

St. Theresa's Parish

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19th December 2021 | 4th Sunday of Advent - YEAR C



MASS SCHEDULES TILL 8TH JANUARY

Please note: If a vaccine pass is not required at a Mass, there is a limit of 50 people permitted in the Church and you must book in online at the parish email.

Monday 20 December

No Adoration or Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday 21 December

9:30am Eucharist

10am Rite 1 Reconciliation in Church

Wednesday 22 December

9:30am Eucharist

7pm Rite 1 Reconciliation in Church

7:30pm Prayer group meet in hall

Thursday 23 December

9:30am Eucharist

Friday 24 December

9:30am Eucharist

6:00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass at Bishop Viard College – Vaccine Pass required.

9pm Christmas Eve Mass St. Theresa's- No Vaccine Pass required

Saturday 25 December

9:30am Christmas Mass St. Theresa's – Vaccine Pass required

6pm Mass for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – No Vaccine Pass required.

Sunday 26 December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:30am Eucharist – Vaccine Pass required.

Monday 27th December

No Eucharist or Liturgy

Tues 28th – Fri 31st December

9:30am Eucharist

Saturday 1st January

9:30am Mass for **Mary, Holy Mother of God** - Vaccine Pass required

6pm Vigil – No vaccine passes necessary

Sunday 2nd January – The Epiphany of the Lord - 9:30am Eucharist – Vaccine Pass required.

Monday 3rd January

No Eucharist or Liturgy of the Word

Tues 4th – Friday 7th January

No Liturgy or Eucharist.

Joy to the World

This is the final newsletter for 2021 and this year has been another year of ups and downs with lockdowns, vaccine passes introduced, borders opened and shut, and families still being separated from each other – especially in times of great joy and enormous sadness.

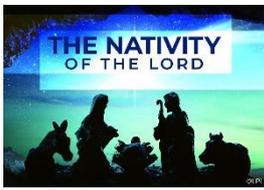
I would like to thank you all for the way you have taken changes in your stride. The care you have shown each other and those around you, and the support you have given Father Andrew, the Liturgy team, the Resource team, and me. I especially want to thank those in our community that have been asked to take on tasks, that when they took on a Ministry, they never thought they would be asked to do. I think our Eucharistic Ministers have been affected most by this. As a community we thank you for helping in this ever-changing world of ours, and pray that next year, we can concentrate more on the Ministries we are called to.

We as a community have had lots to celebrate this year as well. Our Baptismal team has continued to support families wanting their children baptised. Our Sacramental team, families and supporters finished the programme for 2021 and 19 young people received First Holy Communion. Our Synod team encouraged us to be part of the journey with them and will continue to do so in 2022. Our Parish school has managed to work around Covid restrictions and continued to nurture our children and families. So, all in all, we did a wonderful job.

I wish you all a very merry and blessed Christmas, a Happy New Year and hopefully, a restful time to stop, breathe and enjoy your families (that are here grrrr) and get set for 2022 – whatever it brings our way.

I thank you again for all your support throughout the year and feel very blessed to be part of St. Theresa's Parish.

Joss



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY – 6PM BISHOP VIARD 24TH DECEMBER

We will be having our Children's Christmas Play at the Christmas Eve Mass. We will have practices on Monday 20th, Wednesday 22nd 9 am - 10 am at the parish hall and Friday 24th at Bishop Viard 10:00am. Bring your children along to the practices if they would like to participate.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24th December Friday

9:30 am Mass (normal Friday Mass at St Theresa's)

6:00pm Family Christmas Eve Mass – Vaccine Pass required – Bishop Viard College Hall (Christmas play)

9:00pm Christmas Eve Mass – No Vaccine Pass required – limited to 50 people – book in through the parish office.

25th December

9:30am Christmas Mass – Vaccine Pass required

6pm Vigil Mas for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – No Vaccine Pass required – limit 50 – book in through office.

26th December

9:30am – Vaccine Pass Required

1st Jan Saturday

9:30am Mass Mary, Holy Mother of God – Vaccine Pass required

6pm – Saturday Vigil for The Epiphany of the Lord – No Vaccine Pass required – limit 50 – book in through office.



RITE 1 RECONCILIATION

RITE 1 RECONCILIATION. Father Andrew will be available for individual Reconciliation (Rite 1) at 10am after weekday morning Mass. This will be available Friday 18th December and then Tuesday 21st December. Father Andrew will also offer an evening Rite 1 Reconciliation Wednesday 22nd December from 7pm – 8pm.



RIP: GARRY CONWAY

As many of you would know, last Saturday night we heard that Garry Conway had passed away suddenly. Our prayers and love go out to the Conway family at this sad time. Garry's Rosary will be at the Church on Wed 29th December at 7pm and his funeral will be on Thursday 30th December at 11am. RIP



THIS IS ALL YOU – THANK YOU FROM SVDP

On Monday and Tuesday, we sent out 93 Christmas hampers to people in our community. Everything was donated from you, the people of our parish. It is truly humbling to hear people say things like

- I am a Grandad and did not know how to make Christmas special this year – but you have made it possible
- One lady said this was like 2 weeks groceries for her and now she could do something special with her kids over the holiday break – Thank you.
- Some people were so overcome they were near tears.

- One little girl was extremely excited and thought she should go home with the person delivering.

We the SVDP Plimmerton Conference thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind donations and support.

**OFFICE
CLOSED**

The office will be closed from Wednesday 22nd December until Monday 10th January.

Father Andrew and Jocelyn will be monitoring the emails so if you have any queries, please email st.theresas@xtra.co.nz. We will also be checking the answer phone but please use the email as your first point of contact over this time.



