



SUMMER MASS TIMETABLE

(26th December 2020 to 27th January 2021)

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DECEMBER 2020		
Date	Time	Place
Saturday 26 th	8am	SMI
Sunday 27 th HOLY FAMILY	5pm Vigil (Sat.)	SMI
	8am	SMI
	9am (Miha Maori)	St Joseph's
	10.30am	SMI
Monday 28 th	8am	St Joseph's
Tuesday 29 th	8am	SMI
Wednesday 30 th	9.15am	St Therese
Thursday 31 st	8am	SMI
Thursday 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL MARY, MOTHER OF GOD		
JANUARY 2021		
Date	Time	Place
Friday 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	9am	St Joseph's

The FULL summer Mass timetable is available on the Parish website, under the "Masses" portal and also from the Parish app under "Links" then "Masses" portal.

Health & Safety

Please take care and have consideration for others when entering and exiting the Church property.

Thank you.
Think safety.
Act Safely.

CONFESSIONS

St Joseph's Church:
Friday 7.30am or by appointment
St Mary Immaculate Church:
Friday 11.15am,
Saturday 8.30am or by appointment

PARISH ADDRESSES

St Joseph's Church (& Presbytery), 10 Pitua Rd, Te Puna
St Mary Immaculate Church, 114 Elizabeth St, Tauranga
Cluny Retreat Centre, 21 Thirteenth Ave, Tauranga
Aquinas College, 183 Pyes Pa Rd, Tauranga
St Mary's School, 11 Thirteenth Ave, Tauranga
St Therese Chapel, 217 Bethlehem Rd, Bethlehem
St Thomas More, 17 Gloucester Rd, Mt Maunganui

Parish Priest:
Fr. Philip Billing

Assistant Priest:
Fr. Arnold Punzalan

Deacons:
Rev Ricky Kuka
Rev Sid Wells (Retired)
Rev Don Beckett (Retired)

Hospital Chaplain:
Leanne Brooks (021 056 3326)

Parish Council Chairperson:
Terry Considine (027 829 9467)

Parish Finance Chairman:
Ashley Hayes (578 5190)

Deadline for newsletter:
Thursday midday

Deadline for ANCHOR Magazine:
Second Tuesday in February 2021
(Please submit articles electronically if possible)

SCHOOLS:
Aquinas College (543 2400)
Principal: Mr Matthew Dalton
DRS: Susan Van Zyl

St Mary's School (578 8066)
Principal: James Murray
DRS: Mrs Teresa Rush

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The Parish of Saint Thomas Aquinas

Incorporating
St Joseph's Church, Te Puna
and
St Mary Immaculate Church, Tauranga
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

20th December 2020



Kia ora koutou katoa!

Recently Pope Francis, in his Twitter account @pontifex, gave a very beautiful message that we use in reflecting on the Gospel this Sunday. The Pope tweeted; *The Virgin Mary silently awaited God's Word of salvation; she welcomed it; she listened to it; she conceived it. In her, God became close. This is why the Church calls Mary a "Cause of our joy".*

What sort of things do we listen to, welcome, and eventually are conceived in our hearts?
Also what is the cause of your joy?

May you and your loved ones have a very meaningful and Merry Christmas.

Father Arnold
Assistant Parish Priest



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK FROM CHRISTMAS EVE, AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2021.
(Any urgent emails or phone calls will be attended to.)



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HAMILTON DIOCESE - There is now a direct link where parishioners can see the full content of the Diocesan snippets online at: newsletter.cdh.nz

Remember to download the Parish App.

Should you wish to make a donation to the Parish, the Parish account number is: 02 0342 0050032 000

TRIDUUM MASS FOR CHRISTMAS

From the **21st until the 23rd December, 7pm** at St Mary Immaculate everyone is invited to the Filipino devotion of **Simbang Gabi**. The Filipino Community of our Parish entitled it as **Simbang Gabi sa St. Mary: A Triduum Mass for Christmas**. This is a short version of the full nine-day novena of masses done in the Philippines. Come early to hear and enjoy your favourite Christmas Carols performed by the Filipino Choirs in Tauranga. Also kindly bring with you pantry goods and items to fill the Christmas baskets for the Vinnies. Spread the word. All are welcome.

SANTA'S REGALO / Syro-malabar youth group SMYM Tauranga is happy to announce **Santa's Regalo** (Santa's gift) on Thursday, the 24th December, at St. Mary's Immaculate Church, after the 5pm, 7pm and 10pm masses. All parishioners are welcome to be part of this fund-raising event hosted by Syro-malabar youth group. On the occasion of Christmas, let's spread love with a simple act of kindness. Contribute a koha of \$5 before you choose the special gift for your loved ones. May the joy of Christmas be yours forever.

