through his Living the Word project.

As the name suggests, Living the Word is an invitation for Catholics and others to allow the Word of God to shape their lives. You can download the resources, and access other rich content, at [www.livingtheword.org.nz/pray](http://www.livingtheword.org.nz/pray)

## CLOSING MASS OF THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Bishop Steve invites everyone to celebrate the Closing Mass of the Year of Jubilee. 4 January 2026 at the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph. All welcome.

## 2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS AVAILABLE AT ST ANTHONY'S WAIUKU

Now available in the foyer. \$15 each. Put cash in the container or pay by internet banking with "Calendar" in one of the reference fields.

## 2026 BIBLE DIARIES

These are now available on the table in the foyer. \$25 each. Put cash in the box or pay by internet banking to the parish account with "diary" in a reference field.

# Local and Waiuku Notices



## SINGING PRACTISE

Every second Saturday after Mass. This lasts about 40 minutes, we practise music for the following week, and all are welcome!

## THANK YOU TO THE MINOR CHORDS KIDS

Well done and thank you to the beautiful Minor Chords for your contribution to our liturgy at St Anthony's during the course of the year. You guys are awesome!



## THE ST. ANTHONY'S PRAYER CHAIN

If anyone would like to be added to the chain or would like to be prayed for, please contact Josephine Henderson at [jmh@teachlit.com](mailto:jmh@teachlit.com).



## TODAY! CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

On Sunday 21st December we will be having a Christmas morning tea. All are invited, and please bring a plate if you can.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWN TODAY!

The CWL are still selling tickets for the Christmas raffle. The raffle will be drawn after the 9am mass on Sunday 21st December.

## CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL

As we prepare for the Christmas season, our Foodbank is once again putting together festive food parcels for families in need. Last year, St Anthony's parishioners excelled themselves with an **incredible donation** of 40 Christmas puddings!

Your generosity made a real difference, and we are truly grateful.

This year, we would be delighted to receive any festive treats to help create cheerful and comforting Christmas parcels. Suggested items include: Mince tarts, Soft drinks, Sweets and chocolates, Other Christmas goodies.

Every contribution, big or small, helps bring joy to a family this Christmas.

Thank you for your continued kindness and support.

## MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

You gave \$547.00 towards the World Mission Sunday appeal. Congratulations and thank you for your generosity.

## CHRISTMAS DUES

The next special collection is on Christmas Day and is called 'Christmas Dues'.

All the money raised goes to the Clergy Trust, which provides for the priests of the diocese, especially those who are retired, in care, or do not have a parish to support them.

Those who wish to contribute by internet banking can use the parish bank account.

Please put "Christmas" in one of the reference fields so we can separate these from regular contributions. Please also ensure your name or pledge number is evident so we can include your donation in your annual receipt for tax purposes.

Thank you for supporting our priests and church.