FATHER MAURICE

has finally moved into his new apartment. You will find him at, Apartment 211, Summerset at Aotea, 15 Aotea Drive Aotea.

Quote for the week.

Let us ask ourselves: what should we do concretely in these days as we draw near to Christmas? How can I do my part? Let's choose something concrete, even if it is small, that is adapted to our situation in life, and let's continue doing it to prepare us for this Christmas. For example: I can call a person who is alone, visit that elderly person or that person who is ill, do something to serve a poor person, someone in need. Even still: maybe I need to ask forgiveness, grant forgiveness, clarify a situation, pay a debt. Perhaps I have neglected prayer and after so much time has elapsed, it's time to ask the Lord for forgiveness. Brothers and Sisters, let's find something concrete and do it! May the Madonna help us, in whose womb God took on flesh.

Pope Francis: [Angelus 12 December 2021](#)



Those who are sick:

Mary ten Broeke, Denis Fairfax, Pansy Cuthbert, Msgr John Carde, Richard Gibbs, Ken Matheson, Mark Aldridge, Helen Greening

RIP: Garry Conway

Anniversaries. Frances

Thwaite, David Renshaw, Ian

Selby-Bennetts, Earle Williams, Peter Scott, Trevor Nixon, Gary Wilmshurst, Jean Maynard, Aureen Hoffmeister, Nicole Burns, Gregory Calderwood

January: Shirley Wacker, Rosemary Dacombe-Bird, Christine Rawnsley, Michael Smith, Ian Shalders, Greg Wood.



THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S REDRESS REPORT HAS BEEN TABLED IN PARLIAMENT. The Bishops and Congregational Leaders have issued the statement below welcoming the report. The statement is also online:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/redressreport/>

Catholic Church leaders welcome Royal Commission Redress Report

The Bishops and congregational leaders of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand will closely study the interim Redress report of the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care and look at how they can implement the recommendations.

The report — He Purapura Ora, he Māra Tipu; from Redress to Puretumu — was tabled in Parliament today and makes recommendations on how survivors of abuse in state and faith-based care should be heard and get redress for the harm suffered.

It has been welcomed by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference (representing the country's Catholic bishops), the Congregational Leaders Conference of Aotearoa New Zealand (representing Catholic religious orders and similar entities) and Te Rōpū Tautoko (the group formed to co-ordinate Catholic engagement with the royal commission).

Sister Margaret Anne Mills, President of the Congregational Leaders Conference, says: "I welcome this report and acknowledge the harm suffered by survivors of abuse and proposed actions to address and provide redress. We see the report as part of the vision to transform what we are doing today and into the future."

Cardinal John Dew, President of the NZCBC, says: "We have been listening closely to what survivors have been telling the Royal Commission. We have previously indicated our support for the establishment of an independent redress scheme. This report gives a series of recommendations we can study to help us as we walk alongside survivors of abuse."

Catherine Fyfe, Chair of Te Rōpū Tautoko, says: "Te Rōpū Tautoko members thank the commissioners for their work in preparing this report and look forward to helping Church leaders along the journey of reviewing and implementing the recommendations."

The Church has been working proactively while waiting for the commission's report. Te Rōpū Tautoko has created a roadmap of work that needs doing across all areas of the Church to make improvements in response to reports or disclosures of abuse in the care of the Catholic Church. "Setting it out in the Roadmap makes it clear to everyone the work that is needed and the progress being made," says Catherine Fyfe. "This provides a sense of transparency and accountability."

The Roadmap is

here: <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/roadmap/>

The Royal Commission report is here:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/papers-presented/current-papers/document/PAP_118258/abuse-in-care-royal-commission-of-inquiry-he-purapura

WE NEED YOU – WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE.



We need people to volunteer to help at the following Masses. There is a sheet hanging in the foyer for you to write your name on where you can help. Please help so these Christmas Masses run smoothly.

24th December at Bishop Viard to verify Vaccine Passes and to help tidy and sanitise the hall after Mass.

©LPI 24th December 9pm Mass at St. Theresa's – to sanitise the Church after Mass – at 10pm or prior to 9:30am Mass on the 25th (8:30am on the 25th December).

25th December 9:30am Christmas Mass – to verify Vaccine Passes.

25th December - to sanitise the Church after 6pm Mass or 8.30am (prior to 9.30am Mass) on December 26th.

1st of January – to sanitise the Church after 6pm Mass or 8.30am (prior to 9.30am Mass) on January 2nd.



THANKS FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

A sincere thanks to all our members, volunteers and supporters for their generous support throughout a very challenging year.

Our Food Bank has seen an increase in requests for assistance: 409 food parcels have been provided, assisting over 1,600 people.

In addition, during this past week, Christmas Hampers were delivered to 93 families in our Porirua Community. A massive task for our volunteer packers and deliverers.

Within the Covid restrictions and keeping ourselves safe, members have continued to visit those at home alone, unfortunately our visits to Harbourview, Bupa Whitby and Ribbonwood were ceased to comply with their restrictions. Hospital visits and transport to appointments have continued.

Members have provided 80 cooked meals to parishioners in compromised situations.

Earlier this year we assisted with the refreshments after 4 funerals and our Parish Lunch after the Healing Mass.

As you can see, your practical and financial support makes an enormous difference to our ability to provide assistance when and where required. Thank you again for recognising the importance in supporting the Society and its work in our Community. Our grateful prayers are with you, and may you have a blessed Christmas with your family and friends.

Margaret Baker

President, St Vincent de Paul Society Plimmerton Conference, St Theresa's Parish.



Congratulations to Grant Baker who received his QSM on Tuesday for services to Cricket and the community.