

Cathedral & Hill Suburbs Pastoral Area



ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL | ST FRANCIS XAVIER (Mornington)
ST MARY'S (Kaikorai) | ST JOSEPH'S (Brockville)

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15 December 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Year C

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SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY:	St Mary's Vigil: 6:00pm
SUNDAY:	St Francis Xavier: 9:00am; St Joseph's Cathedral: 10:30am; (9:00am Latin Mass; Chapel)
	St Joseph's, Brockville remains closed to the public.

WEEKDAY MASS

ST MARY'S: Tue & Fri: 9:30am; ST FRANCIS XAVIER: Wed & Thurs: 9:30am

ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL: Mon & Sat: 9:30am (Chapel), Wed: 5:30pm (Cathedral)

CONFESSION

Cathedral: Sat 4:30-5:00pm

Kaikorai: Sat 5:10-5:25pm

EXPOSITION

Cathedral: Wed 6-6:40pm

Kaikorai: Sat 4:30-5:25pm

(both concluding with Benediction)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Francis Xavier - Mornington

Christmas: **Vigil 5.00pm** (Children's Mass)

St Mary's - Kaikorai

Christmas: **Vigil 8:00pm** (Carols 7:30pm)

St Joseph's Cathedral

Christmas: **Midnight** (Carols 11:30pm) & **10:30am**

Advent Carols

Cathedral: Wed 18 Dec, 6:00pm

(following 5:30pm Mass with Adoration and Benediction)

Rite II Reconciliation

Cathedral: Thurs 19 Dec, 6:30pm

2025 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS will be on sale after Mass in the church foyers and also at the Parish Office during office hours. Cost per calendar \$12.00. If paying via the envelopes provided, please place these in the collection basket. Many thanks.

FEAST DAYS, SOLEMNITIES & MEMORIALS

21 December – St Peter Canisius

CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION ADVENT APPEAL 2024

We currently have a special collection for our Catholic Caring Foundation Advent Appeal. The Caring Foundation exists to support the outreach of the Church and our local community. This year proceeds from the Catholic Caring Foundation Appeal will go toward the Southland and Otago Hospices, Dunedin Night Shelter and to help establish Catholic Social Services in Invercargill. Donations can be placed in an envelope with your name and address or by scanning the QR code included in this newsletter notice.



Donations for the **Catholic Caring Foundation Advent Appeal** can be made at cdd.org.nz/donate or by scanning the QR code. This will lead you to a diocesan page with instructions on how to make a donation. You can also request a receipt on the donation page.

You can also donate to this appeal using the envelopes available in the church foyers or if you wish to donate directly to the Parish bank account, please use the following details:

Particulars: Advent; **Code:** 127; **Reference:** Your name. Many thanks.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Recent Deaths: Suzana Botafogo and Br Graeme Donaldson

Anniversaries:

Geraldine Cecily McCarthy, Jack Hannagan and Patricia Crowl

Requiescant in Pace

CATHEDRAL & HILL SUBURBS PASTORAL AREA

Family Christmas Eve Mass, 5pm Tuesday 24 December 2024

St Francis Xavier Church, Mornington

An invitation to all children and families who would like to be involved in this year's Family Christmas Mass at St Francis Xavier Church. Our hope is to make it a special Christmas celebration for all who take part and attend.

Please contact Elizabeth Schönwald on 02102264275 or elizabethlouseaskin@yahoo.co.uk to express interest or if you have any questions.



CATHEDRAL Children's Liturgy – From 2025 this will head into recess as many of our young families are choosing to stay together for Mass which is just lovely and we of course teach the faith in our Catholic Schools which we should all support. A special thanks to Jane White who has organised this for many years and everyone who has assisted.

PLANNED GIVING Donations for the support of Priests and the Parish may be given by Automatic Payment or Planned Giving Envelopes. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme, **please contact the Parish Office** for the information required to give by Automatic Payment or to request a set of Planned Giving Envelopes. Tax receipts are issued at the end of the financial year, of which one third can be claimed from the Inland Revenue.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the children of St Francis Xavier Parish who received the Sacrament of Baptism with Fr Vaughan on Sunday 1 December 2024.



