

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occurring this week and the remaining December. Margaret Dobby 15/1980, Elma Olwyn Lynch 18/2012, Donna Grimshaw 19/1985, Frank Peacock 19/2015, James Powell 20/1987, Malcolm Shanks 22/1990, Peter Dobbyn 22/2017, Peter Henderson 23/2005, Adinda Hopkins 25/1999, William Jonas 27/1968, James Lindo Bradly 28/1982, Jean Grant 29/1971, and John Marton 30/1985.

And also we pray for those in January Neil Barr 1/1996, Veronica Evans 5/2017, Nicholas Borich 10/1980, William Carlton 11/1968, Donna Hendry 11/1985, Larry Clough 12/2004, Ethel Jujnovich 12/1988, Herman Grace 13/1991, Leola Gratton 13/1996, Elizabeth Stannaway 15/1967, Noel Charles Mullin 15/13, Richard Tohia 16/69, Thomas Cureen 16/70, Catherine Mary Kettle 16/2007, Moira Bradley 18/2006, Craig Rogers 19/1994, Daniel Oxtan 20/1979, Mary Stratton 21/2001, Hazel Montgomery 21/2006, Miriam McFadden 23/1995, Patrick MCarthy 24/1999, Cornelis Oudshoorn 26/2005 and Jane Clow 28/2013 .

We pray for the repose of the soul of those who recently died - Ria Calis, Msgr Pat Ward (Kay & Agnes' cousin), Donie Coveney, Brother John Paul Wilson, Stephen Jelas (Julena Moors' Uncle), Venancio Millet Snr and Terry Eastlake (Parish neighbour & friend)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. We also pray for their families that they may they be comforted through our prayers, care and support.

We pray for healing for all those who are sick in our Parish community especially for - Peter Evans, Linda Rose Kiddie, Patrick Shalley, Rose Smith, Barry Wilson, Basil Grbic, Ross Kerr Taylor, Steve Nobilo, Kevin Robertson, Kath Butcher, Helen Bradley (Richard's mother), Elmer Escandor, Laura Yelavich and Terri Smith.

Last Weekend's Collection - Pledge \$499.00 Non Pledge \$408.50. Thank you.

NZ CATHOLIC is out now. Some headlines are: 1,200 in March for Life in Wellington. Translation wars running out of steam? Mary comes back to her Tuakau grotto. Abraham faiths deepen understanding.

HUAPAI MISSION GROUP CHRISTMAS APPEAL - Well this year you have excelled yourselves. On behalf of the Mission Group and the Stanyer family, a massive "THANK YOU" for your donations of money and items for their home. The money collected over the four weeks amounted to \$2,560.00 - WELL DONE. It was such a wonderful feeling meeting up with Jadene on Thursday and giving her the gift which is really going to help them. What a wonderful parish we have here. We wish everyone all the joys and blessings of Christmas and may 2019 be a healthy and happy year for each and every one of you. May God Bless you in abundance.



TOGETHER AS ONE
ST. JOSEPH'S, HELENSVILLE & ST. PATRICK'S, HUAPAI

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – 23 December 2018

Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

CHRISTMAS 2018 MASS SCHEDULE

ST JOSEPH'S HELENSVILLE

Monday, 24th December - Christmas Vigil Mass
 Christmas Carols at 7:30pm and Mass at 8:00pm.

Tuesday, 25th December - Christmas Day
 Mass is at 9:00am.

ST PATRICK'S HUAPAI

Monday, 24th December - Christmas Vigil Mass
 Christmas Carols at 6:00pm and Mass at 6:30pm.

Monday, 24th December - Midnight Mass
 Christmas Carols at 10:30pm and Mass start at 11:00pm and finish at 12:00 Midnight.

Tuesday, 25th December - Christmas Day
 Mass is at 9:00am.

Usual Holy Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration Times Below

	HELENSVILLE		HUAPAI	
Vigil Mass	Weeks 2 & 4	6:00 pm	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	6:00 pm
Sunday Mass	Weeks 1, 3 & 5	9:00 am	Weeks 2 & 4	9:00 am
Weekday	Mon, Wed, Thu	9:00 am	Tue & Fri	10:00 am
Adoration	Thursday	9:30-10:30 am	Friday	10:30-11:00 am

Reconciliation	Helensville	Thursday after the 9am Mass during Adoration
	Huapai	Friday after the 10am Mass during Adoration
	Other Times	Feel free to contact the supply priest after Mass on January 2019 when Fr Carlos is away.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Our spirit of hope has been growing in intensity as the weeks of Advent have passed. In a rather paradoxical way we have been encouraged to look forward by progressively moving back in time. We began with the final day of the Lord, then turned our attention to the mission of John the Baptist, and now we focus on the coming birth of the Messiah.

All this looking both to the future and to the past serves but one purpose: that we live joyfully and faithfully in the present. Such a simple thing to state, but such a challenge to achieve. It is only by God's grace that we can live in the present, free from the burden of a dead past and untroubled by fear of the unknown future.

For this grace we give thanks today. As the second preface for Advent says: "It is by his gift that already we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity, so that he may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in his praise".

Break Open the Word, p14

BEEF SCHEME - Four heifers were sold recently for \$4,025.56. Joanna and Thomaz Lang have been caring for these animals. Thank you to them for their generosity and support of the Beef Scheme. There are newly weaned calves ready to be grazed out for the Beef Scheme. If anyone has grazing and can care for these animals, please phone Richard Bradley on 420 8736 or Graeme Bradly on 420 8632.

OUR LADY'S GROTTO AT ST JOSEPH'S HELENSVILLE - Thank you very much to Nick Honeycombe and to all those who helped him did the work and to those who contributed for the landscaping works at the Grotto. People who are passing by the area appreciates the beauty of the work that is being done.

ST JOSEPH'S FLOAT - Once again, on Saturday, 8th of December the St Joseph's Float has won first place and the best in the parade during the Helensville Santa Parade. Thank you to all the organizers and to all the children who participated on the parade.

THANK YOU - To Joan and Vincent So for donating two electric fans for the sanctuary use at St Joseph's Helensville and St Patrick's Huapai. Also, to Cheryl and Brian Suares for the two stand fans at St Patrick's Huapai.

Helensville Community Christmas Dinner at 12:00pm on Christmas Day at Helensville Primary School. Everyone welcome. Volunteers are needed to assist with transport. Food and Cash donations are also welcome. Contact Holly Southerwood 021 488 427 or email helchristfest@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS, 25th December, 9:00am at St Patrick's Huapai - All children are invited to join the offertory procession. If they would like to dress up as Angels or Shepherds they are welcome and it would be nice if they left a little gift in the stables for the Holy Family. The gifts will go to needy families after Christmas. Special dress and presents are optional. It is ok to come as you are. You will all be welcome.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS, TUESDAY, 1ST JANUARY 2019 at 10:00am at St Patrick's Huapai - This is the only Mass on New Year's Day at the parish. Please mark your diary or calendar.

This is the Last Newsletter printed for the year. The Newsletter editors will be back in action February the 3rd 2019.

Coming Christmas Mass Readings

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS - Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 89, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, and Matthew 1:1-25

MIDNIGHT MASS, The Birth Of Our Lord Jesus - Isaiah 9:1-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, and Luke 2:1-14

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-6, and John 1:1-18

Coming Sunday Readings: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Cycle C) - 30 Dec 2018

Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 ;Psalm 83; John 3:1-2,21-24; Luke 2:41-52.

Coming Rosters 29/30 December	Helensville - Sunday	Huapai- Saturday Night
Leader	Jo	Sarah
Word	Rob / Dennis	John
Communion	Geraldine / Tess	TBA
Altar Servers	John	TBA

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS 15th - 23rd DECEMBER 2018

23 December - Day 9, Novena Prayers is part of the Sunday morning Mass.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2018

"Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" (Luke 2:14)

During the Advent Season and the Christmas Novena Mass, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, as St Augustine said, "Our heart is restless, O Lord, until it rest you" - our ultimate desire is Jesus Christ himself. And for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Baby Jesus - the Word who became flesh and dwells among us - the Emmanuel, God is with us.

In the midst of all the challenges and concerns of our lives, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. May you and your loved ones know and experience the joy and peace that comes from the mystery of Christ's birth among us! Jesus is the Prince of Peace. True peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives. May we continue to be witnesses and instruments of Christ's love, mercy and peace to our brothers and sisters.

Thank you dear parishioners for your continued support and commitment to our parish. The giving of your time, talents and treasures to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. A special thank you to all the devoted members of the various ministries & committees in our parish and to those who work quietly behind the scene.

A Blessed and Joyful Christmas and a Happy 2019 New Year!

Fr. Carlos Guleng