

ST PASCHAL'S PARISH

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

Mass 11.00am—Wednesday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2022

READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 11:1–10

Psalm 72

Romans 15:4–9

Gospel Matthew 3:1–12

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'



Second Sunday in Advent

MINISTERS

GREETER: Stephen Crooymans

COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Robert Hicks

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2022

READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1–6,10

Psalm 145

James 5:7–10

Gospel Matthew 11:2–11

"Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for another?"



Third Sunday in Advent

MINISTERS

GREETER: Dot Chipman

COMMENTATOR: Lorraine Hayward

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

During Advent in Year A, the First Reading always comes from the prophet Isaiah. It is useful to pay particular attention to his voice, noticing the development of the vision and images he puts before us relating to the meaning of Jesus for the Church and the world. In last week's reading, Isaiah sees what is to come: the nations assembling, surrendering to the Lord, laying down the weapons of war, beating them into useful tools of farming and peaceful life. Today, Isaiah describes the qualities of the Spirit of the Lord and the just judgements this brings, resulting in a world of no conflict. In next week's text, Isaiah describes the glorious and triumphant coming of the Lord and the healing of all that is broken. In the final week of Advent, Isaiah speaks of the maiden who will conceive and give birth to one who is 'God-is-with-us.'



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our very grateful thanks to you all for supporting our annual cake stall on 25th November. We made \$1600 approx, which will go towards supporting the Mission in Niue, along with our many local groups. The Christmas Cake winner was Sandra Jackson & Jeanette Dalgety won the Christmas Dinner! Christmas parcels, for those in need, will be made up in our Church Hall on Tuesday 13th December from 9am. Donations can be left in the basket in the Church foyer. Christmas related food gifts especially needed! Thank you for any contribution. Very much appreciated! God bless you all.

Kay Brydon—President

Withdraw a little this week from the hectic celebrations of Christmas cheer and concentrate instead on waiting and prayerfully preparing for what is to come. Give thought to the real meaning of Christmas and contemplate what the 'advent' of Christ meant to the world.



Christmas in the Park
Saturday 10th December
At Hauraki Plains College field
 Begins with karakia at 2.30
 Entertainment from 3pm
 Food and drinks available
 or bring a picnic

Columban Calendars for Sale

\$12

RECONCILIATION RITE II
Repent, Reconcile, Renew
St Paschals
Wednesday 7th December 7pm

As we have already noted, one of the consistent themes in Matthew's Gospel is to reveal Jesus as the long awaited Messiah of the Jews to his largely Jewish community. In the text today, Matthew cites the evidence which is before their eyes. Why is it necessary for John to question the identity of Jesus when his eyes and ears will give him the answers he seeks? The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life and Good News is proclaimed to the poor! Such were the signs of the coming of the Lord which Isaiah had prophesied. Such are the actions which Jesus undertakes! His identity is clear for all who have the eyes to see it.



COMMUNITY CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday 18th at 7pm by the Christmas Tree in the Domain

The Hauraki Plains Co-operative Church and St Paschals invite you to Christmas Carols led by the Kerepehi Brass Band and a pop-up Choir

WANTED—carol singers to join the choir in leading the carol singing

Bring a chair or blanket and a loud voice.

Supper to follow.

All welcome



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We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Fay Hayward, Mary Speedy, James Aralar, Robert Hicks, Michael Lynch, Sister Tina, Mary Hoogeveen.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of December:
Sam McWatters, Gerald Assen, Ernie Martinovich, Franz Spreuwenberg, Sylvia Blake, Bernadette Burton.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

MINISTERS – 18th December 2022

GREETER: Frances Chaplow
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main
COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

MINISTERS – 25th December 2022

TO BE ADVISED

READINGS – 18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24
Romans 1:1-7
Gospel Matthew 1:18-24



READINGS – 25th December 2022

Christmas Day—10.30am

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel John 1:1-18



DECEMBER TIMETABLE

Wednesday 7th : Rite II Reconciliation at St Paschals at 7pm

Saturday 10th: Ngatea Christmas in the Park at Hauraki Plains College from 2.30pm

Tuesday 13th: Christmas Hampers 9am

Sunday 18th: Community Christmas Carols at Domain under the Christmas Tree from 7pm

Saturday 24th: Christmas Vigil Mass at St Paschals at 7.30pm

Sunday 25th : Christmas Day Mass at St Paschals at 10.30am



NO FLOWERS FOR ADVENT

CHURCH LINEN

December—L Hayward



Dec	4	Phyllis Hayward
	5	Lorraine Hayward
	6	Tessa Roskam Monique Schouten

Please pray for the Main family on the loss of Kate's father, Peter Osborne.

Rest in Peace Peter