Names: Luke Hayde, Liam Kennedy, Lucy Kennedy, Charlotte McKay Vercoe, Lucinda McKay Vercoe, Max Sheppard, Riley Sheppard, Rosie Stevenson, Willa Stevenson, Isaac Welsh, Josephine Welsh.

NGA TAPUWAE JUBILEE HIKOI 2025: 10-12 January 2025

Experience the footsteps of Bishop Pompallier, Kupe and the Poyntons with other pilgrims, together sharing our Catholic and Maori heritage. This will be a guided pilgrimage. Accommodation \$80 per night per person: shared living and eating on the Marae. Your own transport will be required.

For more information contact Dcn Steve at stephenf@cda.org.nz

Register at https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/lifeinfaith/nga_tapuwaee-2025/

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Sacred Heart Home – Little Sisters of the Poor, 295 Brockville Road, Dunedin.

Every Tuesday 10:00am – 3:00pm. Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and transport. Fee: Donation. To register your interest: ph. 03 476 2028 or email: dt@lspdun.co.nz

LAUDATO SI' REFLECTION – renewed in God's love

In the first reading we joyfully hear that "...the Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty saviour; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love..." (Zep 3:17) Through the challenges of life, personally and globally, as we continue our Advent journey, may we know that "In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present ...he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward." (LS 245)

PROLIFE FACTS

The streets around Parliament were filled on Saturday 7th December for the annual March for Life. Thousands of people attended, each committed to life and willing to make a public witness to promote respect for life. The March reminded the nation's capital that the lives of pre-born children matter and their right to life should be inviolate. And not only the unborn. Authorising doctors to take the life of a human being under our End of Life Choice Act also called us to march. At the end of the March, we were privileged to hear some powerful short speeches from Simon O'Connor, Brendan Malone, and Canadian Quiana Casamayorl from the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform. As we reflect on the event, what comes to mind? First, joy and love. We sang songs and hymns committed to life. Second, we were responding to our culture's assault on life by declaring that we are committed to defending life. Despite the acceptance of abortion and euthanasia by many in our society, the March showed that there are many who are willing to stand up for the truth about the sanctity and value of every human life.

For more pro-life information, visit the Voice for Life website at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Advanced Notice

PARISH PICNIC Sausage Sizzle (Hills & Cathedral)

Everyone is most welcome Sunday 16 Feb, 12 Noon after Mass to come up to the Cathedral School to enjoy some free food, drink and picnic games such as tug-of-war, sack races etc. **HELPERS NEEDED** to cook sausages on the school BBQ and butter bread. Please contact the parish office if you're happy to help. Thanks for the PTFA for providing drinks and serving. Lolly scramble to finish! The event will go ahead rain, hail or snow ☺

PARISH MINISTRIES (for next week)

<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	ST MARY'S 21 December 2024	ST FRANCIS XAVIER 22 December 2024	ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL 22 December 2024
Ministers of Communion		Michael Jarka	N & R Alahakoon
Readers: 1st and Psalm	Emila Makasini	Chris Sullivan	Joseph Chen
2nd and Gospel Acclam.	Emila Makasini	Julia Sullivan	Julie Dawkins
Introduction & Prayers of the Faithful	Adrian Kubala	David More	
Altar Servers	Matthew Rietveld Setefana Reese		Alistair Gray, Ismay Bone Jack Burke
Collections	Taungapeau Family	Ioane & Leva'ai Sefo	Magnuson Family
Gifts	Erin & Deanne Barton		D & T Doody
Children's Liturgy			
Overhead Projector	Barbara McCaig	Matilda Garnett	O'Neill Family
Counter/s	Lawrence Finnerty	Chris & Julia Sullivan	Magnuson Family
Church Cleaning	Deanne Barton	Noquilla Family	Currie Family (Dec)
Morning Tea		Novita Mulhall Ross O'Connell	
Greeters	Erin Barton	Gerald O'Connell Sue Kennedy	Riina Kabwea Fernanda Filguieras
Parish Needs Co-ordinator		Susan More 027 431 1263	