

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

All Saints by the Sea Parish, Papamoa Coast

St Thomas More Church:

24 December:

5.30pm Vigil Family Mass

Midnight Mass (Carols from 11.30pm)

25 December:

9.30am

26 December:

No Mass.

Te Puke: (held at **St John the Baptist, Anglican Church,**
Jocelyn St, Te Puke)

24 December:

6.00pm Vigil Mass Carols at 5.30pm

8.00pm *Ecumenical Liturgical Service (Catholic/Anglican)*
this does not fulfil your Christmas Mass obligation.

26 December:

No Mass

St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Tauranga

24 December:

5.00pm St Mary Immaculate

6.00pm St Therese, Bethlehem

7.00pm St Mary Immaculate

10.00pm St Mary Immaculate

Midnight: St Joseph's, Te Puna (Te Reo)

25 December:

9.00am St Mary Immaculate

9.00am St Joseph's, Te Puna

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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 22nd DECEMBER 2019



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

Traditionally, we see Christmas as a time of peace and joy, a time to celebrate with family, with friends and loved ones. We do hope that your Christmas will have something of that peace, joy and celebration. Such joyful celebrations may not be possible for some. You may have lost a loved one since last Christmas, or you may be overburdened

by money worries, family problems or for many other reasons. If you are, we want to assure you that, as a parish community, we do care and offer you our support. Maybe the Christmas message this year is a challenge for all of us to become more involved. It is not so much a question of giving more; it is a question of giving more of ourselves. After all, that's what God was doing when he got involved with us and our world at the first Christmas. Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. This is why he came. God will fill us with his peace if there is room in our lives for him.

Thank you for helping us along the journey. May you be blessed with peace and joy at Christmas and in the New Year. Fr Stuart & Fr Prakash

We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Jan Baker and her family on the death of her father Allan Rook who died on Monday 16th December. The Funeral was on the Kapiti Coast on Friday. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the family.

CAR PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES & DURING JANUARY: Bay Wave carpark may be locked over Christmas, the school field will be available for parking, access by the presbytery gate (ensure you do not block presbytery driveway). This will be available all January also.

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES: We still **urgently** need people to assist at the Christmas Masses, Ministers of Communion, Readers, Collectors and especially Power-Point operators.

REMINDERS: NO MASS on Boxing Day (church will be locked after morning Mass Christmas Day until 27th).

There will be NO Children's Liturgy on Christmas Day and please note that all children are welcome at liturgies but they need to be over the age of three.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: is for the Clergy of the Diocese especially for the support of our retired priests your generosity at this time is appreciative. We now have 7 retired priests in residential care and 3 living independently along with 28 in active parish ministry.

CLEANER WANTED: We are seeking an energetic person to undertake some cleaning duties in the church and complex. We see some flexibility in hours and duties. These will be discussed with those who show interest. Please contact the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP: To all those who take Holy Communion to the housebound and those involved with Children's Liturgy (as Leaders) and Youth Leaders. There is a Safeguarding Workshop on **Tues, 4 Feb at 3.00pm** at St Thomas More Church complex OR at **7.00pm** at St Mary Immaculate Church. **It is a requirement that you attend.** This is to ensure your safety and the safety of those who are housebound, children/youth and the vulnerable. See Parish magazine (Dec issue) for more information.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, TE PUKE says a warm "thankyou" to those who faithfully contribute to our cause, and to those who answered our calls for help during this year. We ask God's blessings upon you all at Christmas. We are praying also for a couple of new members to join us in 2020. Can YOU hear our prayers? Call Maree 5736868, Lee 272846297, Jan 272004051 if you can join our small group.

HONOURING: Joan McFetridge (parishioner of All Saints by the Sea Parish). After 42 years of ministry Joan McFetridge retired from the Catholic Centre Wellington and the Archdiocese of Wellington earlier this year. In recognition of her remarkable contributions and service to the church, Joan was presented with a papal award at a Mass at the Archdiocese's Pro Cathedra, St Teresa's Church, Karori, on Sat, 16 November. Joan received the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* (for Church and Pope). The citation from the Holy See says the honour "is in recognition of her unwavering commitment and resolute dedication to pastoral and theological formation in the Archdiocese of Wellington and in the Church of Aotearoa New Zealand".

We congratulate Joan on her award. (See noticeboard for more information)

PARISH NEWSLETTER: This will be the last parish newsletter until the weekend of 18/19 January 2020.

PARISH APP: *We encourage you to download the App.* This is able to be downloaded from your phone App store. Search for allsaintsbythesea and upload the app and be connected for latest alerts, newsletters etc.

SILVERION CAMPS 2020—CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP. This is being held in the Hamilton Diocese at Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru with Bishop Steve's blessing from 17-19 Jan 2020. Silverion is a unique Catholic medieval fantasy adventure camp for boys and girls aged 8-16. The mission of Silverion is to facilitate an authentic encounter with Christ through quests, an immersive storyline, mystery and adventure! This camp aims to help young people embrace their baptismal call to be disciples and the light of the world. The camp begins on Fri afternoon and finishes on Sun noon. You can find more info about the camp at: <https://silverioncamps.com/>

READINGS for the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

29 Dec 2019:

1. Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14 2. Colossians 3:12-21

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15

MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish to have a Mass offered, please complete the card in the STM Church foyer or alternatively phone the office to arrange. Mass offering envelopes are available in the foyer also. Mass intention cards are available for purchase from the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Mon	Allan & Colleen Rook RIP
Tues	Cushla & Ivon Phillips RIP
Wed	
Thurs	
Fri	Grace Williams RIP
Sat & Sun	All Saints by the Sea Parish

**SUNDAY
MASS TIMES**

Mt Maunganui
9.30am & 5pm

Te Puke
At Anglican Church*
Saturday Vigil 5pm

**WEEKDAY
MASS TIMES**

Monday
9am Mt

Tuesday
9am Mt

Wednesday
9am Mt
& Benediction

Thursday
9am Mt &
9am TP*

Friday
9am Mt

ROSARY
After 9am Mass
at Mt Mon to Fri

Saturday
9am Rosary Mt

RECONCILIATION
Wed to Friday (Mt)
8.30am to 8.45am.
Sat (TePuke)
*4:30pm

Maketu
Maori Mass
2nd Sunday
11.30am
3rd Sunday Liturgy
service 11.30am