Catholic Diocese of Auckland
Liturgy Centre – Te Kawe Ritenga Tapu
Music Suggestions for 6th – 27th December 2026

Advent & Christmas

Year B

Priority for Singing:
Singing at Mass is not an optional extra, but is an integral part of the Mass. It is, however, more important to sing some parts of the Mass than others. The list below indicates the priority attributed to singing each part.
Priority 1: Gospel Acclamation, Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen
Priority 2: Entrance or Gathering Hymn, Gloria, Psalm, Hymn/Song During Communion
Priority 3: Penitential Rite, Preparation of Altar and Gifts, Lamb of God, Dismissal

Opening or Gathering hymn:
The purpose of the hymn at the beginning of Mass is to foster unity and open our minds to the wonder of the season of the Paschal Mystery, liturgical time, and readings of the day.

Communion hymn:
Singing a hymn during the procession to communion reminds us of our call to unity, to one-ness in Christ, whose we become as we eat and drink the body and blood of the Lord.

The Psalmist: "The psalmist, or cantor of the psalm, proclaims the Responsorial Psalm after the first reading and leads the gathered assembly in singing the refrain. The psalmist may also, when necessary, intone the Gospel Acclamation and verse." *Sing to The Lord; Music in Divine Worship: para-34.*

Kaupapa Māori – Māori Dimension: Included in the terms of reference for the National Liturgy Office is **"ensure the distinctive identity of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand with its Māori dimension is present in the liturgy."** *(NZCBC's Terms of Reference for NLO 2015 1.2b.)* Kaupapa Māori has been written to support this initiative. The 4th dimension of Kaupapa Māori, is Māori music, and the first priority it lists is to promote the use of Māori music where appropriate.
Consider using a waiata (Māori song) listed below, in your parish over the next few weeks. Remember to give your people support to learn it.
He Hōnore *by Nape Waaka*
Ka Waiata *by Richard Puanaki, Ngā Hīmene 158*
Ko Hehu Tōku Hēpara*, tune J Irvine, SP 57, Ngā Hīmene 77, KKM 21,*
Mā te Mārie a te Atua *-Ngā Hīmene 71, SP 225 – tune: Old One Hundredth*
Mo Maria *by Bishop Pompallier, tune D.H Doane, Ngā Hīmene 151, SP 228*
Tama Ngākau Mārie *- Ngā Hīmene 92, SP 285, KKM*
Te Aroha
Wairua Tapu *by Wiremu Ready and Keith Southern © 2002 Ngā Hīmene 95151, SP 228*
Marian hymns can be used appropriately at the end of Mass, but not during Mass *unless the day is a Marian feast Day.*

Suggested Mass Settings: In principle, select **one** mass setting and use it consistently for the parts of the Mass throughout a Liturgical Season. As the season of Ordinary time is very long, you might find it appropriate to use a different mass setting at times, though still important to use the mass setting in its entirety (i.e., the Gloria, Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation etc. should be from the same musical setting).

Trilingual chants of the Roman Missal - ICEL
Mass of St Therese – Douglas Mews
Te Miha Māori
Mary Queen of Peace – Maria Guzzo
Hopetoun Mass – Chris Skinner
Mass of St Francis – Paul Taylor (Australia)
Mass of Creation – Marty Haugen (USA)
Mass of Joy and Peace – Tony Alonso (USA)
Mass of Christ the Saviour – Dan Schutte (USA)
Heritage Mass – Owen Alstott (England)

Abbreviations - Copyright licensing groups: OL – One Licence, CCLI Christian Copyright Licensing Inc. PD – Public Domain
Publications: (SP) Sing Praise, (AOV) As One Voice, (STTL) Sing to The Lord, (GA) Gather Australia, (AA) Alleluia Aotearoa, (KKM) Ko Ngā Karakia o Te Miha me
(COC) Carol our Christmas NZ, (CWC2) Catholic Worship Book 2, (NH) Ngā Hīmene, (JS) Journeysongs, (GC) Gather Comprehensive, (GP) Glory & Praise, (SS) Spirit & Song

2nd Sunday of Advent
6th December

Entrance Antiphon
O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Communion Antiphon
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low.

