

Christmas



Nga mihi mahana mo te Kirihimete – Warm greetings for Christmas.

My Dad told us the story of the truce between the Allied troops and the Germans during the war. They could almost speak to one another across the way. This is my reminder that as bad as we think things are in the Covid environment – others have had to cope with things far worse.

With quiet joy let us ponder the incredible reality that God has come among us in the hidden birth of the Christ child.

We now share in the divine life of Christ who humbled himself to share in our human life.

In this my last written message as your Parish Priest I want to say thank you to all who help and contribute in so many ways to the life of our Parish.

Whangarei will always be special to me.

(If I had died in office, I would have been happy to Rest here forever).

I depart in the confidence that you will welcome Fr Brian when he returns.

As Marists we come and we go – but it is you the Parishioners who make up the community of the Church.

Special thanks to those I spent the most time with, my Marist community, Frs Peter and Trevor and the office staff Janet and Glennis and each of you I have had the honour of walking with.

Arohanui and Blessings

Chris Martin s.m.

Petition

This comes from our Diocesan office

Below is a link to a petition that the Government recognise the 4th (oral) article of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Since this article came about through Bishop Pompallier's intervention, it is of particular interest to our Catholic community.

https://www.parliament.nz/en/petitions/sign/PET_116011

January Masses

Please book online at the Parish Website:

The Sunday Masses and Liturgies are all listed

www.whangareicatholic.org.nz

No online bookings for the **daily 8:00 a.m. Mass.**

A reminder: the Midday Sunday along with Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Masses are Open Masses. (No Vaccination Pass)

Parish office will re-open on Tuesday 25th January