

**NORTH PARISH POSTAL ADDRESS**PO Box 20146, Bishopdale,
Christchurch 8543**PHONE NUMBER** - (03) 359 1438**WEBSITE** - <https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/>**NORTH PARISH***Weekly***SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER // 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)****SPREAD JOY, GIVE JOY**

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday which means "rejoice" also known as the "Sunday of Joy". Joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing - sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away."

- J** stands for 'Jesus', and just as 'J' is the first letter of JOY, so Jesus should always be 'first' in our lives.
- O** stands for 'others', and just as 'O' is the second letter of JOY, we should always think of others 'second' in our lives.
- Y** stands for 'you', and just as 'Y' is the last letter of JOY, we should always think of ourselves 'last'.

Therefore, to bring true JOY into our life, always think of Jesus first, others second and ourselves last.

My dear friends, the basic attitude of a Christian must be 'joy'. We are called to be people who bring joy to the world.

Let us rejoice. Because the Kingdom of God is at hand. The Lord is close to you and to me. God loves us. He cares for us. His Spirit is our life-force. Our lives have meaning, and purpose. And we will have fullness of life in heaven because we belong to Him.

So let us rejoice in the Lord and help others also rejoice.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come.

FR EDWIN COLACO SDB
Assistant Priest



**CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRISTCHURCH NORTH
(ALL THESE CHRISTMAS MASSES WILL BE MASSES WITH MY VACCINE PASS UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE)**

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES (FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER)**Christ the King Church, Burnside****5 pm** Children's Nativity Play & Family Mass**8:30 pm** Mass (8 pm Carols)**Midnight** Mass (11:30 pm Carols)**St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale****5 pm** Children's Nativity Play & Family Mass**8:30 pm** Mass (8 pm Carols)**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES (SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER)****Christ the King Church, Burnside****9 am** Mass**10.30 am** Mass (without a 'my vaccine pass')**St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale****8:30 am** Mass***10 am** Mass (please note time change)

Next Week's Readings: Micah 5: 1-4 // Hebrews 10: 5-10 // Luke 1:39-44

Please visit the [parish website](#) for information regarding our Masses under this new COVID-19 Protection Framework.



SPECIAL NOTE TO VOLUNTEERS

Please forward us a copy of your My Vaccine Pass, either via email or by visiting our office, so that we can record this on our database. If you have difficulty with this please make contact with us; we are happy to help.

We will be unable to finalise our rosters until we have this information from you.

CHRISTMAS AT NORTH PARISH

PLEASE VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS NATIVITY PLAYS

This year we will be having Nativity plays before our 5pm Christmas Eve Family Masses (one at Christ the King and one at St Gregory's).



If you have young ones aged between 4 and 12 who would like to be involved in one of our Masses at either Christ the King or

St Gregory's please contact

Angel for Christ the King 021 556 805

email: angel.moore104@gmail.com

or Judith for St Gregory's 027 261 5655

email: worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz

Parent helpers most welcome. We will hope to have a practice before Christmas (date to be confirmed).

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

Are you planning on coming to one of our Christmas Masses?

Are you able to assist us with one of our many ministries?

There will be sheets in the foyer at Christ the King this weekend for you to add your name. You can also contact Judith in the office 027 261 5655 or worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE - OVER THE SUMMER BREAK

MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 2021 - FRIDAY 14 JANUARY 2022

7am Mass at Christ the King (without a 'my vaccine pass')

9.15am Mass at St Gregory's

(NO NOON MASSES DURING THIS TIME)

**An Evening of Prayer
Worship and Healing**

**Celebrate this
Advent Season**



7pm Tuesday 21 December 2021
St Joseph's Parish Centre
Cnr Vagues Rd - Main North Road
Papanui

If you are unable to attend and need prayer.

