



# St Theresa's Parish Plimmerton

## Newsletter



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**Reconciliation**

By appointment

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**Readings**

**23 Dec**

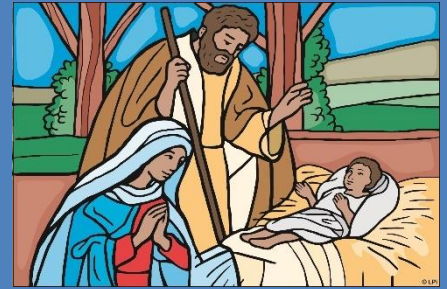
First Reading  
Second Reading  
Gospel

Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

**30 Dec**

First Reading  
Second Reading  
Gospel

Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
John: 3:1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2:41-52



**PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- Monday 24** 6pm Family Christmas Eucharist at Bishop Viard College
- Tuesday 25** 9:30am Christmas Mass
- Wednesday 26** No Liturgy
- Thursday 27** No Liturgy
- Friday 28** No Liturgy
- Saturday 29** 6pm Vigil
- Sunday 30** **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** – 9:30am Eucharist
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup>** No Liturgy
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** - 9:30am Eucharist
  
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30am Eucharist
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** 6pm Vigil
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** **The Epiphany of the Lord** - 9:30am Eucharist
  
- Monday, 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** – No Liturgy
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** 6pm Vigil
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** **The Baptism of the Lord** - 9:30am Eucharist



Dear Parishioners  
Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and many blessings in your New Year.

Thank you for all your care, prayers and support. I feel privileged to be part of this very special community.

**God bless**  
**Fr Maurice**

# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

**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 4 – Elizabeth

Elizabeth is an example to us of how to recognise the gifts of God. Elizabeth shows us

that, to learn to recognise him when he comes, we must first recognise all the many things he has freely given to us. Elizabeth was a woman of faith and hope, a loving wife who had always longed for a child, a dream that seemed out of reach because of her age. But she was faithful, full of hope, open to a miracle. Elizabeth recognises that her conception is a miraculous gift from God.

When Mary goes to visit her, Elizabeth recognises the blessedness of Mary and the child she bears when she feels her own baby respond. “The child in my womb leapt for joy (Luke 1:41).

### Prayer

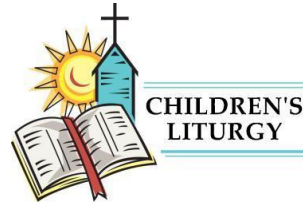
Just as Elizabeth recognised the Christ through the kicking of John the Baptist, God's gift to her, in her womb, may we too come to know Christ, the greatest gift and the consummation of them all, through God's gifts to us, especially of his Word and his Sacraments.



**WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME** to Josephine Kropp, daughter of Richard and Anna Kropp who is being Baptised at our 9:30am Mass this

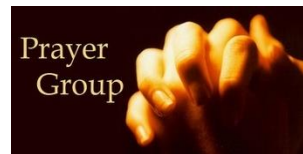
weekend.

## PARISH NEWS:



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our young people desperately need us to help them on a Sunday morning. There are about 10 weeks per term where children's liturgy is run during the 9:30am Mass. All the work sheets and the lesson plans are provided. If you are at all able to help either alone or with others, then please say YES and contact Libby Baker on 239 9337.



Prayer group is not on over the holidays and will resume on Wednesday 13 February 2019. If anyone would like prayer over the holiday

season, please phone or text Anne on: 027 311 0551.



### Urgently Required;

Do you have an adult wheelchair that is past its “used by date” that you would wish to donate to some needy person in the Pacific Islands, then please give Ted a call or text on 0274512190 after 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018. All donations greatly appreciated.



### YOUTH PROCLAIMERS MINISTRY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE YOUTH PROCLAIMERS MINISTRY?

In 2019 we will be putting together a new roster, a new training day, and a chance for you to learn more about the Readings that are proclaimed at our Masses each week and at special liturgies. Don't be afraid of this public ministry – the Church is a very safe place to begin your journey, or if you have been an altar server already, and are looking for your next step in your faith journey, this opportunity is especially for you. You will be gently supported with training and some great tips to help you proclaim with clarity.

Parents & caregivers - do encourage your youth to join this ministry for those in Years 9+.

