

Mass of the Nativity of the Lord



Yea Lord we greet Thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesu to Thee be glory giv'n.
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing.
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Psalm Response:

(Vigil) Forever will I sing the goodness of the Lord.

(Midnight) Today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.

(Morning) All the ends of the earth have seen the
saving power of God.

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

(Vigil) Tomorrow there will be an end to the sin of
the world and the saviour of the world will be our
king.

(Midnight) I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

(Morning) A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a
great light has shone down upon the earth.

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Offertory Hymn

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er our plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echo still their joyous strains:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your rapturous strain prolong?
Say what my your tidings be,
which inspire your heav'nly song:
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See within a manger laid,
Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth,
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
Celebrate our Saviour's birth.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

1 Entrance Hymn

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
born the King of angels,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb.
Very God Begotten not created,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing all ye citizens of heav'n above:
Glory to God in the highest.
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

3 Communion Hymn

Silent night, Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God loves pure light.
Radiance streams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

4 Latin text

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentem in praesepe!
O Beata Virgo, cuius viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!

English translation

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

5 Recessional Hymn

Joy to the world,
the Lord has come,
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing!
and heav'n and nature sing!
and heav'n,
and heav'n and nature sing!

Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns,
let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods
rocks hills and plains

repeat the sounding joy!
repeat the sounding joy!
repeat repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories
of His righteousness and wonders of His love!
and wonders of His love!
and wonders, wonders of His love!

Incarnate God, Emmanuel!
in flesh is manifest,
He comes to die that we might live
forever in His rest!
forever in His rest!
For e'er and ever in His rest!

Christmas Carols



6 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That doth in exile homeless mourn
Until her Saviour Christ be born.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Is born to save thee Israel.

O come thou day star seen on high
with healing for our hearts draw nigh:
Do thou the mists of night dispel
and death's foreboding darkness quell.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Is born to save thee Israel.

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.
A world that needs thee ransoming.
And save thy Servants who confess
with humbled hearts their faithlessness.
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
Is born to save thee Israel.

7 Gabriel's Message

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
"All hail" said he thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady.
Gloria.....

For known a blessed mother thou shalt be:
all generations laud and honour thee:
thy Son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold,
Most highly favoured lady.
Gloria.....

Men:

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.

Women:

To me be as it pleaseth God

Men:

She said

Women:

My soul shall praise and magnify his holy name!

All: Most highly favoured lady.

Gloria...

Of her Emmanuel the Christ was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world
will ever sing:

Most highly favoured lady.

Gloria...

8 Away in a manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head,
the stars in the bright sky looked down
where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay close by me forever
and love me I pray,
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

9 Gaudeat Ecclesia (Christmas Season)

Let the church rejoicing sound,
the hundredth has at last been found,
Once had been a staying sheep,
Drachma found in searching sweep.

*Alleluia, we sing,
for our Husband and our King,
Royal Church rejoicing!
Eya et eya,
Regia egregia,
Gaudeat ecclesia.*

Now has dawned the Righteous Sun,
the King of hosts, the Saviour's come,
Heralding all gladness, Banishing all sadness.

Once in exile, now we see
the King of all humility,
The Rose has borne the Lily,
God the Son from Mary.

Today! Today!
is born the King of glory everlasting,
Born of Mary is this day
He who will Goliath slay.

God from Mary's womb is born,
while hell is left in trembling scorn.
Prisoners no more to own,
Satan's angels left to groan.

10 Once in royal David's city

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all.
And His shelter was a stable
and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
through His own redeeming love.
For that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above.
And He leads His children on
to the place where He has gone.

11 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem,
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King!

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time, behold Him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see,
Hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King!

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace,
Hail the Sun of Righteousness,
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more to die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth,

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the new born King!

12 **While shepherds watched their flocks by night**

While shepherds watched
their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

Fear not said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind
Glad tidings of great joy
I bring to you and all man-kind.

To you in David's town
this day is born of David's line
a Saviour who is Christ the Lord
and this shall be the sign:

The heav'nly babe you there
shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands
and in a manger laid.

Thus spake the Seraph and
forthwith appeared a shining
throng of angels praising
God who thus addressed their joyful song:

All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace,
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men
begin and never cease.

13 **Sleep now, Gentle Jesus**

Sleep now, gentle Jesus,
baby most blest,
One night Your foes with dreadful blows
will rob You of Your rest.

Sleep now, gentle Jesus,
while shepherds sing,
You'll be one day for sheep astray
the Lamb of offering.

Sleep now, gentle Jesus,
wise kings bow down,
One night You'll stand with reed in hand
and thorns Your only crown.

Drink now, gentle Jesus,
hush, and don't cry,
One day, not far, harsh vinegar will greet
Your dying sigh.

