

St. Theresa's Parish

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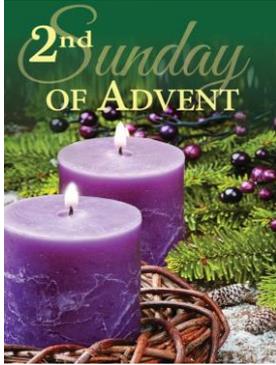
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Parish Priest: Father Andrew Kim

5th December 2021 | 2nd Sunday of Advent - YEAR C



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH



Monday 6 December

10am Liturgy followed by Adoration until 1:30pm

Tuesday 7 December

9:30am Eucharist

Wednesday 8 December

9:30am Eucharist

7:30pm Prayer Group meet in hall

7:30pm Liturgy group in the upstairs lounge

Thursday 9 December

9:30am Eucharist

Friday 10 December

9:30am Eucharist

Saturday 11 December

2:30pm Rosary & Adoration in Church

4pm Eucharist – no Vaccine Pass required – must book in

6pm Vigil Eucharist – Vaccine Pass required

Sunday 12 December -3rd Sunday of Advent – wear pink to Mass please

9:30am Eucharist – Vaccine Pass required



We have now moved into the orange traffic light system. The Cardinal has sent a letter out today saying ***“we do want our churches to be open and welcoming places, but we must also work within the government’s Covid-19 Protection Framework”***. Thanks to Father Andrew we can do this at St.

Theresa’s. There will be a 4pm Mass on a Saturday afternoon.

Mass at 4pm on Saturday will not require a Vaccine Pass.– This does have a limit of 50 people being able to attend and you must book in for this Mass online through the Archdiocese of Wellington website. If you didn’t book in this week, feel free to drop Jocelyn an email and she will add you to the list, if there is room, or let you know if there isn’t.

At the 6pm and 9:30am Masses we can move to unlimited numbers, but you will be required to show your Vaccine Pass and have this verified. On Saturday night Ruth Dobbs & Audrey Hinder will be welcoming you to the Mass and verifying your Pass and on Sunday morning Jocelyn & Kevin Bryant, Rommel Anthony and Paul Kerr will be welcoming you to Mass and verifying your Pass. The Vaccine Pass shows that you are double-vaccinated and that you are within the effective period of your vaccinations. If you haven’t already done so, you can get your Vaccine Pass online at: <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-certificates/my-vaccine-pass/>. This site will give you an electronic Vaccine Pass that you can load on your cell phone. It will also give you a PDF file that can print a paper version of your Pass. Either of these documents will be acceptable. If you do not have proof of a double vaccine, then unfortunately we will legally not be permitted to let you into the church. If you are having trouble downloading your Vaccine Pass, Rommel and Jocelyn will be happy to help you after 9.30am Mass on Sunday.

We must still use the QR Covid tracer app when you arrive at all Masses. In short this is what you must do when you come to Mass.

Sat 4pm – scan in as normal on the tracer app and wear a face mask.

Saturday 6pm & Sunday 9:30am – scan in as normal on the tracer app, wear a face mask, show your Vaccine Pass and have it verified.



Wear a face covering



Vaccine pass required



Scan in



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience.

If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again.

It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our

task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation



NEXT WEEK IS THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND WE ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING PINK TO ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES.



RITE 1 RECONCILIATION

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Wednesday 22nd December. Father Andrew will also offer two evening Rite 1 Reconciliation Wednesday 15th & Wednesday 22nd December from 7pm – 8pm.



CAN YOU HELP WITH IMPLEMENTING THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM AT OUR CHURCH? As mentioned on the front page, we have moved into the traffic light system. We will need to have people on the door at our 6pm Vigil Mass and our 9:30am Mass to check Vaccine Passes (or exemptions). We will also need people prepared to sanitise the Church after each Mass for everyone's protection. Would you be willing to help with any of these roles? If so, can you please contact Jocelyn in the Parish office: email: st.theresas@xtra.co.nz or phone: (04) 233 1279 or 021 674 473. We ask all people attending Masses to treat these volunteers with kindness and respect as they implement a government mandate which we are legally required to enforce.



Christmas Carols at St Joseph's Church Pauatahanui Sunday 12 December 4.30pm-6pm.

Everyone welcome to sing traditional carols and enjoy some Christmas socialising. Mark your diaries now.

Catherine Gibbs and Susan Bieleski on behalf of the Friends of St Jos.



There has been a change of date for the hampers going out. We will be sending these out on Monday 13th December now. Sunday 12th December will be the last day for receiving treats etc for the hampers. Thank you so much to everyone who has generously donated so far. If you would be available to deliver hampers can you please let Jocelyn at the office know. These would need to be picked up from 3pm on

Monday 13th December and delivered either that night or the next day when it suits you.



READ – REFLECT - RESPOND

Have you joined a Synod discernment group in your community yet?

