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Weekly

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER // 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

2nd Sunday of Advent



Advent is a time of joyful anticipation of the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, into our world. There are four weeks of Advent. The second week we have Prophet Baruch telling us to shed our dress of sadness and distress. Instead, we are to put on glory and integrity.

As people prepare to go to a big party, they put on lovely headgear like tiaras or those fancy hats we see at the racecourses during the great occasions. As we get all dolled up for big functions, our hearts are full of joy and anticipation. Advent is exactly like that except we are not only physically elated but spiritually as well. This pandemic has caused a lot of stress, anxieties and sorrow. We can't wait for this horrible disease to be over. So, like prisoners we await our release from this hell.

With God there is always hope, and He promises He will not allow us to suffer beyond our endurance.

May these weeks of Advent bring us that joy of wanting to be saved for all our parishioners of the Christchurch North Parish.



God Bless you all,
Fr Kevin Wei



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

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

St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale

8:30 am Mass

11 am Mass

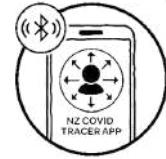
*We have yet to decide what time the Christmas Mass without a My Vaccine Pass will be.
We will communicate this out to you once we have decided.*

Next Week's Readings: Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18 // Philippians 4: 4-7 // Luke 3:10 - 18



Please visit the [parish website](#) to download the communications that was sent out earlier this week. This has all the information you need regarding Masses that are celebrated under this new COVID-19 Protection Framework.

Physical copies are available in both Churches.



Update on the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation under 'Orange'

From Saturday 11 December, Reconciliations will be now from **10 am - 11 am at St Gregory's Church**. This will be celebrated as a **without a 'My Vaccine Pass.'** As you wait to celebrate this sacrament, we ask that you observe the 1m social distancing rules and that you wear a mask.

The change of time allows the people attending the Saturday 9:15am Mass (with a 'My Vaccine Pass') to vacate the Church.

My Vaccine Pass

Just a reminder, we will need to sight your 'My Vaccine Pass' (either on your phone, or a physical copy) when you arrive for Masses (and events) that are categorised as **'with My Vaccine Pass.'**

Practical information

We will continue to observe the guidelines issued by our Diocesan Office under 'Orange' such as **no holy water stoups, no sign of peace, no votive candles, no collection and offertory (please place any donations in the basket in the foyer), and communion under one kind.** However, for Masses with a 'My Vaccine Pass,' coming forward to receive Holy Communion will begin again and we ask that you wear your mask while coming up for Holy Communion.

For Masses without a 'My Vaccine Pass,' we ask that you remain in your seats and the priest will bring you Holy Communion.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO NOON MASS AT ST GREGORY'S CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER

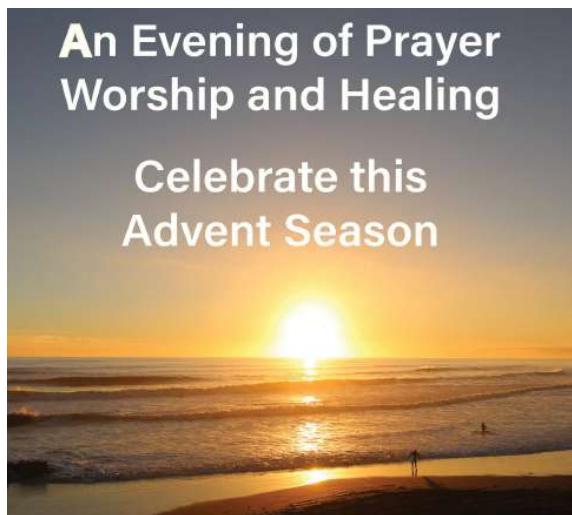
SPECIAL NOTE TO VOLUNTEERS
 Please forward us a copy of your My Vaccine Pass, either via email or by visiting our office, so that we can record this on our database. If you have difficulty with this please make contact with us we are happy to help.
 We will be unable to finalise our rosters until we have this information from you.



This has been a tough year for many, and we have many within our community needing a bit of extra support .

Please take a Christmas card and envelope and give it your attention.

This appeal goes towards proving food, counselling and support for men women and children struggling in our community.



**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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**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.**

SACRISTANS WANTED Can you help?

We are looking for more people to join our Sacristans roster. Full training will be given, and you will be rostered with someone experienced to begin with.

Training/refresher session for new and experienced sacristans on
Tuesday 7 December, 7pm at St Gregory's Church.

