

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

MONDAY 3rd <i>St Francis Xavier</i>			
4.45pm	Exposition & prayer	5.15pm Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
TUESDAY 4th <i>St John Damascene</i>			
8.30am	Exposition & prayer	9.15am Mass	St Gregory's Church
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WEDNESDAY 5th			
8.30am	Exposition	9.15am Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
10.00am	Prayer and Reflection Group		St Joseph's Parish Centre
THURSDAY 6th <i>St Nicholas</i>			
11.30am	Rosary	Noon Mass	St Gregory's Church
FRIDAY 7th <i>St Ambrose</i>			
8.30am	Exposition & rosary	9.15am Mass	St Joseph's Parish Centre
SATURDAY 8th <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
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 9th <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>			
8.30am	Mass	10.00am Mass	5.00pm Mass
			St Gregory's Church

PRAYER HELPLINE INTENTIONS

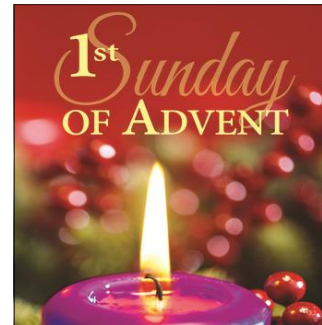
- > In thanks and praise for God's continuous love and on-going blessings
- > For those suffering from grief of any kind, at this time
- > For a good preparation during Advent, as we await the child Jesus
- > For those suffering from addictions - that they find their hope
- > For those who are unwell, either at home, in hospital or in care

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ADVENT ANTICIPATION

Today the Church year begins once again.



It's time for us to once again gaze into the future with great expectation for the coming of Christ. However, vigilance does not mean that we simply sit back and watch the cosmic horizon for signs, or that we withdraw from reality and pray to keep ourselves unsullied by the world.

On the contrary, our annual remembrance of the Incarnation is a celebration of God's desire to become immersed in the human experience. To do justice to this great gift, we are also to immerse ourselves in every aspect of the human condition. There we will find Christ.

In this time of Advent, these days of expectation and joyful anticipation, let's keep our eyes peeled not only for the coming of Christ, but also for opportunities to serve Him in the lives of others.

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

BISHOP'S ADVENT CARE APPEAL

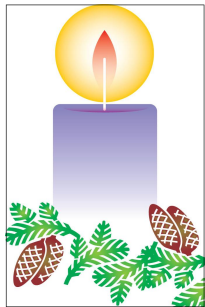
This Advent Bishop Paul Martin is launching an appeal across the diocese to collect core funding to care for those in need in our community. You will receive a letter from the bishop and appeal envelopes. We ask you to return the envelopes in the coming weeks. If you have any queries about this diocesan appeal contact Sharon Lee on 366 9869 ext 843 or email SLee@chch.catholic.org.nz.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend sees new people stepping up to this role.

After a training session with Fr John they are now on the roster.

We thank them, and the existing people, for their ministry to the parish.



*Prepare
for
Christmas*

ADVENT SCRIPTURE TALKS

Fr Frank Kelly presents two talks at 7.00pm
at St Joseph's Parish Centre.

Sunday 9th December "Women in the gospels."

Sunday 16th December "Reflection on the incarnation."

ADVENT 2018 ONLINE

Receive daily New Zealand based
Advent reflections in your inbox.

Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.

Each Wednesday of Advent Fr John O'Connor will offer a
fifteen minute reflection at 5.50pm at St Mary's pro-Cathedral.

The reflection will be preceded and followed
by 20 minutes of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Christmas Party

St Joseph's Parish Centre

Friday 14th December 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Drinks & nibbles to say thank you.

*Please RSVP to Wilma in the parish office
for catering purposes.*

Ring 352 9275 or email pap.bish.rc@xtra.co.nz

TODAY'S READINGS

Jer 33:14-16 1 Thess 3:12 Lk 21:25-28

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Baruch 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

COUNTERS NEEDED

We are looking for more counters to help with the Sunday collections.
This takes about an hour every seventh week and is really easy to do.
Please contact Wilma in the parish office or email pap.bish.rc@xtra.co.nz

CAN YOU HELP?

There is a parishioner who needs our support to get to either 10.00am or
5.00pm Mass on Sundays. She lives in Bayliss Close in Northwood.

Contact Irene on 027 622 9415 if you can help.

CATHOLIC STALL

Advent Calendars are available from the stall in the foyer.

Check out the lovely items for Christmas too.

SUBS REQUIRED OVER CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR

Over the past five years the diocesan perpetual adoration chapel has remained
open throughout the Christmas period. There is a large number of people
away this year and extra people are required. If you are going to be at home
this Christmas and would be happy to cover an hour or two
please contact Matt on 366 9869 or chhadoration@gmail.com

NATION WIDE ROSARY CRUSADE

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday 8th December,
at 3.00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bryndwr, join the nationwide rosary crusade,
in response to the government looking at reforming our abortion and
euthanasia laws. Please visit www.rosarycrusade.co.nz

CARITAS GIFT OPTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Four different funds to support. Caritas gifts can be ordered now by calling
0800 22 10 22 or by visiting www.caritas.org.nz/caritas-gifts.

PARISH WEBSITE

Visit our website to see what is happening in our parish and our diocese.

There is always a complete list of events and activities to view.

Christmas Mass times across the diocese are online at www.chchcatholic.nz

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

- § all 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.