

SAINT MARY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC CHURCH - TAURANGA

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4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT 17 –18 December 2011

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)

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

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday 19 December	7am Chapel	9am Convent
Tuesday 20 December	8am Chapel	
Wednesday 21 December	8am Chapel	
Thursday 22 December	8am Chapel	
Friday 23 December	8am Chapel	12.10pm Church
Saturday 24 December	8am Church	

From Monday 26th December until the end of January, there will be one Mass each weekday in the Saint John Fisher Chapel: Monday – Friday at 8am. The Saturday 8am Mass will be in the church.

There will be an extra Mass on Fridays at 12.10pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesdays 7.00pm – 7.30pm
Fridays and Saturdays 11.30am – 12.00 noon

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!!!

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!

Barry Hamilton now prepares the Ministries at Mass Rosters. Please communicate with him on barry.hamilton@clear.net.nz or phone 544 1713

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
7pm on Thursdays 2nd & 9th February 2012 at Saint Thomas More, Mt 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

To make contact with the Parish Office or any of the priests and to leave messages, please send an email to either of the parish addresses on this notice sheet, or leave a voice message on the answer phone, or use the postal service. All messages are read or listened to, and will receive an appropriate and a prompt response.

This Notice Sheet will be in recess until the end of January

Quote of the Week

**Christmas is the joy of our homes bringing happiness,
even where there are tears** *Blessed John XXIII*

COLLECTIONS—Last Weekend

1st (Support of the Priests) **\$1 010** **2nd** (Support of the Parish) **\$5 250.50**
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**