

**MASS TIMES (After Christmas Day)**  
**Sat. 26th December 2020 to Mon. 1st February 2021**

Sunday Mass 5.30pm Saturday (Vigil Mass)  
 8am & 10am Sunday

Weekday Mass (Mon.– Sat.) 9.00am up to 1st February (inclusive)

Usual Timetable resumes on Tuesday, 2nd February 2021 - Mass at 8am.  
 12.05pm **Friday Mass will resume in 2021 beginning 5th February.**  
 Waitangi Day Holiday **Monday, 8th February 2021** - Mass at 9am.

**ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

**Volunteers Needed. Please refer to roster in the church foyer.**



**Are you new to our Parish?** We warmly welcome you. We would like to know more about you and invite you to take an Information Pack available in the foyer in the cream-coloured box marked "Information for New Parishioners". Please complete the forms enclosed and return to the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

**Eucharist has been celebrated or will be celebrated for:**

**Recently Deceased:** Ian Law, Francis Chung, Anton Westerhaus, Noreen Helean, Valrae Collins, Theresa Way, Joseph Mascarenhas, Lucy Lee, William Fryer, Amy Fong, Maurice Aldridge, Sec Foo Fong

**Sick:** Rita Kelly, D.E.Mijares, Sue Wong, Kathryn Badrick, Millie Pacheco, Leo Cassin, Carol Rogers, Lloyd Jones, Corazon Abulencia, Joe & Nicholas Geor, Tony Porter, Josie Mijares, Evelyn Totanes, Paul Jang, May Chow

**Anniversaries:** Angeline D'Souza (Nov 15), Marie Edith Anderson (Nov 16), Chris Fewtrell (Nov 21), Eileen Williams & Kay Tipping (Nov 23), Carolyn Hulme (Nov 25), Mary Chow (December 3), Jeannie Grace (Dec 26)

Available in Church Foyer:  
 See notice board for upcoming events.



**Readings for Next Week:**  
 1. Eccl. 3:2-6, 12-14  
 2. Colossians 3:12-21  
 Gospel Luke 2:22-40

# Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

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**20th December 2020 - Sunday Readings Year B**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Rite I) in our Church**

Wednesday December 23rd: 6.30-7.30pm in the Reconciliation Room.

**CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS TIMES**

Christmas Eve - **Thursday, 24th December**

Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Carols from 5.00pm)

Evening Mass at 9.00pm (Carols from 8.30pm)

Christmas Day - **Friday, 25th December**

Morning Mass at 9.00am ONLY



For a complete list of Christmas and New Year Holiday dates, please uplift a copy of the Timetable which is available in the church foyer for you to take home for reference.

**Christmas and New Year Rosters** - If you are available to help, please add your name to the sign-up roster sheets available in the church foyer. Thank you.

**Parish Office Closed**

This will be the last newsletter for the year. The parish office will be closed from 24th December 2020 and will re-open on Tuesday, 12th January 2021. For urgent matters during this period, please call and leave a message on our voicemail at 630-3956 if the phone is unanswered. Have a safe and happy holidays!



**Parish Ministries - New Roster Period**

The current roster will end on the 24th January 2021. The next 16-weeks roster period will cover **31st January to 16th May 2021**. If you know that you will be unavailable on these dates or if you would like to make any changes to your ministry, kindly inform Chatty by **email to [epsomparish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:epsomparish@xtra.co.nz) by the 15th January 2021** the latest. Thank you.

**The next newsletter will be on Sunday, 17th January 2021.**

### Our Parish - The Week Ahead

Mon. 21st Dec. 9.15-9.45am	Last Monday morning Rosary for this year held in the Church. Followed by a Christmas morning tea in the Community Room. All welcome.
Mon. 21st Dec. 7.00pm	Legion of Mary meet in the church foyer. New members welcome.
Wed. 23rd Dec. 6.30-7.30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation in our church (Reconciliation Room).
Thu. 24th Dec. 5.30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass. Carols from 5pm.
Thu. 24th Dec. 9.00pm	Christmas Evening Mass. Carols from 8.30pm.
Fri. 25th Dec. 9.00am	Christmas Day Mass.

### Music for Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

One of our organists, Michael Collins, will be playing the organ at the 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve in our Church. This is traditionally the Mass that many families attend.

