



St Theresa's Parish Plimmerton

Newsletter



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Reconciliation

By appointment

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 DECEMBER 2018

Readings

2 Dec

First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Paul 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-18, 34-36

9 Dec

First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Luke 3:1-6



PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Monday 03** 10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion followed by Adoration until 3:30pm
- Tuesday 04** No Liturgy of the Word
- Wednesday 05** 9:30am Eucharist
7:30pm Charismatic Mass
- Thursday 06** 9:30am Eucharist
11am visiting at Whitby Rest home
- Friday 07** 9:30am Eucharist
- Saturday 08** 9:45 start – Advent Parish Retreat Day
6pm Vigil
- Sunday 09** **Second Sunday of Advent – Passionist Food Parcel drive**
9:30am Eucharist



Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel reading for the first Sunday of Advent, with its emphasis on the end of the world, is not meant to frighten us. Rather, Advent is a time when we acknowledge that, as followers of Jesus Christ, we have promised to live by his example and teachings; remembering that one day he will ask us to lay our lives before him and receive his compassionate judgement on the way we have lived. As St Paul, in our second reading, urges us: "make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants". That is: by loving God,

and our neighbour as ourselves.

Advent is a time for us to stop and reflect on our lives as we once again prepare for the Lord's coming at Christmas. We set some time aside for God, the giver of all good gifts. Our parish day of reflection next Saturday is one special, grace-filled, opportunity to do this. Taking care of ourselves as disciples, we might attend the Service of Reconciliation on Sunday 16th December. Reaching out to our neighbours, might include contributing to the St Vincent de Paul food bank and Christmas hampers.

A special welcome to members of the Wellington Deaf Society who are with us today. May the light of Christ, symbolised in our Advent Wreath, shine on us all.

God bless,
Fr Maurice



Advent Parish Retreat Day. Next Saturday 8th December everyone is encouraged to attend a day of prayer here at St Theresa's, with reflections and music led by Sr Clare O'Connor & Fr Alan Roberts. From 9.45 (cuppa) until 3.00pm. Shared lunch. A great way to prepare for Christmas. Please sign up on a clipboard in the foyer.



NEXT WEEKEND 8/9 DEC

We invite the Parish to continue to support those in need by partaking in a food drive until Christmas. Our SVDP estimate that they will be sending out around 80 Christmas food parcels this year. They wish to give families the basics first, so

they will need; 80 laundry powders, 80 dishwashing liquids, 80 soaps, 80 toothpastes, 80 coffee, 80 tea, 80 cereal, 80 rice, 80 pasta, 80 pasta sauce, 80 biscuits, 80 spreads, 210 toilet rolls, 140 baked beans, 140 spaghetti, 140 tins of fruit.

On top of the basics they would like treats to help make Christmas special for these families – lollies, chocolate biscuits etc. If you can donate basics or treats the SVDP would be very grateful. On the 8th & 9th of December the Passionist Family groups in our Parish donate generously to help this call and the parcels will go out on Monday 10th Dec. We invite all our Parish families to help others less fortunate than themselves by supporting this food drive for the next few weeks.

If anyone can help with delivery of these parcels on Monday 10th Dec with pick up at the Church hall from 5:30pm – 7pm, please contact Marie O'Leary on 2338959.

ADVENT 2018

We are all familiar with the idea of preparation during the season of Advent, a time when we prepare for the arrival and birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. We pray with hope and joy and we are also preparing our hearts and minds for the hope and joy of Christ's second coming at the end of time. These are the common themes of the Advent season -- hope, love, joy and peace.

This Advent we invite you to reflect on the significant people in the Advent story, people we have heard so many times in the readings of the season. Each week we have a character to look at with fresh eyes through the readings, to reflect on their roles and the messages they each have for us in how to live as people of faith in our communities.

Based on reflection material found at <http://www.oremus.org/liturgy/pohg/s3e.html> and <https://www.english.op.org/godzdogz/characters-of-advent-joseph>



Week One – The Prophets

God the Father spoke through the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. The prophets had hearts and minds open to hearing the joyful message of his coming kingdom.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble: Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love.

PARISH NEWS



NATIVITY PLAY CHRISTMAS UNWRAPPED

Calling all school aged children (year 1-6) who are keen to be part of our

Christmas Eve liturgy this year (6pm Bishop Viard College Hall). We need enthusiastic participants for our little play. You will need to be available to come to rehearsals in the days leading up to Christmas.

Parents and caregivers of children wanting to take part please email me so that I can contact you about our rehearsals and other details.

Thank you

Janet McClean - janetsmcclean@gmail.com



2019 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

(First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist) is open for enrolment. Children who are in Year 4 (next year) and older are welcome to join the programme. The programme will run in the first three terms of the school year.

Please have enrolments into the office by Dec 20th. Please contact Jocelyn at the office if you need more information.



SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION. Sunday 16th at 4pm we will have a community celebration of Reconciliation as a special preparation for Christmas. All

encouraged to attend.



