

**Dear Parishioners and Friends, Kia Ora!**

**I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas celebration and boxing day shopping. Christmas Masses in the Churches were great moments of grace for our parish. We were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm with which the people, were booking and participating in the Masses. We thank all the priests, volunteers, sacristans, those who set up the cribs, the readers, choir/singers, children who put up the nativity play etc. May the spirit of Christmas continue in our hearts and homes with peace, joy, happiness, and protection from all illness. Thank you for the Christmas greetings and gifts, an expression of your love and concern for us.**

**As we are moving to the Orange Level in our “Covid Traffic Light System”, we can gather unlimited numbers with Vaccine Passes for Mass in the Churches. So, there will not be online booking for Sunday Masses. For an undocumented Mass (without vaccine Pass), only 50 people can gather. Thank you. Mass timings (both Sunday and weekdays) are sent to you by Andrea, published on the notice board and social media.**

**As the whole world is waiting to celebrate the New Year, 2022, we bring you blessings from God and wish you Happy New Year. Let us pray that God blesses the universe and keeps us safe. May we have a Successful 2022 both spiritually and materially. We also ask God to protect our country.**

**To thank God for all the blessings that we received in 2021 we shall gather in St Mary’s Church for an hour of Adoration and Rosary on 31<sup>st</sup> Friday at 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00 pm, Benediction and Thanksgiving Mass. All are welcome. (Friday morning Mass is cancelled.) Saturday: 01-01-2021- 9.00 am Mass- Mary Mother of God.**

**If you have any doubts, please don’t hesitate to contact me as Fr Prakash is away for a break. I will be away for a wedding in the South Island from 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> January. Wishing you a Successful New Year and requesting your prayers and support in 2022,**

**Yours in the Heart of Mary,**

**Fr Thomas Thannianickal cmf**

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