PARISH LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

After many years of faithful dedicated service of looking after the Parish library and archives Peg Cummins is now stepping down from this role and having a well deserved rest. Thank you Peg for all you have done in maintaining these two areas of the Parish life, we are very grateful to you. We are looking for a volunteer to manage these two areas, training will be provided. If this is something you can help with please contact the Parish office ph 578 6209 or email: office@taurangamoanacatholic.nz

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who generously gave on Gifting Sunday at Te Puna. You will indeed bring smiles to those who receive your gifts.

Protect yourself, and others around you, by staying at home if you feel at all unwell.



SVDP FOOD DRIVE

Please help support our local families and people in need. SVDP are in desperate need of any non-perishable items such as canned food, pasta, rice, cereals, snack bars, laundry power, cleaning items etc. any basic necessities. Many families go without at this time of the year, **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE** by filling a bag for SVDP, "PLEASE HELP US HELP PEOPLE". There will be SVDP stamped brown paper bags available at the Saturday Vigil mass and Sunday morning masses. (Once the bag is full, you can drop at the SVDP, Cameron Road shop/Support centre, or bring into church the next time you come. The SVDP are the only support agency open during Christmas, please help. Thank you for supporting the SVDP Society!



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020 / Hamilton Diocese

For all Christmas Mass times across the Diocese. Invite your family and friends to come and celebrate the birth of Christ. Please visit:

cdh.org.nz/christmas-mass-times-2020

Hamilton Diocese / Christmas Mass Times

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH WAIPAWA

150th Jubilee, 23-24/April, 2021. Celebrate & reunite your connections to St. Patrick's Church Waipawa to commemorate the first church dedication and 150 years of history. Exciting events are lined-up for this special occasion which can be viewed through this FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Patricks-Waipawa-Jubilee-150-years-103597641594678>

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM NZ GOVERNMENT

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has asked through the NZCBC communications office, to send this link: <https://covid19.govt.nz/everyday-life/make-summer-unstoppable/> as a reminder for everyone to beware of Covid-19 this holy and festive season.



Wisdom from Pope Francis

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."



WHERE / Tauranga Waterfront
WHEN / Sunday 20 December, 5.30pm

The annual Christmas Carols on the Waterfront this weekend. Everyone is welcome at this **free** family friendly event where we will celebrate the festive season, singing everyone's favourite Christmas Carols! Bring your picnic blanket, dress up if you like, enjoy the start of summer and celebrate Christmas with friends and family. **"All children are invited to come to the Christmas Carols dressed as shepherds or angels."** Proudly brought to you by central city churches: Holy Trinity Tauranga, St Peters in the City, Tauranga Central Baptist Church, **Parish of St Thomas Aquinas**, St Luke's Church, Tauranga Salvation Army.



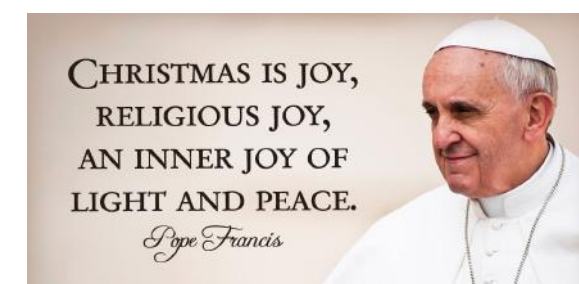
CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm St Mary Immaculate
7pm St Mary Immaculate
10pm St Mary Immaculate
Midnight St Joseph's, Te Puna (Te Reo)

CHRISTMAS DAY

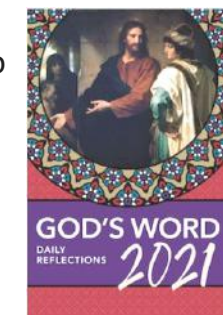
9am St Mary Immaculate
9am St Therese, Bethlehem

The Christmas Mass for **Matakana** will be celebrated on Sunday 27th December, 11.30am



GOD'S WORD 2021

These daily reflection books have now arrived and there are still a few available from the Parish office, \$25. A great Christmas present! Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. Be nourished by the Word of God. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. Begins January 2021.



TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 30 January, Fee: \$60, ZOOM. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

POMPALLIER COMMEMORATION AT TOTARA POINT / Sunday 11am, 10th January 2021

Everyone is invited to the 183rd anniversary of the first Mass celebrated at Totara Point. There will be a Holy Mass celebration at Totara Point, North Hokianga on 10th January, 2021 at 11 am followed by shared picnic lunch.

LENTEN ROAD RETREAT

Join a small 8-day bussed road retreat around the South Island in Lent 2021. A lovely difference to a lenten reflection in preparation for Easter. Only 10 seats are available. Visits will include Church historical sites, daily Mass, present-day apostolates, Church art and music, and reflection time in beautiful scenery. To register, contact Patricia Parsons on 0274 219 064 or email info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz

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