Sleep now, gentle Jesus,
laid in the hay.
Your mother same will lay Your frame
into a tomb one day.

Let my heart be, Jesus,
Your manger still.
I pray that I might also die to self,
to do Your will.

14 **Coventry Carol (Lully Lulla)**

*Lully lulla, thou little tiny child,
by by lully lullay.*

O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve
this day this poor youngling for whom we do
sing? by by lully lullay.

Herod the king in his raging, charged he hath
this day, his men of might in his own sight all
young children to slay.

So now we mourn for babes unborn, never to
see the day; the once safe womb becomes their
tomb, by by lully lullay.

No little shroud, no tears allowed, one must not
mourn or pray; the child's passing neither say
nor sing. by by lully lullay.

Women remain to bear the pain, all grief is
stored away, now no one hears. their secret
tears,
by by lully lullay.

Bring then this loss before the cross,
Christ is the Life, the Way, the Lamb once
slain. takes ev'ry pain, redeeming all who stray.

15 **O Sanctissima**

O most holy one, O most lowly one,
Loving Virgin, Maria!
Mother, Maid of fairest love,
Lady, Queen of all above, Ora, pro nobis!

O sanctissima, O pissima,
Dulcis Virgo Maria! Mater amata, intemerata.
Ora, pro nobis!

Virgin ever fair. Mother, hear our prayer,
Look upon us, Maria! Bring to us your treasure,
grace beyond all measure;
Ora, pro nobis

Virgo, respice; Mater, adspice.
Audi nos, O Maria!
Tu medicinam portas divinam.
Ora pro nobis!

Christmas Day Vigil Mass

First reading – Isaiah 62:1 – 5;

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Second reading - Acts 13:16-17,22-25;

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak: 'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out. 'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal.'"

Gospel - Matthew 1:1-25

A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah, Tamar being their mother, Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon was the father of Boaz, Rahab being his mother, Boaz was the father of Obed, Ruth being his mother, Obed was the father of Jesse; and Jesse was the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam

the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Azariah, Azariah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah; and Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers. Then the deportation to Babylon took place.

After the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob; and Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ. The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from Abraham to David; fourteen from David to the Babylonian deportation; and fourteen from the Babylonian deportation to Christ. This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

Christmas Day – Midnight Mass

First reading - Isaiah 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

Second reading - Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

Gospel - Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a

manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

Christmas Day – Day Mass

First reading - Isaiah 52:7-10

Rejoice, for the Lord is consoling his people
How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Second reading - Hebrews 1:1-6

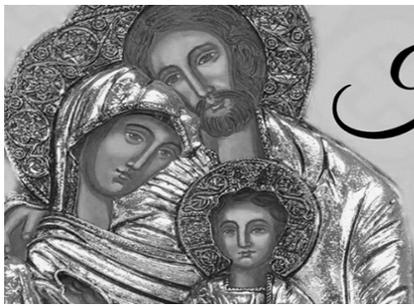
God has spoken to us through his Son
At various times in the past and in various different
ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the
prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has
spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has
appointed to inherit everything and through whom
he made everything there is. He is the radiant light
of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature,
sustaining the universe by his powerful command;
and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin,
he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right
hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above
the angels as the title which he has inherited is
higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son,
today I have become your father*; or: *I will be a
father to him and he a son to me*. Again, when he
brings the First-Born into the world, he says: *Let all
the angels of God worship him*.

Gospel - John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us
In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.
A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.
The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.
John appears as his witness. He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me ranks before me
because he existed before me.'
Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us,
received – yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who
is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him
known.



Holy Family Parish

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday 26th December 2021

FIRST READING : 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 83(84):2-3,5-6,9-10

R: How happy they who dwell in your house O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts, my soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy, to God, the living God. *R:*

They are happy who dwell in your house, forever signing your praise, They are happy whose strength is in you. They walk with every growing strength. *R:*

O Lord God of hosts, hear our prayer, give ear O God of Jacob, Turn your eyes O God our shield, look on the face of your anointed. *R:*

SECOND READING : 1 John 3:1-2,21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL : Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.



Dear Parishioners

SOME IMPORTANT UPDATES - 24/12/2021

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Please note that we are currently in the Traffic Light system at Light RED.

MASSES AT HOLY FAMILY - (Updated 24/12 11:57AM)

All Masses – weekdays and Sundays – are operating with a limit of 25 people according to the limits set by the Government in light RED. This allows us to welcome vaccinated and unvaccinated people at every Mass. Please email the parish office hfp@xtra.co.nz for an allocated seat at one of our Masses. Please indicate to the Office which Mass set you can attend:

A or B or BOTH.

These are the times:

SET A: Monday - Friday @ 9am.

