

++ Perpetual adoration - in the chapel ++

MONDAY 24th December (Christmas Eve)

5.40pm carols & pageant	6.00pm 'Littlies' Mass	St Gregory's Church
8.00pm carols	8.30pm Mass	St Gregory's Church
11.30pm carols	Midnight Mass	St Gregory's Church

TUESDAY 25th December (Christmas Day)

8.15am carols	8.30am Christmas Mass	St Gregory's Church
9.45am carols	10.00am Christmas Mass	St Gregory's Church

WEDNESDAY 26th *St Stephen, the first martyr*

8.30am Exposition	9.15am Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
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THURSDAY 27th *St John, Apostle & Evangelist*

11.30am Rosary	Noon Mass	St Gregory's Church
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FRIDAY 28th *The Holy Innocents, martyrs*

8.30am Exposition & rosary	9.15am Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
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SATURDAY 29th *St Thomas Becket*

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 30th *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

8.30am Mass	10.00am Mass	5.00pm Mass	St Gregory's Church
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MONDAY 31st December (New Year's Eve)

11.00pm Adoration	11.30pm Mass	St Gregory's Church
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See in the New Year praising the Lord!

TUESDAY 1st January 2019 (New Year's Day)

8.30am Exposition	9.15am Mass	St Gregory's Church
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THE CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

We have a God who dwells on high, He is a mighty God with dominion over all creation, and yet He becomes a child, and comes among us with the complete dependence of a newborn baby.

What a great and beautiful mystery this is. In a world where we see all around us the quest for power and wealth, the Incarnation, God here among us as a small vulnerable child, must be an impulse from another place - not of this world.

This 'news' which transformed common shepherds and wise men alike, now breaks in on us. Perhaps, in the midst of the frenetic modern experience of Christmas we might take a moment to look beyond the things of this world. To glimpse the otherness of our loving God, and give thanks for the gift of life and of those we love.

A blessed Christmas to you all from myself, Fr Thanh and the staff at St Joseph's Parish, Papanui.

Fr John Adams
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and shared with the parish community on facebook/stjopap*



BISHOP'S CARE APPEAL
Caring for those in need . . .

Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting the Bishop's Care Appeal. There has been a generous response across the diocese, already raising \$68,400.00.

It is hoped \$100,000 will be raised. Already gifts are having an impact.

Last week Bishop Paul gave \$10,000 to St Vincent de Paul to help distribute food parcels, urgently needed, to more than 500 households. \$5,000 was given to provide food, clothing, bikes and other goods to children in low decile schools. To support these good works ring 366 9869 or visit www.chch.catholic.nz/BCA18

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses on 12th/13th January for Fr John and Fr Thanh, wishing them well as they leave us.

If you might be away, you can donate now already, through the collection basket, using a clearly marked enveloped, so your intentions are easily known.



FR JOHN & FR THANH'S FAREWELL EVENT

It is with sadness that we farewell Fr John and Fr Thanh in January next year.

We extend a warm invitation to all St Joseph's Parish friends and families to come and join them for a farewell BBQ on Friday 18th January at 5.30pm at St Joseph's School.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the parishioners who have donated a bible to go in the children's prayer bags. The response was wonderful and each bag now has a beautiful bible. Thank you for your generosity this Advent.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have supported the appeal this Christmas. It was a busy, if not wet, scene at St Joseph's Parish Centre this week. Wednesday saw a fantastic, enthusiastic group prepare about 70 parcels for delivery. It was lovely to see people so happy, doing what they do best, looking after the less fortunate in our community. Please don't forget the food basket over the holiday break.

ALCAA SCHOOL SAYS THANK YOU

Teresa Nazareth would like to thank the parish and parishioners for their generous donations. Over \$2780.00 was raised for the Indian Catholic School.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH GROUP

They had an amazing year filled with faith, fun, formation and community. Youth group will return next year to continue growing. More details to come. They thank you for your continued prayer and support.

FR GRAEME BLACKBURN'S FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Paul and the family invite parishioners and friends to attend a Memorial Mass for the late Fr Graeme Blackburn on his first anniversary, on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 11.00am at Our Lady of Victories Church.

SUBS REQUIRED THE ADORATION CHAPEL

If you are going to be at home this Christmas and happy to cover for an hour please contact Matt on 366-9869 or chchadoration@gmail.com

Parish Priest

Fr John Adams

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PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

- § all those who have no-one to pray for them
- § all those who have died recently - Fr John Noonan, Elizabeth Young, Tony Lane
- § and all whose anniversaries or birthdays occur at this time.

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