Find out how by contacting your Parish Office or visiting www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod

The Synod process is not a discussion with votes for or against. Rather, it is a prayerful process of sharing and listening to one another's experiences. An outline of the process is attached to this

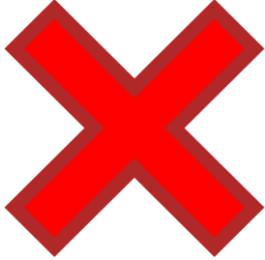
newsletter.

"The process of discernment never starts from abstract questions(at the table), but from concrete provocations of life, from inspirations and thoughts that arise in the encounter between the needs and provocations of life and the sincere and deep desire to be pleasing to God and to do his will." (From the Franciscan Spirituality by Fr. Giulio Cesareo, OFM Conv)

Quote for the week.

During Advent, we could make a habit of saying, "Come, Lord Jesus." Only these words, but repeating them: "Come, Lord Jesus". This time of preparation leading to Christmas is beautiful: we think of the nativity scene and Christmas, so let us say from the heart: "Come, Lord Jesus".

Pope Francis: [Angelus 28 November 2021](#)



There will be NO carol singing around the wards of Wellington Hospital this year. Our usual carol singing around the wards will not happen this year due to COVID-19. We give our thanks to those who have regularly joined us over the last few years, we hope to

resume our greatly valued carol singing next year. - Wellington Hospital Chaplain

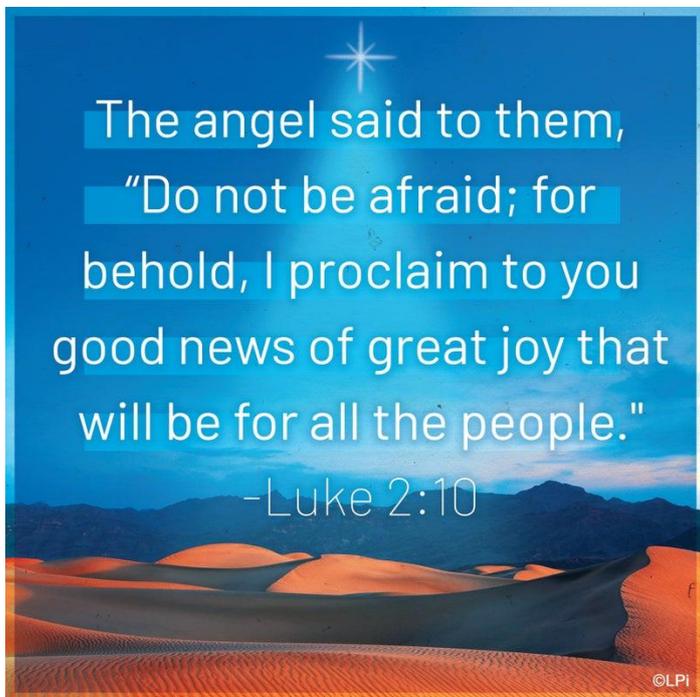


Those who are sick:

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

Anniversaries. Constance Shakesby, Paul Trischler, Neville Key, Ora Kearns,

Augustine Anthony.



Weekend Masses which do not require My Vaccine Pass in the Archdiocese

Note: some parishes have weekday Masses which do not require My Vaccine Pass

Parish	Mass times
St Theresa's Plimmerton	Saturday 4pm St Theresa's Plimmerton
Our Lady of Hope Tawa-Titahi Bay	Sunday 7pm St Pius X Titahi Bay
Catholic Parish of Otari	Sunday 5pm St Teresa's Karori
St Mary of the Angels	Sunday 7am SMOA
Catholic Parish of Wellington South	Saturday 6pm St Anne's Newtown
St Joseph's Upper Hutt	Saturday 6:00 pm St Joseph's Upper Hutt
Holy Spirit Te Wairua Tapu	Sunday 5.30pm Sacred Heart Petone

Livestream and Broadcast Masses

Sunday 9.30am Our Lady of Kapiti livestream Mass

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCO9bV8i1FYR3nRi8qvYQ5qg>

Sunday 2.00pm Mass on Shine TV: This Mass is broadcast on Free-to-air TV Channel 25 or Sky TV Channel 201. It is pre-recorded In Auckland under the restrictions of the Covid-19 Traffic Light level.

Mass Registration

To register for Masses with restricted numbers which do not require My Vaccine Pass in the Archdiocese of Wellington:

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/> Weekend Mass registration button is below large photo on home page.

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- PILATE
- JUDEA
- HEROD
- PHILIP
- ITURAEA
- LYSANIAS
- ABILENE
- ANNAS
- CAIAPHAS
- JOHN
- ISAIAH



GOSPEL

At a river close to your church, John the Baptist says, "Turn back to God and be baptized." After your baptism, he gives you a backpack that says, "I Am a Forgiven Child of God." Inside it are wisdom, love, and forgiveness. Wisdom shows the difference between good and evil roads. Love makes you strong enough to say, "Yes" to good, and "No" to evil ways. Be happy. God's love and forgiveness will welcome you into heaven.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for wisdom, love, and forgiveness of baptism.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