SET B: Tuesday and Thursday @ 7pm; Saturday @ 9am;

Sunday @ 9am (Latin), 10:30am, and 5pm.

Light ORANGE begins on Dec 30, so 50 will be allowed at Mass throughout January.

*** Please note: From Sunday 2nd January 2022 our Mass-times will be**

Monday - Friday @ 9:00am.

Tuesday and Thursday @ 7:00pm;

Saturday @ 9:00am;

Sunday @ 8:00am (Latin) (30), 9:30am (34) and 11:00am (49); - you will still need to email the parish office to be allocated a seat for the Sunday Masses.

COMMUNION FOR THOSE NOT AT MASS

Holy Communion will still be given at the side-door after each Mass (*except the Latin Mass*). On weekdays, come to the side door 30mins after the start of Mass and wait until it is opened. On Sundays, come to the side door 60mins after the start of Mass and wait until it is opened. Please make sure you prepare spiritually beforehand by: Reading the Readings, or Praying the Rosary, or following the live-stream.

NEW YEARS MASS TIMES - (Updated 24/12/2021 - 11:55AM)

FRIDAY – VIGIL OF MOTHER OF GOD - NEW YEARS EVE

31st December

Vigil Mass: 7pm (5 seats available)

SATURDAY – MOTHER OF GOD - NEW YEARS DAY

1st January 2022

Masses: 9:00am (19 seats available)

11:00am (36 seats available)

Please note: You will need to be allocated a seat for the New Years Masses so please contact the parish office at hfp@xtra.co.nz. If you are not attending a New Years Mass - Communion will be available during all New Years Masses to receive communion please come to the side door 60mins after the start of Mass and wait until the door is opened..

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Updated 21/12)

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, there will be adoration before Mass from 8am until 8:45am for those attending Mass on those days. Access to the Church for Adoration and Mass will be through the side door, from 8am on Mon-Thurs.

CONFESSION TIME

Confessions are being heard through the back wall of the Church as per during the lockdown.

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING BEFORE THE LATIN MASS AT 8am.

Ordinarily, the new Confessions times are:

8am-8:45am Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

6:00-6:45pm Tuesday & Thursday.

4pm-5pm, Saturday.

CRYING ROOM

The Crying Room is reserved for the vaccinated who feel vulnerable. Please respect this allowance. Communion will be taken there first.

ALL OTHERS

If you are sitting in the main body of the Church, please wear a mask, use 1m spacing, hand sanitise on the way in and out, and use the contact-tracing app. These things might seem like inconveniences, but they are needed and offer a sense security to others.

REMINDER

If you are unwell for any reason or have symptoms which could be Delta in any way, shape, or form, then please stay home, do not come to Mass, and have a Covid test. In charity, thinks of others.

CHURCH OPENING

The Church will be opened 15mins after Mass each day. If making a visit during the day, make sure you contact trace using the QR code, or write your details on the cards provided in the Foyer and put them in the special box.

HOPE

On Dec 30, we change to light AMBER which means that we can have 50 people at Masses. This also means that Weekday Masses will no longer need to be booked, but Sunday Masses still will need to be.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Blessed New Year.

NEXT SUNDAY:
2nd January 2022
Feast of the Epiphany
Isaiah 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Matt 2:1-12;

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

26 Dec: Derek Nicholson
31 Dec: Teresa Gilmer
1 Jan: Kathleen McCormick, Vitolena Iese
2 Jan: Mare Radaly

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,233.00
Priests	<u>\$1,116.50</u>
Total AP's	\$3,349.50

HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

Columban and Divine Mercy Calendars for sale: If you would like to purchase a Divine Mercy Calendar or Divine Mercy Diary or a Columban. Please contact Dianne on 0274886787

Mass Calendars: If you would like a Mass Calendar, please email the Parish Office at hfparish@xtra.co.nz

DIOCESAN NOTICES

A Reminder from Bishop Pat A reminder that I formally give you dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. (cc 87 #1, 1247)
Mass is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

The Ruakaka Holy Family Community is celebrating the **30th anniversary** of the dedication of their new church in Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka, on Sunday 13th February 2022. Mass at 10.30am followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch with a sausage sizzle provided and entertainment for young and old. Ex parishioners' families and friends of the parish warmly welcomed. Please contact either Ray Timmins 02102788867 or Monica Johnson 021382401.

"Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua Holy Mary Mother of God" began a nationwide hikoi wairua (pilgrimage). The art piece will journey through our diocese from 19 December 2021 to 15 February 2022. The itinerary of the hikoi wairua is on the diocesan website www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/. If you are wanting to view the artwork, please check with the host parish for church opening times and any applicable health and safety guidelines. For information about the art piece visit www.tearaamaria.nz

Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Merry Christmas