

Reminder Flowers required please by 'flower arranging ladies'. White and Red flowers required up until Mon morning 23rd. **Please place in water in flower room**



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Chris Goodwin, Michelle Richardson and Rose Brown would like to thank all the parishioners that have helped out this year with the ministry roles in the Mass. We wish you all a very Holy Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you 2020.

CHRISTMAS CRIB Helpers Needed

If anyone would like to help setting up the Christmas Crib at the Altar....

Please call Shelley-Anne Avisenis 021 133 7035

This will probably be done on 23rd December .

Your help would be Appreciated..... it is a special experience to involve children, and families are welcomed to come and help. Thank you



Message to All from Erin Jones .. Unveiling for Erica Jones and Linda Pearless Saturday 28th December 10.00 am Te Maheni Urupa Tuaraki Road Manutuke



MEMBERS OF Saint Vincent de Paul Society with to thank parishioners who have supported them throughout the year.

The HAVEN is closed and re-opens the first Wednesday in February



21st and 22nd December 2019 (4th Sunday of Advent)

Sat	21 Dec	6.00 pm		Lois Lovelock
Sun	22 Dec	9.00 am		People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Matawai	
Mon	23 Dec	7.30 am		Terry Allan Anniversary
Tues	24 Dec	9.00 am		
		6.00 pm		
		12.00 midnight		
Wed	25 Dec	9.00 am	Christmas Day	
		10.30 am	Tolaga Bay	
Thurs	26 Dec	9.00am		Special intention Colleen Story
Fri	27 Dec	11.30am	Confession	
		12.10pm		Beth Mead
Sat	28 Dec	9.00 am		Special Intention
			Confession	
		6.00pm		Frank Thomas
Sun	29 Dec	9.00 am		People of the Parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 7: 10 - 14

PSALM:

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Let the Lord enter, he is the King of glory

SECOND READING:

Romans 1: 1 - 7

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

Hurry the Lord is near

GOSPEL :

Matthew 1: 18 - 24



We pray for our Bishop Steve Lowe. May he be blessed in his ministry with our Diocese of Hamilton.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS -

First Reading : Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6. 12-14

Psalm: 128:

Second Reading : Colossians3: 12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15. 19-23

Last Sunday's collection total est.: \$2,592.10

Monsignor Frank's Message

Dear parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea and all parishioners,
Christmas Blessings upon all of you from Fr. Jack, Deacon Michael and myself. Our prayers will be with you as you gather at Mass- with family and friends- to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

For our Christmas Mass at 6.00pm on Tuesday, children are invited to come along dressed as angels, shepherds or wise men/women! Come a little early for whatever Mass you have chosen as there will be Carols to help set the scene!

The Dawn Mass on the Beach will begin at 5.30am on New Year's Day at a site along Centennial Marine Drive, a couple of kms beyond Pacific Street. There will be a trailer parked on Centennial Marine with a yellow flag indicating the path to the beach where the Mass will be held. Bring a folding chair if you have one and a rug if you feel the cold. After Mass, breakfast will be served. We hope to see many of you there for perhaps the first Mass in the World for the new decade!

Our hearts go out to Fr. Jack on the death of his sister, Mary Ratana. Mary was laid to rest at Wairoa on Saturday.

Our deepest sympathy, too, to Johanna Broeke and family on the death of their beloved Theo. Over the years Theo was hugely involved in Parish life as a Welcomer at Sunday Masses and, along with Johanna, was a leader in the Catholic Family Movement and a tutor in our Marriage Preparation Programmes. Theo was an expert craftsman and did lots of renovations in the Presbytery and Church over the years free of charge. May this good man rest in peace.

Congratulations to Jonathan McDonald and Jessie Langford on the Baptism of their daughter, Lake, on Saturday.

And a huge thank-you to Frances Baumann, who on Sunday will be stepping down from active involvement in the Legion of Mary, after 55 years of very dedicated service.

Our Parish farewell for Fr. Jack will be on Sunday 20th January. On the following Sunday, 27th January, we will welcome Fr. Tovio.

And as this will be our last Newsletter for the year, please allow me to express the heartfelt thanks of all the Parish to our devoted Parish Secretary, Audrey Beuth. Audrey's Office is a busy place- but never too busy to offer friendship and support to all who call in. Our next Parish Newsletter will be on January 19th.
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Thank-you to all within the Parish who have given of their time and love to serve the Lord in so many varied ways during the past year. Our Parish is in very good heart because of your goodness.

Happy Holidays to all getting away. Come back safely!

Kind Wishes, Mons Frank



A message from Audrey Parish Administrator/ Secretary.

Special thanks to all who have helped make the workload in this parish so much easier over the year and wishing you all a joyous, peaceful and safe Christmas Season and a Very Happy New Year.
The office will re-open Monday 13th January.
Safe travels if you are heading away

Notice to those who will be spending Christmas Day alone
You are invited to join Rose Brown and I for a Pot Luck (shared) Luncheon
Where: Parish Centre
Time: 1300hrs (1pm) Interested??
Please contact Sr Meg 867 7589 or meghillsrsj@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS TIMETABLE:

Tuesday 24 December: Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church
9.00 am Mass
6.00pm Family Vigil Mass preceded by Carols at 5.30 pm
12.00pm Midnight Mass preceded by Carols at 11.30pm

Wednesday Christmas Day 25 December:
Mass at 9.00 am St Mary Star of the Sea
Mass at 10.30 am Tolaga Bay

Wednesday 1 January 2020:
5.30 am Sunrise Mass on the beach (along Midway Beach)
Mass at 9.00 am St Mary Star of the Sea

All other Mass times stay the same during the week