

SAINT MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC CHURCH - TAURANGA

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3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT 10 –11 December 2011

Sunday Mass Times: Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5.30pm
Sunday: 8.00am 10.00am 5.00pm

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday 12 December	7am Chapel	9am Convent
Tuesday 13 December	8am Chapel	
Wednesday 14 December	8am Chapel	
Thursday 15 December	8am Chapel	
Friday 16 December	8am Chapel	12.10pm Church
Saturday 17 December	8am Church	

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 7.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday and Saturday 11.30am – 12.00 noon

Rite II Reconciliation in Advent this week:

Tuesday 13 December – Tauranga – 2pm and 7pm
Wednesday 14 December – Mount Maunganui – 7pm
Thursday 15 December – Te Puke – 7pm
Friday 16 December – Whakatane – 7pm

Christmas Mass Times – Saint Mary Immaculate, Tauranga

**Saturday 24 December – Vigil Masses: 5pm (Sursum Corda)
7pm (Emmaus)
9pm (Schola Mariae) – carols at 8.30**

Sunday 25 December – Masses: 8am and 10am
(There is no 5pm Mass on Christmas Day)

Parish Planned Giving Review

Thank you to all who have responded to the request for various items of information, whether it was personal, pastoral and/or financial. The Finance Committee certainly appreciates your monetary contribution – there can be a vibrant parish only through your generosity. We also need help practically and to stay in touch with you: all of this contributes to the building of parish community. Forms can be left in the collection baskets or in the box near the holy water font.

Car Parking in Church Grounds

Parishioners' attention is drawn to the items in the November edition of SMILE regarding leaving car parking spaces in the church grounds for the less physically able, and avoiding putting cars on the grassed areas. This latter is a safety measure, as it is not clear that the wall on Cameron Road is a retaining wall, as such!

The reserved car park adjacent to the church wall in the First Avenue section is designated for the organist at weekday funerals so that he or she can be sure of clear access!

Preparation for Baptism

This course is for parents who wish to baptise infants and/or children up to 8 years of age. The course consists of two sessions, both of which are mandatory, each one lasting for an hour.

10.00am on Saturdays 14 & 21 January at Saint Mary Immaculate, Tauranga
7.00pm on Thursdays 2 & 9 February at Saint Thomas More, Mount Maunganui

Baptisms are held in Tauranga on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month after 10.00am Mass.

2012 COLUMBAN CALENDARS now available - \$8 each – see Ari at the Church door

Tidy up and Clear out of Storeroom and Cupboard in the Overflow Room

In January, there will be a tidying up (again!) of these areas. Anything that groups value or individuals have left behind is best removed to a place of safety (and left there!). Groups or individuals who wish to leave church-related material in these spaces need to ensure that they qualify and that they respect the amount of space that they are allocated. You have been warned: this group of cleaners will be more ruthless than the previous team!!!

Office Hours:

Sunday 11.30am, after 10am Mass

Quote of the Week

**EVERY BREATH WE ARE GIVEN IS A REMINDER
THAT THE GLORY OF LIFE IS AT HAND**

COLLECTIONS—Last Weekend

1st (Support of the Priests) **\$981.50** **2nd** (Support of the Parish) **\$4 355.60**

Visitors please note: only ONE Offertory basket will be circulated

Priests: Father Joe Stack (Parish Priest);

Monsignor Michael Browne; Father Robert Sharplin

Deacon & Port Chaplain: Deacon Sid Wells

Parish Visitor: Barbara Losalu - Phone: 576 1333

Fr Joe's PA: Andrea Chambers - Email: andrea@stmarystga.org.nz

**This notice sheet is available on our Parish website on the Thursday
before the relevant Sunday: www.stmarystga.org.nz**