He is looking to bring together musically talented parishioners who might be interested in playing an instrument as part of the Mass (eg. violin, flute, etc.) to play with him for some of the carols. The music shouldn't be too difficult as it will be mainly following the melody line. There will be a rehearsal in our Church on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December after the 10am Mass and Tuesday, 22nd December at 6.30pm.

Please register your interest by contacting Michael directly either by email or call (evenings)/text(anytime) him on his mobile.

Email: [collinsmichaelg@gmail.com](mailto:collinsmichaelg@gmail.com)  
Mobile: +64 21 241 6647



### 2021 Columban Calendars

The 2021 Columban Art Calendars are available from the parish office at \$12 each.

### Monte Cecilia Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who have brought in gifts for distribution to children in our care, who have been exposed to homelessness, living in cars and no place to call home. Epsom Parish has collectively donated 8 big bags of gifts. Your gifts will bring joy to so many children this Christmas! Thank you and wishing you a very Merry Christmas from Monte Cecilia Housing Trust.



### St. Vincent de Paul Shop

Thank you to all the parishioners who have supported St. Vincent de Paul with donations this year. The shop will be closed from 23 December 2020 until 12th January 2021. **Please do not leave any donations between 21st December 2020 and 12th January 2021, as they will be unable to be delivered to the Shop as it will be closed.** Have a very Happy Christmas and New Year from the Manager and all the volunteers of St. Vincent de Paul.

### NZ Catholic

NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The December 13-26 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: New pastoral plan for Auckland diocese. New vaccines prompt serious questions. Hospital chaplain called a local hero. Marist ordained to priesthood. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on December 27. Please ensure the money (\$4) is handed to one of our priests or in to the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

### Christmas Day Mass Shine TV

Shine will broadcast Christmas Day Mass starting at **1.50pm**. Shine is on Free-to-air Channel 25 and Sky TV Channel 201. Mass comes from the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph and the presider is Bishop Michael Gielen. Join in the singing beautifully led by the Cathedral Choir and Vocal ensemble. Or it can be watched from

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/our-events/mass/>

Mass will be broadcast at 2pm the next Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family and that will conclude this current provision of broadcast Mass.



### Carmelite Monastery Christmas Mass Times

636 Mount Albert Road, Royal Oak, Auckland

24<sup>th</sup> December Morning at 7.30am

Christmas Evening: Carols 8pm followed by the Mass at 8.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Morning: 7.30am same for the following days.

New Year's Day 2021: 7.30am. No vigil Mass.

### Christmas blessings and gratitude from the Caring Foundation

Your support for families and communities in need during 2020 has helped the foundation support over 60 agencies working with the poor and the vulnerable. Thank you for your compassion and care. Please keep the Foundation in your prayers, and if able please support our Christmas Appeal. [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz)

### You can help CBA reach 250,000 listeners this Christmas!

This Christmas, CBA will broadcast for 18 hours on Newstalk ZB reaching 250,000 listeners! CBA's programmes are designed to communicate the Christian faith to those outside the influence of the church. They have asked for your help to cover production costs. Please phone 0900 80 222 to make a \$20 donation (charged to your phone account). Visit [cba.org.nz/christmas](http://cba.org.nz/christmas) to find out more.

### Heading North this summer?

A reminder and encouragement to visit the places of important Catholic history in our diocese, particular Motuti, where Bishop Pompallier remains are interred in St Mary's Church, and Tōtara Point, where the first official Mass was celebrated on 13 January 1838. All are invited to **Mass at Tōtara Point Sunday, 10 January 2021 at 11am** to commemorate the first Mass in Aotearoa. Please see notice board for more info and route map.



### Notice from Titipounamu Study & Joy

**Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God** with Eamon Butler. **Saturday, 30 January, 10.30am-4pm.** Fee: \$60, ZOOM. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

For more information and registration, email : [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

### Social Justice Retreat

Social Justice Retreat **9am-4pm Saturday 6 March 2021** at St Francis Retreat Centre 50 Hillsborough Rd led by Fr Merv Duffy SM. It will focus on some Social Justice aspects of Mark's Gospel and *Fratelli Tutti*. \$20 including lunch. Places are limited so please contact Peter Garrick [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) asap if you are interested in attending.

### NZpray2day

An app that encourages people to seek a moment to reflect, pray and respond to the ancient Christian cycle of seasons, saints and readings. Available from Apple's App Store or the Google Play Store; search for NZpray2day. It is free a gift for you from Te Kupenga – the Catholic Leadership Institute.

### Contact Details for Safeguarding advice

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