Ring Jude (021 502 853) and be included in the 2019 group. Current members: you are all already included!



**DEFIBRILLATOR** - we have one available in the Reconciliation room – instructions on how to use it are in the box. A defibrillator delivers a dose of electric current (often

called a countershock) to the heart.



Those who are sick: Mary-Rose Royal,  
**Remember:** Earle Williams, Peter  
 Scott, Trevor Nixon, Gary Wilmshurst.

Challenge 2000 Marist Gap and Internship Year 2019: Aged 18- 24? Finished School or University and not sure what path to take? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The Marist Challenge Gap year programme, starting mid-February enables you to make a difference, serve others and learn about youth work and different career paths while getting paid! The programme offers many opportunities to grow professionally, personally and spiritually and to gain a wide range of employment and life skills and experience. The applications are still open for 2019, if you are interested or want more information go to <https://www.challenge2000.org.nz/> or contact Anna on 0278421280 or Kitty on 021491459.

**House for rent urgently needed:** former refugee family of 9 urgently need accommodation. If you can assist or know of any accommodation about to be becoming available in the Wellington area, please contact Catholic Social Services at [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz)

Service Rosters for Dec 24/25		
Mass Time:	6:00 pm family Mass	9:30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Kelly Ross	Ruth Dobbs
<b>Greeters</b>	Anna Greaney	Helen Reilly / Klara Noldan
<b>Data Projectionist</b>	Aidan Dodds	Jasmine Watkins
<b>Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful</b>	Margaret Baker	Sr Trish
<b>Altar Servers</b>	TBC	TBC
<b>Karanga</b>	Phoebe McClean	Daniel Hockings
<b>Proclaimer of The Word</b>	Ayora girls	Matthew O'Meagher
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	Davidson Family	Watkins Family
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Mike Montgomery Richard Gibbs Kevin Bryant Jocelyn Bryant Angeline O'Connor Grant Baker Paul Kerr Ange Reiher Kelly Ross	Walter Dempsey Sharon O'Meagher Jude McKee Fae Johnson Eugene Crosby

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<b>Service Rosters for Dec 29/30</b>			
<b>Mass Time:</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>		<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	Kelly Ross		Paul Geoghegan
<b>Greeters</b>	Marcia & Dave Dunnett		Helen Reilly/Gary Calderwood
<b>Data Projectionist</b>	Claudia Larsen		Phoebe McClean
<b>Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful</b>	Margaret Baker		Noemi Thomas
<b>Altar Servers</b>	TBC		TBC
<b>Karanga</b>	Claudia Larsen		Alysse Saipani
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			School Holidays
<b>Proclaimer of The Word</b>	Sue Warburton		Catherine Gibbs
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	Davitt Family		Watkins Family
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Rosaleen Larsen Grant Baker George Ichim Mary Cruz Eugene Crosby		Sef Truyens Paul Geoghegan Colin McClean Paul Kerr Marie O'Leary
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>			Jude McKee
<b>Hospitality</b>			TBC
<b>Flowers</b>	Dorothy / Krystyna	<b>Altar Society</b>	Klara Noldan
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	Marcus Clark	<b>Rosary Statue (wk fm)</b>	

<b>Service Rosters for Jan 5/6</b>			
<b>Mass Time:</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>		<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	TBC		TBC
<b>Greeters</b>	Fatima & Apolo Coutinho		Mary & Jo ten Broeke
<b>Data Projectionist</b>	Claudia Larsen		Aidan Dodds
<b>Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful</b>	Jude McKee		Eugene Crosby
<b>Altar Servers</b>	TBC		TBC
<b>Karanga</b>	Zara Lyne		Jasmine Watkins
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			School Holiday
<b>Proclaimer of The Word</b>	Robyn Teppett		Veronica Young
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	George & Mirela Ichim		Silva Family
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	TBC Angeline O'Connor Mike Montgomery Klara Noldan Maryanne McKennie		Liz Wootton Dorothy Gibbs Maurice Foote Fae Johnson Richard Barraclough
<b>Communion to the Sick</b>			Mike Montgomery
<b>Hospitality</b>			Jo & Mary ten Broeke
<b>Flowers</b>	Dorothy / Krystyna	<b>Altar Society</b>	Maureen Wilmshurst
<b>Church Cleaning</b>	TBC	<b>Rosary Statue (wk fm)</b>	