Please contact:

Brendan 027 480 6960

or Judith 027 261 5655



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PARISH SCHOOLS

Christ the King - Ph 358 2708

Principal - Mike Bonisch

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Principal - Abraham Atherton

St Joseph's - Ph 352 8779

Principal- Aaron Richards

St Patrick's - Ph 351 5590

Principal - Tom Wallis

BUILDING COMMITTEE

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FOR ANY PRAYER REQUESTS.

TEXT 021 413 659

**Our vision for the Catholic North Parish is of a missionary parish
bringing people to come to know Jesus Christ personally,
helping them grow as disciples, and going out to others with the Gospel message.**

ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS - (All at St. Gregory's Church)

Tuesday 14 December, 7 - 8pm

Tuesday 21 December, 7 - 8pm

All are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Feast of Christmas. These are celebrated as Rite I (individual reconciliations)

This is a gathering WITHOUT a My Vaccine Pass so please observe social distancing, and please wear a mask during reconciliation.



ANOINTING MASSES (St Gregory's Church)

Tuesday 14 December, Noon

We invite anyone who would like to be anointed with the Oil of the Sick to our Anointing Masses. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we are unable to have a luncheon afterwards.

Please note: this Anointing Mass is WITH a 'My Vaccine Pass.' For those without a 'My Vaccine Pass' and would like anointing, please contact Melonie to organise a priest to come and visit you.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

The youth group are selling calendars as a fundraiser for the upcoming events in 2022 - one of which is a parish camp.

Every calendar sold, the youth group gets \$5.

Calendars are \$15 - the photos have been taken by one of our youth leaders.

If you would like to see one and purchase one, please drop in to the parish office and see Kaelyn.

We will be selling them after our Christmas Masses.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE RAFFLE

The members of the Christchurch North Catholic Women's League thank parishioners for the support of their raffle.

Congratulations to the winners.

First prize - Cecile Glen

Second prize - Hanny Walsh

Third prize - Irene McGuire

Fourth prize - David Caddick

Fifth prize - Margaret Meates

Sixth prize - Phil Brady



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR CHRIST THE KING CHURCH & St GREGORYS CHURCH

Do you have any Christmas lilies or other suitable red and white flowers to decorate the churches for Christmas? Please put them in the buckets provided at both churches.

Christ the King Church

Near the kitchen door, between 7am and 10 am on Friday 24 December.

St Gregory's Church - In the kitchen on Thursday 23 December

Thank you



PLEASE NOTE - THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE FROM MONDAY 20 DECEMBER, AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022.

THE PRIESTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME - (03) 359 0444

FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

We would like to take this opportunity to provide an update of the progress of the building committee.

At the start of this year we completed the consultation process with the parish.

There were 24 sessions with 250 people that attended.

Through this consultation process there were 2547 thoughts and ideas captured.

On completion of this consultation process the information was collated and we were able to identify key messages and desires.

In the middle of this year we engaged with a local catholic architect to help generate the design briefs for both the Church and the Parish Centre.

We have recently held sessions where we were able to share the key outcomes from the consultation process. The Building Committee is now engaging with the Diocese in a review of the work done to date in readiness for the Building Committee to start the next step of engaging with the architect's in Christchurch to identify a short list of likely candidates and then through a managed process identify the appropriate architect for this project.

We would like to start the process in the new year.

On behalf of the committee we ask for your continuing support and prayers as we work to find the right architects who can work with us to create the Church and Pastoral Centre which will support and enrich our lives as a Catholic Parish.

We would like to wish you all very Happy Christmas and New Year



**Please send all bulletin and noticeboard posters to bulletin@christchurchnorth.org.nz
Deadline - 9am Thursday Morning and are at the discretion of the Priests and Administration Team.**

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF
CHRISTCHURCH NORTH
MASS TIMES UNDER THE
NEW COVID-19
PROTECTION FRAMEWORK:**

**MASSES WITH A 'MY
VACCINE PASS'**

Vigil Masses (Saturday)

5 pm - Christ the King
N.B. There is no 6:30 pm Mass

Sunday Masses

8 am - Christ the King
9:30 am - Christ the King
11 am - Christ the King
5 pm - Christ the King

