

# Saint Peter's Catholic Parish Wairoa



*Christ inspires the beliefs and teachings of our  
threefold Community of faith*

3rd Sunday of Advent Year B

17th December 2017

**Psalm response:** My soul rejoices in my God

## Third Sunday of Advent - Joy

Our readings this weekend are filled with joy. As we come closer to the birth of Jesus our hopes and expectations are getting stronger. Amidst all the rush and pressure to conform to our commercial world Jesus wants to offer us a joy that is lasting, a peace that the world cannot give. There is more joy in giving than in receiving

## Reconciliation and Adoration

This Wednesday 20th December how about giving some time between 5.30 and 6.30pm to Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament on our altar. Sit and talk to him about your life, family, hopes, expectations and challenges. Sit and absorb the silence allowing him to speak to you. Fathers Michael and Arthur will be available for Reconciliation during this hour at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and in the Reconciliation Room

## Mass of Christmas Night

Will be at 8pm in Saint Peter's Church. There will be time for a warm up with Christmas Carols commencing at 7.30pm. We have a priest, two altar servers and music. Who will share the Word of God with us, by reading?

## Mass of Christmas Day

Will be at 9am in Saint Peter's and at 9am in Mokotahi Hall, Mahia

## Top 2017 Scholars

Year 8 student, Mahinarangi Hume was chosen as the Dux of Saint Joseph School at the Prizegiving held in Wairoa College Hall. She is the daughter of Alma and Andrew Hume.

In addition to this acknowledgement of academic excellence Mahinarangi also received the Tawhiti a Maru Pompallier Cup for altar server of year, and the cup for Christian leadership

Monique Stone was named Wairoa College Dux at their senior prizegiving. Monique is the daughter of Vinnie and Wendy Stone. She is set to study midwifery in Hamiton next year

Congratulations to both of these students. We are proud of your efforts



### What Do You Want As A Community of Faith?

Times are changing in our Community of Faith. New ideas could change the way we live and pray as a Catholic community.

Over the summer we need to think about aspects of life in our Parish you are not prepared to live without.

Bishop Charles is asking all Parishes in our Diocese to meet and consider how we would like to see how our Parish would grow and become stronger and become more outward focused in the coming year.

To this end Bishop Charles encourages all parishioners to reflect, gather and share ideas. He gives us the following questions for a Parish Focus Day.

1. How can we grow and strengthen and make more dynamic our Parish in 2018 through the **Sacraments and Liturgy?**
2. How can we strengthen our Parish through greater participation of all our **cultural groups.**

How can we grow participation in our Parish in 2018 with more **children, young people and young families?**

4. How can we enliven our Parish in 2018 through **social justice and service initiatives?**

Ideas from our Parish Focus time will be presented to Bishop Charles so that the results from all the Parishes can be collated and He will have a clearer picture to lead us.

Please keep the **Fourth Sunday January 28th 2018** free to gather after Mass for a cup of tea and discussion about our future



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