Psalm 84
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

2 Peter 3:8-14
There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day.

Mark 1:1-8
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Recommended for Responsorial Psalms:
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A Voice Cries Out (Michael Joncas) GA 278, OL 80632
A Voice in The Wilderness (Chris Robinson) AOV1 62, OL 592e04d254226
Advent Litany / Litany of the Word (Bernadette Farrell) GA 279, OL 80563
Behold, The Lamb Of God (Matt Maher) OCP, CCLI 4669755
Christ Be Our Light (Bernadette Farrell) AOV2 3, OL 80229
City of God (Dan Schutte) AOV1 57, GC 678, OCP, GP3 538, JS 813, OL 80676
Come, Lord Jesus (Chris de Silva) GIA, OL 91242
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Charles Wesley) SP 153, OCP, GP2 309, JS 296, OL 83979
Come to Set Us Free (Bernadette Farrell) AOV1 39, OCP, GA 277, GP2 298, OL 81520
Comfort, Comfort (Robin Mann) AOV2 12, OL 117650
Every Valley (Bob Dufford) GP3 221, OCP, JS 289, OL 81011
From the Many, Make us One (Tony Alonso) GIA, OL 99612
God's Call (Fiona Dyball) Liturgical Song
Hopeful Longing (Ricky Manalo) OCP, OL 30135381
O Come, Divine Messiah (Trad French Carol) OCP, JS 279, OL 85068
O Come O Come Emmanuel (Thomas Helmore) SP 238, AOV1 174, OL 592e04d38b704
O Emmanuel (Michael Mangan) OL 14663
O Healing Light of Christ (Carey Landry) OL 83473
Our Supper Invitation (Kevin Bates) AOV1 185, OL 5901930f67591
Prepare The Way (Brian Boniwell) GA 284, OL 7792
Prepare the Way (Charlie Hall) WorshipNOW 143, CCLI 3441008
The House That Love Is Building (Sarah Hart) OCP, OL 30145738
The King of Glory Comes (Willard Jabusch) SP 291, OCP, JS 470, GP3 368, OL 81352
When We Eat This Bread (Michael Joncas) AOV1 99, GP2 510, OL 80809

3rd Sunday of Advent
13th December

Entrance Antiphon
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Communion Antiphon
Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11
For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.

Luke 1
My soul rejoices in my God.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul, and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

John 1:6-8,19-28
I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.

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A Voice Cries Out (Michael Joncas) GA 278, OL 80632
A Voice in The Wilderness (Chris Robinson) AOV1 62, OL 592e04d254226
Advent Alleluia (Michael Mangan) OL 14672
Advent Litany / Litany of the Word (Bernadette Farrell) GA 279, OL 80563
Christ Be Our Light (Bernadette Farrell) AOV2 3, OL 80229
City of God (Dan Schutte) AOV1 57, GC 678, OCP, GP3 538, JS 813, OL 80676
Come, Lord Jesus (Chris de Silva) GIA, OL 91242
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Charles Wesley) SP 153, OCP, GP2 309, JS 296, OL 83979
Come to the Feast (Marty Haugen) AOV1 151, GC 503, GIA, OL 02360
Comfort, Comfort (Robin Mann) AOV2 12, OL 117650
Every Valley (Bob Dufford) GP3 221, OCP, JS 289, OL 81011
From the Many, Make us One (Tony Alonso) GIA, OL 99612
God's Call (Fiona Dyball) Liturgical Song
Hopeful Longing (Ricky Manalo) OCP, OL 30135381
My Soul is Joyful (Frank Andersen) OL 125612
Mary's Song (Anne Carter) JS 474, GP3 112, OL 84461
My Spirit Sings (Michael Mangan) OL 41472
O Come, Divine Messiah (Trad French Carol) OCP, JS 279, OL 85068
O Come O Come Emmanuel (Thomas Helmore) SP 238, AOV1 174, OL 592e04d38b704
O Emmanuel (Michael Mangan) OL 14663
O Healing Light of Christ (Carey Landry) OL 83473
Our Supper Invitation (Kevin Bates) AOV1 185, OL 5901930f67591
Prepare The Way (Brian Boniwell) GA 284, OL 7792
Prepare the Way (Charlie Hall) WorshipNOW 143, CCLI 3441008
The Cry of the Poor (John Foley) AOV1 83, OCP, GP3 526, JS 829, SP 63, OL 80686
The King of Glory Comes (Willard Jabusch) SP 291, OCP, JS 470, GP3 368, OL 81352
When We Eat This Bread (Michael Joncas) AOV1 99, GP2 510, OL 80809

4th Sunday of Advent
20th December

Entrance Antiphon
Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and brin forth a Saviour.

Communion Antiphon
Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16
Look, I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent… Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.

Psalm 88
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Romans 16:25-2
Glory to God who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages…

Luke 1:26-38
I am the handmaid of the Lord… let what you have said be done to me.