Monday - Friday

9:15 am & Noon - St Gregory's

Saturday

9:15 am - St Gregory's

**MASSES WITHOUT A 'MY
VACCINE PASS'**

Sunday Mass

7 pm - Christ the King

*Please note: registration is
needed for Sunday Mass without
a 'My Vaccine Pass.'*

*Visit the parish website to
register.*

Monday - Friday

7 am - Christ the King

*Registration is not needed for
Daily Masses*

RECONCILIATIONS

**These will be celebrated as a
without a 'My Vaccine Pass'**

Saturdays

10 am - 11 am
St Gregory's Church

[or by appointment]

ADORATION

St Gregory's Perpetual
Adoration Chapel
24 hours a day, 7 days a week
(Subject to restrictions - see the
[Perpetual Adoration website](#) for
more details)

CHURCH PHYSICAL ADDRESSES

Christ the King - 90 Greers Road
St Gregory's - 26 Cotswold Ave

PREFERENCE TO ATTEND A CATHOLIC PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL

Preferences are signed on the first, second and third Friday of each month between 3 - 4pm at the Parish office 26 Cotswold Ave Bishopdale.

If you require a preference for your primary school child, please make contact with the Parish Office before attending one of these three signing sessions on 359 1438

Preference signing will resume on Friday 4 February 2022

The office will be closed from Friday 17 December and will reopen on Monday 10 January 2022



12 December: Alma Shrimpton, Agnes Wilson, Kathleen O'Keefe, James Casey, Gerald Connolly, Denis Dunn, Kenneth Wilson, Colleen Davey, Douglas Shea, Mary Wilson, Peter Odlum, Janice Maclean, Douglas Shea.

13 December: Albert Small, Dorice Doherty, Bernadette Richardson, Amelia R. Murchison, Ruby Taylor, Hugh Dwan, Margaret Kay, Richard Pinion.

14 December: Edmund Corcoran, Walter Benson, Arthur Gaffaney, Brian Eady, Cheryl Healey, Anthony (Tony) Lacey, Valerie Morgan, William Collett.

15 December: Father Tom Cahill, Lawrence Mahar, Irene Intemann, Kathleen Drummond, Margaret Bradford, Dorothy Ball.

16 December: Lanei Stewart, Veronica Reid, Patricia Collings, Peter Gifford, Brian Austen, Gwendolyn Richards, Ellen Bunting, Eileen Coburn, Johan Joosten.

17 December: David Preston, Linda McKenna, Catherine Costello, Agnes Prendergast, Maureen Ogier, Julian Harris, Monica Joyce, John Osgood.

18 December: John Cloher, Evelyn Haslett, Nell Sissons, Pelagia S. Rubia, Eileen Farrelly, Thomas Sherlock, Maligi Lafaele, Gavin Innes, Veronica Mitchell, Noeline Meates, Edna Boyes.



Those who have recently died:

Dean Leighton, Arthur Regan, Doreen Ford, Alexander (Alex) Voon, Anne Sheard, Margaret Hanley, Robert (Bob) Jones, George Skinner, Ina Laws, James O'Brien, Nelson Crosbie, Yvonne Hickey, Phillip Baird.

Mass Intentions:

Margaret Collins (Ann), June Brophy, Karen Brophy (RIP Ann).

Those who are sick:

Monsignor Bill Middleton, Colleen McCammon, Mary Fitzgerald, Noel Mullis, Margaret Aynsley, Mary de Leijer, Neill Williamson, Kath Carrington, Tanya Boers, Mary Arscott, Frank Newsome, Lily Wei, Aimee Brown, Harry Albert, Pat Selvam, Fran Edmonds, Fr Pat Kennedy, Mel Sugrue, Robyn Holmes, Jenny Le Noel, John Maunsell, Hamish Galbraith, Justin Boyle.

Please keep in your prayers all those who have no one to pray for them.



**The priests are available for
emergencies by phoning the presbytery
directly on (03) 359 0444**

Please Note:
The Parish Office hours are
Mon - Fri, 9 - 2pm