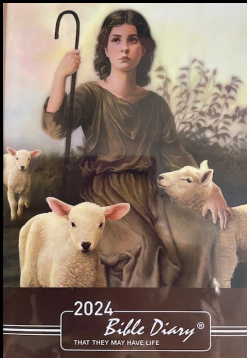




Pray for me, and the Diocese of Hamilton, that God's will be done
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Father Tovio and Father Richard would like

to wish you all a Prosperous and Holy New year.

PH.D. ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

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SUNDAY 30TH & 31ST DECEMBER 2023

SATURDAY 30TH DEC 6pm Vigil Mass PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SUNDAY 31ST DEC 9.00 AM 8.30AM ROSARY PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
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TUESDAY 2ND JAN No Mass

WEDNESDAY 3RD JAN 9am MASS 8.30am Rosary

THURSDAY 4TH JAN 8.30 am Rosary 9.00 AM CONFESSION SPECIAL INTENTIONS

FRIDAY 5TH JAN 11.00am Adoration 11.30am Rosary Life 12.10pm Mass 11.30 Confession

SATURDAY 6TH JAN 9.00 am MASS 8.30 am Rosary 9.30 AM CONFESSION SPECIAL INTENTIONS

SUNDAY 7TH JAN 9.00 AM MASS 8.30 AM ROSARY 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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MASS & Rosary TIMES

.Tuesday 9.00 am. Wednesday 9.00 am. Thursday 9.00 am Saturday 9.00 am Sunday 9.00 am

Friday 12.10 pm - preceded **ADORATION 11.00AM Rosary for Life 11.30** the Angelus.12.00n

ROSARY 8.30am TUES, WED, THURS, SAT , SUN—FRI 11.30

Saturday Vigil Mass 6..00PM **SUNDAY 9.00AM** Mass at Tolaga Bay 2nd Sunday 11.00 am.

Tokomaru Bay 3rd Sunday 11.30 am **MATAWAI** 4th Sunday

- 1. Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14
- 2. Colossians 3:2-6,12-14

Gospel LUKE 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



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 Month of the Immaculate Conception

The month of December is traditionally dedicated to the **Immaculate Conception**. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first moment of her conception, by a singular privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and hers, was preserved from all stain of original sin.

"No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring him hidden in the weakness of a newborn child."

Part two of our 'Domestic' Church feature is up online

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.PRIEST AWAY....
 Father Tovio will be away from 27th Dec.—25-26th January
 Father Jack will be here for two weeks mid January to cover.

Lastest Medjugorje Message December 25th 2023



"Dear children! I am carrying my Son Jesus to you to fill your hearts with peace, because He is peace. Little children, seek Jesus in the silence of your heart that He be born anew. The world needs Jesus, therefore seek Him through prayer, because He gives Himself daily to each of you."

Today Our Lady came solemnly dressed with little Jesus in her arms. Jesus extended His hand in a sign of blessing as Our Lady prayed over us in Aramaic