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Abba Father (Carey Landry) OCP, OL 81240
Advent Litany / Litany of the Word (Bernadette Farrell) GA 279, OL 80563
Behold, The Lamb Of God (Matt Maher) OCP, CCLI 4669755
Come, Lord Jesus (Dan Schutte) OCP, OL 86961
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Charles Wesley) SP 153, OCP, GP2 309, JS 296, OL 83979
Communion Song (Peter Grant) AOV1 187, OL 590290c2db601
From the Many, Make us One (Tony Alonso) GIA, OL 99612
God's Call (Fiona Dyball) Liturgical Song
Help Me Know Your Ways (Michael Mangan) OL 126447
Here I Am, Lord (Dan Schutte) AOV1 90, GC 686, OCP, JS 818, OL 80670
Hopeful Longing (Ricky Manalo) OCP, OL 30135381
How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place (Michael Joncas) AOV1 41, OCP, JS 61, GP2 222, OL 80635
Let There be Peace on Earth (Sy Miller, Jill Jackson) AOV1 190, GC 731, OL 02424
Make me a Chanel/Prayer of St Francis (Sebastian Temple) SP 221, AOV2 126, JS 702, OL 80478
My Spirit Sings (Michael Mangan) OL 41472
My Soul is Joyful (Frank Andersen) OL 125612
O Come, Divine Messiah (Trad French Carol) OCP, JS 279, OL 85068
O Come O Come Emmanuel (Thomas Helmore) SP 238, AOV1 174, OL 592e04d38b704
O Emmanuel (Michael Mangan) OL 14663
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Thomas Ken) AOV1 10, PD
Prepare The Way (Brian Boniwell) GA 284, OL 7792
Sing A New Song (Dan Schutte) AOV1 80, OCP, JS 598, GP2 670, OL 80487
The Angel Gabriel (Sabine Baring-Gould) PD
The God of All Grace (Ricky Manalo) OCP, JS 773, GP3 474, OL 81676
Who is the child that is to be born? (Colin Gibson, Shirley Erena Murray) OL 391

Christmas – Vigil Mass

24th December

Entrance Antiphon

Today you will know that the lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Communion Antiphon

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 62:1-5

And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 88

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

"I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thing of the sandals on his feet."

Matthew 1:1-25

Now the birth of the Messiah took place in this way…

Christmas – Midnight Mass

25th December

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said to me: you are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

Communion Antiphon

The Word became flesh and we have seen his glory.

Isaiah 9:1-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light…

Psalm 95

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of god has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Luke 2:11-14

While they were there the time came for to deliver her child…

Christmas Day Mass

25th December

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called messenger of great counsel.

Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:7-10

Break into shouts of joy together, you ruin of Jerusalem…

Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Hebrews 1:1-6

He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature…

John 1:1-5,9-14

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us…

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Angels We Have Heard on high!
Away in a Manger (William James Kirkpatrick) SP 138, PD
Calypso Carol (Michael Perry) CCLI 626892
Christmas Star (John Burland) OL 1019
E Hoa Mā Tēnā – O Come All Ye Faithful Maori – SP 159 PD
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Felix Mendelssohn) SP 188, OL 83988
Joy to the World (George Frideric Handel) PD
Kauri flax and Rata Tree – N Brookes CCLI
Lady Mary (Sandra Sears) AOV1 117, OL 41206
O Come All Ye Faithful (John Wade) SP 236, AOV1 167, OL 592e04d371906
O Holy Night! (John Dwight) PD, OL 94874
O Little Town of Bethlehem (Phillip Brooks) SP 242, PD
Once in Royal David's City (Henry Gauntlett, Cecil Alexander) SP 246, OL 84482
Pō Mārie – Silent Night Maori – Sing Praise 264
Shepherd's on The Edge of Town (Chris Skinner)
Silent Night (Franz Xaver Gruber) PD
Te Harinui
The Angel Gabriel (Sabine Baring-Gould) PD
The First Nowell (Trad English Carol) SP 290, PD
What Child is This (William Dix) AOV1 165, OL 592e04d4531c9
Where Is the Room (Shirley Erena Murray) OL 80656
While Shepherds Watched (George Frideric Handel) SP 306, AOV1 172, PD
You Are Born In Us Again (Shirley Murray) Carol our Christmas, OL 436

Responsorial Psalm:
Christmas Psalm - Psalm 96 - Today A Savior Is Born (Bernadette Farrel) AOV2 71, OL 80003

The Nativity of the Lord

27th December

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Hebrews 1:1-6

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

John 1:1-5,9-14

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God…The Word was the true light that enlightens all people; and the Lord was coming into the world.

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http://folksong.org.nz/nzchristmas/te_harinui.html
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This Holy Light (Ricky Manalo) OCP, OL 88530
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