Congratulations Deana Collis and Arnie Pham from our school, for graduating with their Diploma in Religious Studies this week. Cardinal John Dew presented these

awards at a special ceremony in Wellington on Tuesday night. Deana and Arnie have been studying part time over the last 2 years for this Diploma.



Go you are sent –Week 11 Parish Synod Review

This week the topic is "Go, you are sent" to support marriage and families. As a Parish, do we

reach out to all families, especially those who need our support and understanding. What can we do better?

Please take the time to have your say on the enclosed leaflet.

SAVE THE DATE

COMING
UP

5 Dec – Charismatic Mass 7:30pm

8 Dec – Parish Retreat Day

8/9th Dec – Passionist family food parcel drive

9 Dec at 5pm (Sun) – Carols at St.

Joseph's Church, Pauatahanui 5 – 6pm

16th Dec – Reconciliation Service 4pm

24th Dec – Family Christmas Vigil Mass 6pm Bishop Viard College

25th Dec – 9:30am Christmas Mass – St Theresa's.



ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH PAUATAHANUI

Sun 9 Dec 5-6pm Christmas carols.

Anyone who is keen to sing some favourite carols and participate in readings, poetry and prayer is invited to attend this annual joyful gathering. *Friends of St Joseph's*



Those who are sick: Anna Capewell, Mary-Rose Royal, Madeleine (Red) Capewell

Remember: Thomas O'Brien, Shirley Tierney, Michaela White, Constance Shakesby.



PASSIONIST FAMILY NEWS

Andy's Angels are having a Christmas lunch on Sun at 12:30 at the Shirkey's.

FUNSEEKERS are having drinks on the deck at

Gary Calderwood's 6:30pm 7 Dec.

Kaos family are having Christmas Drinks at 24a Mana View Rd from 7pm onwards on Friday 7 December

Car Rally Report



Thanks to Peter Rawnsley for organising the Car Rally. It was an enormous success. The clues were very clever and effective.

Peter had acquired a component from a wrecked vehicle which was transformed into an impressive Trophy dubbed "The Holy Piston". The car Rally was won, by a very small margin, by Joan & John Mardon from GrassRoots Family Group. So, we now have an Annual Car Rally Challenge to look forward to in November 2019. (*To win back "The Holy Piston".*) Jae Hunt & John McGinley were a very close second. The margin was by a single woollen thread. (*You had to be there to understand that*). Please do not ask "Who got lost?"



KAOS family send their love and congratulations to Sarah, Gareth and Esther Davies on the safe arrival of Rose Maia.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mary & Jo ten Broeke who were presented with a framed citation and cross last weekend at Mass. This was in appreciation for their dedication to the St Vincent de Paul Society over many years.



RUSTY'S CHRISTMAS HAM TIME.

If you are looking for a Christmas ham, steaks, lambs or bacon for Christmas please see the notice board. You can also email Rusty Norris on

Christmas.hams@hotmail.co.nz and place an order or you can fill in the order sheet in the foyer. Orders must be in by 10 December and will need to be picked up on Monday 17 Dec from 2a James Street Plimmerton (Rusty's house, opposite St. Theresa's).

OASIS COMMUNITY CAFE -Waitangirua. The Oasis ministry has been reaching out to the marginalised in our society for the past 18 years. Please continue to keep us in prayer and if you can support us financially, we would be so grateful. Donations to Oasis Ministry can be made to ANZ Bank 06-0569-0183390-00 (Tax receipts available); or contact Josephine 027367445

Advent Action

Challenge 2000 is a charitable trust that this year celebrated 30 years of service to those on the peripheries of our society. On 23rd December 2018 we will be delivering 120 hampers filled with fresh produce, meat, and gifts that our children and young people really need and will enjoy. If you would like to sponsor a child, young person or family and make a direct difference, then please donate to Challenge 2000, ANZ, 01-0519-0057660-00 and reference **Advent Action**. Alternatively, you could drop items off to our premises at 1 Wanaka Street Johnsonville or call Megan on 04 4776827 and we will come and collect them! Thank you in anticipation.

Service Rosters for Dec 8/9			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Kelly Ross		Paul Geoghegan
Greeters	Maureen Wilmshurst		Christine & Paul Geoghegan
Data Projectionist	Claudia Larsen		Phoebe McClean
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Margaret Baker		Veronica Young
Altar Servers	Jakson Deed Jessica Deed		Amelia Carter Lily Richards
Karanga	Claudia Larsen		Jasmine Watkins
Children's Liturgy			Rosa
Proclaimer of The Word	Sue Warburton		Denis Fairfax
Offertory Procession	Patricia & tony Maher		Linda Cound & Erin O'Brien
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	TBC		TBC
Communion to the Sick			Maryanne & Sue
Hospitality			Jo & Mary ten Broeke
Flowers	Dorothy / Krystyna	Altar Society	Klara Noldan
Church Cleaning	Frances & Brian Collins	Rosary Statue (wk fm)	

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