



ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL

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9.00 AM Maori
10.30 AM English
5.30 PM ADORATION/BENEDICTION

WEEKDAY MASSES

7.00 AM MON.-FRI.
8.00 am SATURDAY
CONFESSIONS AFTER MASS

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CHRISTMAS EVENING MASS. 24th Dec.

8.00 pm.

1. Isaiah 9: 1 – 7
2. Titus 2: 11 – 14.
3. Luke 2: 1 – 14.

CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS. 25th Dec.

10.00 am.

1. Isaiah 52: 7 – 10
2. Hebrews 1: 1 – 6
3. John 1: 1 – 18.

HOLY FAMILY 28th Dec.

9.00 am & 10.30 am.

1. Sirach 3: 2 – 6, 12 – 14.
2. Colossians 3: 12 – 21
3. Luke 2: 22 – 40

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD . Jan. 1st.

9.00 a.m & 10.30 a.m.

1. Numbers 6: 22 – 27
2. Galatians 4: 4 – 7
3. Luke 2: 16 – 21.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 4th.

9.00 a.m & 10.30 a.m.

1. Isaiah 60: 1 – 6
2. Ephesians 3: 2 – 3, 5 – 6.
3. Matthew 2; 1 – 12.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD. Jan. 11th.

9.00 a.m & 10.30 a.m.

1. Isaiah 42: 1 – 4.
2. Acts 10: 34 – 38
3. Mark 1: 7 – 11.

2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME. Jan. 18th

9.00 a.m & 10.30 a.m.

1. 1 Samuel 3: 3 – 10, 19
2. 1 Corinthians 6: 13 – 15, 17 – 20
3. John 1 : 35 – 42

3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Jan 25th.

9.00 a.m & 10.30 a.m.

1. Jonah 3: 1 – 5
2. 1 Corinthians 7: 29 – 31
3. Mark 1: 14 – 20.

FORTH COMING EVENTS.

SIMBANG GABI.

Starting on the 15th December, the Filipino community are celebrating a novena of masses known as "Simbang Gabi" which is part of their preparation for Christmas. Each night in the Cathedral there will be a mass at 8.00 pm except on Sunday, when the mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Arorangi at 8.00 pm. The final mass of this novena will be led by the Bishop in the Cathedral on the 23rd of December at 8.00 pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

Our youth will lead this event, Sunday the 21st in front of the Cathedral. Their theme for the evening is "Wake up the World", the theme for the year of the Consecrated Life. All parishes have been invited and items are expected from St. Joseph's Cathedral Parish, St. Mary's Arorangi and Sacred Heart Parish, Matavera.

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY.

As a diocese we have officially farewelled the Daughters of Charity and know that the work that they did on the margin of the diocese is going to be very missed. Part of the brief when the Sisters arrived in the diocese was to prepare the laity to carry on what ever the Sisters were doing. In the context of "Wake up the World", I know many of you have committed yourself to do ministry where the Sisters previously worked. So while it will be sad not to have the Sisters present in the Diocese, I look forward to seeing you minister where they have ministered. It is a maturing of our diocese.

PRIESTS' CHANGES.

The Missionaries of the Philippines have recalled **Fr Salvadore Marcaida**, currently working on Atiu, back to the Philippines to work in the seminary in 2015. Fr. Salvadore will leave us on January 9th. Sometime after Easter, a new priest will arrive, **Fr Alvin Parantar**.

The MSP priest, **Fr Fernando Alombro** who has worked in Arorangi with Fr Freddy Kaina has now gone to be parish priest of St. Joseph's parish on Aitutaki.

Fr. Faustino Galo, previously in Aitutaki for the last three years will in the short term cover Atiu and Arorangi.

Fr Freddy Kaina will be working on Manihiki from Dec 16th until the 20th of January.

CLUNY SISTERS.

Regular readers will know from the layout and content of this Newsletter that it has not been produced by Sr Teresa. Sr Teresa has communicated with me and is grateful for all the prayers for her good and speedy recovery.

Also Sr Celine Simon sjc has communicated from India and while missing St. Joseph's School and the parish she has asked me to pass on her good wishes to all and keeps us in her prayers.

APPRECIATION

THANK-YOU.

Sincere thanks and a big meitaki maata for **Avatiu Tapere** for looking after the Cathedral and its environs during the month of December. Thank you to all those who supported the mata tapere in sending flowers every week making sure that everything around the sanctuary was clean .

DIOCESAN WEB SITE.

I draw your attention again to the web site for our diocese. A considerable amount of work has gone into it for which I am grateful. Primarily, it is there for anyone looking for mass times and how to go about getting married in the Cook Islands.

However, for locals it has articles that have been published, some history and at the moment has a short video production. You will find it at:

<http://www.catholiccookislands.co.ck>