We pray for all who are sick and those in need. We ask for your healing hand to rest upon them.

Events
Cup of Kindness (Woodville) every Wednesday from 9.30 – 11am.
Liturgy Meeting 1st December 7pm

2027 Columban Calendars are available from St Brigid's and St Columbkille's – price $15 each.

Planned Giving - Direct Credit
Pahiatua Parish: 02-0630-0288037- 009 ≅ Be sure to include your envelope number or name to receive proper credit for your donation. Thank you.

St Brigid's Ministries – 6th December (Advent 2)

Greeter: TBC
Readers: A & E Beech
Power Point: A Hill
Eucharistic Ministers: M Beech & D Hobbs
Prayer of the Faithful: A Hill
Cup of Tea: -

Eucharistic Ministers

Pahiatua is looking for people to join the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist team. If you would like to find out more see one of the Liturgy Committee or talk to Fr Ralph.

Saint of the Week | St. Francis Xavier

This coming week, we are accompanied by St. Francis Xavier. He is the patron saint of missions and missionaries. His feast day is on the 3rd of December.

Items for the newsletter should be sent to Alison jahill12@outlook.com

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Brigid's	**Sacred Heart**
27 Wakeman Street	16 Haswell Street
Pahiatua, 4910	Eketahuna, 4900
Mass Times:	**Mass Times:**
Sunday 11.00am	1st, 2nd, 3rd Sunday 3pm
Tuesday 9.30am	4th Sunday 9am
Friday 9.30am	**St Anthony's School**
St Columbkille's	24 Wakeman Street
128 Vogel Street	Pahiatua, 4910
Woodville, 4920	Acting Principal: Jenni Harrison
Mass Times:	TEL: 06 376 8523
Saturday 5.30pm	Email: office@stanthony.ac.nz

St Brigid's - Holy Hour after Mass on the 1st Friday of the month

St Brigid's - 1st Saturday of the month 8.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation followed by Mass at 9.30am

Daily Readings

29 Nov – 6 Dec	Reading	Psalm	Gospel
Sunday	Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8 1 Corinth 1: 3-9	79	Mark 13: 33-37
Monday St Andrew	Romans 10: 9-18	18	Matthew 4: 18-22
Tuesday	Isaiah 11: 1-10	71	Luke 10: 21-24
Wednesday	Isaiah 25: 6-10	22	Matthew 15: 29-37
Thursday St Francis Xavier	Isaiah 26: 1-6	117	Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29: 17-24	26	Matthew 9: 27-31
Saturday	Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26	146	Matthew 9: 35- 10: 1, 6-8
Sunday	Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3: 8-14	84	Mark 1: 1-8

Reflection – 1st Sunday in Advent

Advent can find us in many places. Perhaps we are longing to draw closer to the Lord. Perhaps life has become so full that we barely find time for Him, or our hearts have grown distracted. Yet before we even begin to seek Him, the Lord is already coming towards us. This First Sunday of Advent, the Church asks God to give us the desire and determination to go forth to meet Christ, not simply in our thoughts or prayers, but through the way we live our lives. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us to stay awake as we await His return. Our waiting is not passive. We are invited to live attentively and faithfully, responding to His love as we journey towards Him. We remember His coming at Bethlehem, welcome Him as He meets us in our lives today and look forward in hope to His coming again in glory. We do not make this journey alone. The Lord draws near and gives us the grace to respond to His love.

As we begin Advent, Jesus calls us to stay awake and be attentive to His presence. Before we even begin to seek Him, the Lord is already coming towards us. How might we make room to recognise Him and respond to His love this week? We encourage you to take some time with this week's reflection, whether on your own, with your family or alongside a friend. Perhaps invite someone else to journey with you this Advent!

Advent – Reconciliation
Woodville 1st to 3rd Saturdays 5pm to 5.25pm
Eketahuna 2nd and 3rd Sundays 2.30pm to 2.55pm
Dannevirke 10th December 5pm
Pahiatua 11th December 5pm

Combined Churches Pahiatua Christmas Service December 19th 7pm
Pahiatua Christian Fellowship
Christmas Eve
Eketahuna Carols 5pm followed by Mass at 5.30pm
Pahiatua Carols 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8pm
Christmas Day
Woodville Carols 9am followed by Mass at 9.30am

Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection | Sunday, 29 November 2026 - Every contribution, large or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our priests. Make a direct credit to the parish bank account including your name as payee and "Dues" as the reference.

Save the Date | 2027 Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names

The Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names will be held on Sunday, 14 February 2027 at 2pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North. All are welcome. Please pray for our parishioners who are part of the OCIA program preparing to join the Catholic Church.