Please RSVP your attendance or if you would like to know more to Judith on 027 261 5655 or at worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz

CHRISTCHURCH NORTH BRANCH CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffles will be on sale this weekend at all Masses at Christ the King. \$5 a ticket (cash only).
Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 December



SYNOD FEEDBACK SESSION POSTPONED

Due to the lack of numbers our feedback session for December will be postponed until the new year. Keep an eye out on our parish website and facebook page for the new date and how to register for this session. More information about the Synod can be found at <https://chchcatholic.nz/2021/11/synod/>

ROSARY CRUSADE

You are most welcome to join us at St Gregory's Church every Wednesday from 2pm to pray the rosary. This is now open to everyone, not just the men of the parish!

LAST SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS FOR 2021

Monday December 6 at 11am or 7pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral
NEW volunteers or volunteers who have not yet attended a Safeguarding Workshop need to attend these safeguard workshops as a requirement of volunteering/ministering in every parish in our Diocese. Contact: Clodagh Ward (Christchurch Diocese Safeguarding Officer) cward@ccdoc.nz or 022 0124142



SPRING CLEAN ST GREGORY'S CHURCH

Can you please give one hour of your time to spruce up and clean for our upcoming Christmas Masses?

Saturday 11 December 11 am - 12 noon.

Please bring your own cleaning cloths and dusters!
Contact Irene Maguire on 027 622 9415

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**7.15 pm Wednesday 8 December
Christ the King Centre, Burnside.**

Join like-minded Catholic men growing our faith as we reflect upon Emmanuel (God is with us) and the Holy Family.
For more information phone Chris on 027 646 4138.



PARISH FRIENDSHIP & DINING GROUP

Join us for our Christmas party and last get together for the year Tuesday 7 December.

The bus will leave from **Christ the King at 11.30 am** to a dining destination. Please note the day change.

RSVP to Michele Ward, ph 358 8129 by Friday 3 December.



ANOINTING MASSES

(All at St Gregory's Church)

Friday 10 December, Noon

Tuesday 14 December, Noon

We invite anyone who would like to be anointed with the Oil of the Sick to our Anointing Masses. Please make contact with the parish office if you need transport to these Masses.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we are unable to have a luncheon afterwards.

Please note: these Anointing Masses are 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.

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 a child/ren 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 over the next two weekends for you to add your name.
You can also contact Judith in the office 027 261 5655 or worship@christchurchnorth.org.nz

Meet new people & explore faith together

CONNECT WITH NEW PEOPLE IN YOUR AREA
WATCH AN EPISODE ON A TOPIC OF FAITH
ASK QUESTIONS AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Night - 31 Jan 2022 - 11 April 2022 Venue TBC 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Day - 2 Feb 2022 - 13 April 2022 St Joseph's Centre 9.15am - 11.15am

To register please visit our website:
<https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/alpha/>

**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.**

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

Last signing for the year will be Friday 10 December and will resume on Friday 4 February 2022

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

DIOCESAN FEES

A reminder to our school families that the Diocesan fees are due by the end of the school year.

For those leaving our primary schools we would appreciate payment in full or contact the parish office if you are having difficulty in paying.



5 December: Arthur Sissons, Cornelius Hurley (Chris), Irene Daly, Annie Rogers, Jock Fowler, Leo Watson.

6 December: Johanna van Zuylen, Alice Burgess, Thomas Brankin, Thomas Burke, Joan Pfeifer, Kathleen North, William Moynihan, Mary Fowler, Eileen McCarthy, Evelyn De Renzy, Kathleen Gallien, Aileen Prenderville, Kim Forward, Annie Arbuckle.

7 December: Genevieve MacShane, William Luney, John Dunn, Malia Valele, Helen Marfell, Geraldine McCarthy.

8 December: Thomas Purcell, Patrick Beauchamp, Patricia Seddon, Mary Dodds, Leo Crozier, Leo Moynihan, Gerald Montague, Harold Wall, Douglas Watts, Mavis Butler, Thomas McDonald, Mary Calder, Margatetha Mortiaux, Sherris Taylor.

9 December: Fr. Peter O'Hara, Eileen McDermott, Nancy Corrigan, Vera Petrie, Rita Maister, Nicholas Morrison, Nora McLeod, William Corchrane, Gerald Connolly, Bridget Mills, Josephine Young.

10 December: Hend Hendriks, Bruce Cameron, Phyllis McLean, Margaret Clifford.

11 December: Rita Ling, Azile Creagh, Bruce Boock, Louis Worley, Aileen Jones, Kate Hammond, Marie Plummer.



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.

Mass Intentions:

Margaret Collins (Ann).

Those who are sick:

Monsignor Bill Middleton, Colleen McCammon, Mary Fitzgerald, Noel Mullis, Margaret Aynsley, Philip Baird, 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

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)

FOR ANY PRAYER REQUESTS.

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