

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
+++++ Perpetual adoration - in the chapel +++++

MONDAY 19th

No 5.15pm Mass today

TUESDAY 20th

8.30am	Exposition & prayer	9.15am Liturgy	St Gregory's Church
6.00pm	PPRE		St Gregory's Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 21st *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8.30am	Exposition	9.15am Liturgy	St Joseph's Parish Centre
10.00am	Prayer and Reflection Group		St Joseph's Parish Centre

THURSDAY 22nd *St Cecilia*

11.30am	Rosary	Noon Liturgy	St Gregory's Church
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FRIDAY 23rd *St Columban, St Clement*

8.30am	Exposition & rosary	9.15am Liturgy	St Joseph's Parish Centre
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SATURDAY 24th *St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions*

8.30am	Exposition	9.15am Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
9.45am	Sacrament of Reconciliation		St Joseph's Presbytery
4.00pm	Legion of Mary		St Joseph's Parish Centre
5.15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation		St Gregory's Church
5.30pm	Rosary	6.00pm Mass	St Gregory's Church

SUNDAY 25th *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe*

8.30am	Mass	10.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Mass	St Gregory's Church
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PRAYER HELPLINE INTENTIONS

- > In thanks and praise for God's continuous love and on-going blessings
- > For the candidates, sponsors, families and teachers preparing for confirmation
- > For those involved in various ministries in the parish
- > For Bishop Paul and the priests of the diocese - on retreat next week
- > For God to show his plans in our lives

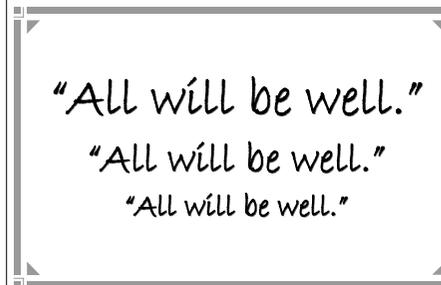
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LOOKING TOWARDS THE END

As the liturgical year comes to an end appropriately our readings this weekend speak of the end times and how we will recognize them. Jesus uses the image of the tree and the outward signs that it exhibits as the seasons change. However, the thinking of Jesus about the inevitability of change and eventually death is not a bleak vision. Now surely, this is the good news of our faith - that aging and the decline that often accompanies it is, for the Christian, also the promise of being born into the fullness of life.

It's with this confidence that we should move into the changes ahead for our parish. If we were purely a secular institution perhaps we might justifiably have some fear about what lies in front of us - but for the Church she has been guaranteed the company of the Holy Spirit; and we know and trust in the Easter Story.



"All will be well." St Teresa of Avila often said. Let's allow the words of our scripture readings this weekend inspire us to live anew the mission entrusted to each one of us.

Fr John Adams
PARISH PRIEST

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*Photos may be taken during special events or activities
and shared with the parish community on facebook/stjopap*



A NEW FACE ON THE PARISH TEAM

Megan Stewart is delighted to be joining the parish team as a pastoral associate, working alongside Irene and Lauren. Her focus will be on parent and family support, in the school and the parish community, and strengthening the links with the parish and school. This is an exciting development for our parish and school communities. Megan can be contacted by email at meganstjopapa@gmail.com or 021 0696 233 or alternatively you could just say hi when you see her.

PRIESTS ON RETREAT

Both Fr John and Fr Thanh will be on retreat next week. There will be no Mass on Monday evening and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will take the place of the weekday Masses. Please pray for the priests of the diocese as they gather.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

There is a box at the foot of the altars, in which we invite you to place the names of your loved ones. In a special way those of our loved ones who have been called from this life are remembered at all the Masses during the month.

CANDLELIT FAMILY PRAYER VIGIL

John Paul II Centre for Life invites you to the vigil this Friday (23rd) at Holy Trinity Parish, Bryndwr. Mass at 7.30pm celebrating faith in all generations, midnight Mass for marriage and priesthood. Adoration, and rosary throughout the night. Reconciliation available from 8.30pm. Enquiries phone Cathy 355 5841.

CONFIRMATION - Saturday 24th November at 6.00pm Mass

Next weekend we welcome Bishop Paul to our parish to confirm our candidates. This will be a wonderful celebration, as we witness these young people and two adults receive this sacrament. This Mass will be busier than usual, so please allow for this.

CATHOLIC STALL

Confirmation is soon - in the foyer the table is set up with gifts to purchase for your child, grandchild or the person you are sponsoring. Great ideas to celebrate the milestone in the life of your young Catholic.

THANK YOU

The parish is very grateful for the generous bequest received this week from the estate of Margaret Sutherland. It will be put to good use as the parish looks forward, at this exciting time.

TODAY'S READINGS

Dan 12:1-3 Heb 10:11-14 Mk 13:24-32

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Dan 7:13-14 Apoc 1:5-8 Jn 18:33-37

CAN YOU HELP?

Faith & Light are catering for a ball for people with an intellectual disability on 1st December. They desperately need helpers to help with preparations. If you have a few hours to spare to assist please ring Mary on 021 323 859 / 354 0446.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE TALKS:

Fr Frank Kelly presents two talks at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre.
Sunday 9th December 7.00pm "Women in the gospels."
Sunday 16th December 7.00pm "Biblical reflection on the incarnation."
Free admission to all.

LEGION OF MARY MASS

Next Sunday (18th) at 1.30pm at Christ the King Parish there will be a special Mass for the departed souls of legionaries.

NATION WIDE ROSARY CRUSADE

Bishop Patrick Dunn has agreed to be a patron of this pro-life rosary crusade, who are looking for leaders to choose a handy public location where people can meet (beach, reserve, lake-side, square) then email the location so it can be advertised. Starting with an opening hymn, prayer, rosary, closing prayer and hymn - 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 3.00pm. Please visit www.rosarycrusade.co.nz for more details, or ring phone 022 1912 886.

PROLIFE FACTS

The Law Commission released its long-awaited report on NZ's abortion law on 26th October and it's not good news for mothers and their preborn babies. The Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice directed the Law Commission to come up with options on how abortion would be classed as a health service and not a crime. All three options deny the humanity of the child which becomes the property of the mother and effectively allows abortion up to birth. For more information visit [www. righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz)

NZ CATHOLIC - OUT NOW

Headlines include: Armistice Day centenary marked by Hamilton Mass for peace; pro-life rosary crusade for NZ; Faith-based institutions in NZ abuse royal commission.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .



- § all those whose names are in the box at the foot of the altar and for those who have no-one to pray for them
- § all those who have died recently
- § and all those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.

Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord.