



Christmas 2013 Newsletter

**Haere mai e te whanau, Tena koutou katoa, a kia noho te Ariki ki a koutou.
Welcome, family, greetings to you all. May the Lord be with you**

Happy Christmas

Christmas Crib and Christmas Lillies
Shepherds with tea-towels and angels with tinsel
Wondrous children and grandparents' smiles
Gathering for Mass - rushing home for presents



The maiden with child rejoicing for Elizabeth
The silence of God ended
The time of blessing begun
The birth of Jesus

The old, old story of God beginning in our hearts
A story welcomed by those first shepherds
Unlikely sorts - no fixed abode - slept under stars
Witnesses to the transcendent



Joseph, the man of dreams
Protecting the sacred
Nurturing the divine child
Searching for shelter

Jesus, God's Son, Saviour
Emmanuel - God with us
Redemption and grace
Blessing and peace



Dear Parishioners

On behalf of Father Doug Shepherd, Cardinal Tom Williams and the retired priests a sincere thank you to you all for the many ways in which you work so hard to build the Body of Christ in Kāpiti and beyond.

We are very conscious of the numerous ways parishioners use their gifts and talents for the greater good and we pray the blessings of the Christ child for you all this Christmas.

May this Christmas be a time of grace and healing, of joy and celebration at the presence of Emmanuel - God-who-is-with-us. May it also be a time of rest and relaxation as we give thanks to God for all that has been achieved together this year.

With every blessing in Christ
Michael McCabe



Listen
Be gentle
Laugh a little
Find the TIME
KEEP
a promise
MEND a quarrel
Give a SOFT answer
Laugh
a little more
Share some treasure
WELCOME a stranger
Encourage
the Youth
Express your gratitude
Apologise if you are wrong
Gladden the HEART of a child
SEEK out a long forgotten friend
Take pleasure in the beauty and the
Wonder of the earth
Speak of
LOVE
Speak it again
Speak it still again

LOVED 4 LIFE™

Christmas Blessings to all the volunteers who have supported the Waikanae Chapter of **LOVED 4 LIFE™** to welcome new babies into the community.

To those who have made LOVED quilts, knitted baby garments or prepared meals for the families,

a big thank you.

Barbara Ratcliffe

Save the Date

4 January 2014

Special Mass 9.30am at Saint Patrick's Church to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the arrival of the Presentation Sisters in Kāpiti and New Zealand. All welcome.

4 February 2014

Saint Patrick's School opens for the School year.

9 February 2013

Annual Pilgrimage to the Statue of Our Lady 2pm concluding with Benediction at Saint Patrick's Church.

14 February 2013

Valentine's Day Mass Our Lady of Fatima Church 7pm.

The Parish Office reopens 13 January 2013

The first newsletter for 2014 will be on Sunday 19 January 2014.

Notices for the newsletter need to be in by
12pm on Wednesday 15 January.

Condolences to Louise Scott on the death of her husband Tom. His Requiem Mass is Friday 27 at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie.

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD

Tom Scott, Anthony Terrance Breen, Sr Mary Quittenden, Romilda Muollo, Edgar & Marjorie Dawson, Bette McFaul, Deceased members of the Monopoli Family, Deceased members of the Ryder, Boyle & Goodman families. We remember all parishioners and family members who have died during the year.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Parish of Our Lady of Kāpiti

Te Whaea Tapu o Kāpiti

Our Lady of Fatima Church
29 Parata Street, Waikanae

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday Mass 9am

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.30am

Tues & Thurs: Liturgy of the Word
& Holy Communion 9.30am

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 8.30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation follows Friday Mass*

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