



## **ST PASCHAL'S PARISH**

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**THIRTY SECOND WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kings 17:10–16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24–28

Gospel Mark 12:38–44

**'The poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.'**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Colleen Jordan

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Alice Douglas

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Crooymans

COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Kay Brydon & Fel Aralar

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**THIRTY THIRD WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Daniel 12:1–3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11–14,18

Gospel Mark 13:24–32

**'He shall gather his elect from the four winds.'**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Ross Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Kay Brydon

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

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### Giving generously

During their birthdays, children are taught to give away sweets in order to inculcate the habit of giving. Christianity considers the act of giving as a virtue. However, it doesn't mean that all those who give are generous, rather only those who give until it hurts them. It is because the act of giving entails sacrifice and pain in exercising their freewill and love to give away even the essentials.

In the first reading, the Zarephath woman's sacrifice brings her an escape not only from the famine but also from life. In the second reading, Jesus' one-time sacrifice brings salvation to the entire humanity. In the Gospel, Jesus brings to limelight the sacrifice made by the poor widow in order to restore her dignity and honour. He goes on to highlight the exercise of her freewill and love which brought her salvation.

In our context, the poor, the migrants and the menial workers make a lot of sacrifices for the good of the nation. On the contrary, they have not yet witnessed the works of God being active in their sacrifice. Like Jesus, the mission to us is that we bring to limelight the sacrifices of such oppressed people and restore them their dignity and honour so that they also receive life and find their salvation.

Let us pray: Lord, help us be generous like the poor widow and imitate your Son in bringing to limelight the sacrifices of the oppressed in order that they receive their dignity and honour.

The total giving of the widow in this text acts as an introduction to the total self giving of Jesus on the Cross. All is surrendered – nothing is held back. Make a generous contribution of time, money, energy or service this week. Seek no acknowledgement for this.



Huge congratulations to ERIN ARALAR who is the DUX of Hauraki Plains College for 2024. We wish her well in all her future endeavours.



### RAFFLE BOOKS

**You should have received our annual 2024 Christmas raffle books to sell.**

**When sold you can hand to either Frances or Alice.**

**Many thanks**

### CWL ANNUAL CAKE STALL AND RAFFLES

The CWL have started baking for their big annual event which is on **Friday 29th November** from 8.30am outside Ngatea Prime Meats. If you would like to support us with baking etc, please drop off at the stall or phone Kay on 0212681472 or Eileen on 867 7062(evenings only) for pick up.

Mark's Gospel is drawing to a close. This is virtually the last teaching of Jesus to the disciples before entering into the momentous events of his final days in Jerusalem. It is little wonder that Jesus is concerned that they understand something of the end times. Jesus uses the commonly accepted language of apocalypse just as the Book of Daniel does in today's First Reading. While this language sounds strange to our modern ear, we should not try to understand it in any literal or scientific sense. Instead we must focus on the message which Jesus is conveying: we need to live in anticipation of the end of our own lives and of human history. Only God knows when that hour is to be but Jesus makes it clear that it will not take place until the Gospel has been preached to the ends of the earth. Only then can the angels gather in the faithful from 'the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'



By using the image of the fig tree as a sign of the coming of summer, Jesus is pointing out to his disciples that they should keenly observe the world around them. Reading the 'signs of the times' and responding in faith to changing circumstances is one of the tasks of a Christian. What signs of growth, life, death or change do you see around you – in the natural world, your community, your family, yourselves? Be attentive to change this week.

#### **Anniversary Mass Totara Point 2025.**

Registrations now open for **Coach Trip on 12th January 2025**. We are excited to invite you to join us on pilgrimage for this one-off day trip by coach to attend the Anniversary Mass at Totara Point. We will leave Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 6am and expect to arrive back at Pompallier Diocesan Centre at between 6:30pm – 7pm. For more information contact Dcn Steve—[stephenf@cda.org.nz](mailto:stephenf@cda.org.nz) Lunch will be provided – Cost per person is \$15.00 All are welcome!!

#### **A SPECTACULAR CONCERT – 7pm, SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER**

Join us at St Michael's Catholic Church for a memorable evening. Hosted by James Ioelu, Bass Baritone, with special guest Edward Laurenson, Operatic Baritone, and musician friends.

Uplifting classical songs from shows, opera, instrumental pieces and traditional Christmas music.

Prices \$60 to \$95, includes intermission refreshments. Buy tickets at [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com). Proceeds to support the Kiri Te Kanawa Foundation.

#### **2025 COLUMBAN CALENDAR**



For sale @ \$13 each

Leave money in an envelope in the collection plate, clearly marked or in the box in the entrance of Church.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Thursday 14th at 5.30pm**

**MINISTERS – 24TH NOVEMBER 2024**

GREETER: Stephen Crooymans  
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: James Aralar  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas  
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Kate Main & Alice Douglas  
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**MINISTERS – 1ST DECEMBER 2024**

GREETER: Kay Brydon  
COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Laurel Blakey  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon  
COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Eileen Leonard & Frances Chaplow  
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**READINGS – 24TH NOVEMBER 2024  
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

Daniel 7:13-14  
Psalm 93  
Apocalypse 1:5-8  
Gospel John 18:33-37



**READINGS – 1ST DECEMBER 2024  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 24  
Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
Gospel Luke 21:25-28,34-



**FLOWERS**

W/E 16/11 Fel Aralar  
W/E 23/11 Dot Chipman  
ADVENT – No Flowers



**LINEN**

NOV Alice Douglas



**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
NEXT –1ST DECEMBER  
DUTY—PHIL JENNENS &  
JOSIE CLARK**



Nov 13 Noeline Bath  
17 Paul Hicks  
22 Connie Schouten

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Ray Karl, Michael Lynch, Brendan Lynch, Geoff Patterson, Frank and Nick Walsh. If anyone needs Father Rob to visit them phone the presbytery on **07 868 6169** and leave a message. Father will get back to you.

**And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of November:**  
Terry Mangan, Jane Vaudrey, Eddie Leonard, Ted Northcott, Essie Scott, Ineen Reynolds, Peter Osborne.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.