

Christ the King Church

90 Greers Road, Burnside, Christchurch



First Sunday of Advent – 1 December 2019

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Mass Times

Mon– Fri 7am & 9am

Saturday – 9am

Saturday – Vigil – 6pm

Sunday – 9am & 11am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30am - 10.30am

(or on request)

Exposition of

The Blessed Sacrament

Mon. – Fri. 7.30am

Fri. 9.30am – Sat 8.50am

Rosary

Mon-Sat after the 9am

Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Novena

Saturday – 5pm followed by

Rosary

NB our Novena will finish for the year on 30 November and recommence on 1 February

To request prayer phone or text Graeme on 021 413 659

Christchurch North Pastoral Area Sunday Mass Times

St Gregory's

Saturday – Vigil – 6pm

Sunday – 8.30am, 10.00am & 5pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.45am

St Joseph's Presbytery

Holy Trinity - Bryndwr

Saturday – Vigil – 5pm

Sunday – 9.30am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4.00pm

(or on request)

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.

May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

Pope Francis

Advent is a wonderful season in our liturgical year that helps us prepare ourselves for the great feast of Christmas. This season is twofold: it is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and it is also a time for us to direct our minds and hearts to awaiting Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is very much a season of joyful anticipation.

Last weekend, Bishop Paul launched his annual Bishop's Care Appeal. I encourage you to pick up an envelope if you are able to support this appeal financially. There are many in our diocese who are in need of food, housing, counselling, and security, and your contribution will help provide care to men, women, and children throughout our diocese. For those who cannot financially support the Bishop's Care Appeal, I ask that you keep this appeal in your prayers.

Finally, this weekend will see Bishop Paul's plan for our Diocese revealed through both a video presentation and a Pastoral Letter. The Pastoral Letter also announces the Clergy Appointments for 2020. Copies of the Pastoral letter can be found in the foyer of both churches, as well as on the diocesan website www.ourfaith.chchcatholic.nz For more information, please visit the website.

I ask that you continue to keep Bishop Paul and our diocese in your prayers. We ask the Holy Spirit to continue to guide and lead Bishop as he shepherds God's chosen people of the Diocese of Christchurch.

God Bless,

Fr. Alister

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

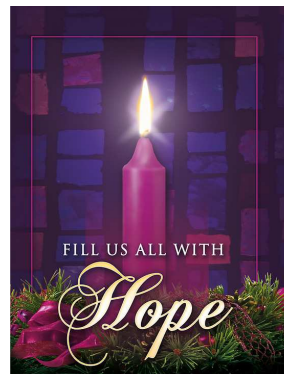
2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm Response:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:12-20



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43

Prayer of the Faithful Response:

Lord hear our prayer.

What's On:

Sun.	10.00am	Morning tea
Mon.	10.00am	SVDP Meeting – Next Meeting 9 December
	7.00 – 8.30pm	Last Senior Youth Group for 2019
Tues.	7.30-9.00pm	Choir Practice
Wed.	10.00am	Christian Meditation
Fri.	3.15 – 5.00pm	Junior Youth Group
Sat.	11.00am	Junior Legion of Mary has finished until Feb 2020
	3.00pm	Legion of Mary – Final meeting will be 14 Dec

Next Week's Readings: Year A

First Reading:	Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading:	Romans 13:11-14
Gospel:	Matthew 37-44

The weekly notices from the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch are displayed on our notice board in the foyer. Due to the volume of notices we are unable to publish them all in our own bulletin. Please take time to view these. They will also be made available on our website.

**Advent Talk at Christ the King
Parish Centre
7.30 – 9.00pm**

Fr Rick – Wednesday, 4 December

Waiting on God - Prayer for Advent that opens us to the
action of the Holy Spirit

The Jesse Tree

Over the next four weeks of Advent we will be placing various symbols on our Jesse Tree to remind us of the important people or events within Jesus' life or in his ancestor's lives. This week the symbols are **'The Apple'**, reminding us of the first people God created in his own image. **'The Ark'**, reminding us of Noah who was faithful in praying and obeying God. **'The Rock' or Altar'**, reminding us of Abraham who was prepared to leave his homeland and later sacrifice his only son Isaac, rather than disobey God.

Advent: Prepare for Christmas with 'The Joy of Hope'

Join us at St Joseph's Parish Centre for a new CaFE resource filmed on location on the beautiful Greek Holy Island of Patmos, where Scripture tells us the Book of Revelation was written. Each session is uplifting and offers practical insight into the joy of living now with hope in the future blessing of Eternal Life with God in Heaven.

Each session includes an engaging mix of teaching, scripture meditation and prayerful response with optional group questions.

Session 1 - Wednesday 4 Dec at 1pm or 7pm

Session 2 - Wednesday 11 Dec at 1pm or 7pm

Session 3 & 4 - Wednesday 18 Dec at 1pm or 7pm

(Please note this last evening is two sessions together finishing approx 9pm).

For more information contact Lauren 027-424-6045 or visit www.fdm.org.nz/joy to register. All parishes are welcome.

Divine Mercy – An hour of our 24 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this coming **Friday, 6 December, 3.00-4.00pm** will be for the Divine Mercy intentions, praying for the dying and souls in purgatory.

Coast to Coast Rosary Crusade – 7 December 2019

The New Zealand government is looking at reforming our Abortion Laws and legalising Euthanasia. In response, a group of lay Catholics have organised this Pro-Life (from conception to natural death) Coast To Coast Rosary to be held on Saturday, 7th December, at 3 pm at Christ the King Church. Please join us. Alternatively, you may wish to join the March for Life in Wellington that day. Every Pro-Life group in New Zealand is represented. The March begins at 101 Wakefield St. at 2 pm and concludes in Parliament Grounds.

www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

Columban Calendars are available from the Parish Office. \$15. There are a small number of SVDP Christmas cards available also \$2.50/pack of 5. Cash only.

Preference Certificates will be signed at the parish office on Friday, 6 December at 3pm. Please ensure you have all paperwork and baptism record details with you when you come.

Dates for Christmas at Christ the King

Anointing Mass

Thursday, 12 December – 11am

Followed by a shared lunch in the parish centre

Christmas Mass Times at Christ the King

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, 24 December

8pm Mass (Carols before Mass at 7.30pm)

12 Midnight Mass (Carols before Mass at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day: Wednesday, 25 December

8am Children's Mass, 10am Mass

4pm Chinese Mass

Rite II Reconciliation in our Pastoral Area

Wednesday, 11 December – Burnside – 7.30pm

Thursday, 12 December – Papanui – 7.00pm

Tuesday, 17 December – Bryndwr – 6.30pm

Wednesday, 18 December – Riccarton – 7.00pm

Thursday, 19 December – Mairehau – 7.00pm

Rite I Reconciliation at Christ the King

Saturday, 21 December – 9.30-10.30am

Sunday, 22 December – 4.00-5.00pm

Monday, 23 December – 4.30-5.30pm

Tuesday, 24 December – 9.30-10.30am & 4.30-5.30pm

The Laura Fergusson Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm. SVDP and the children from Christ the King School invite you to come along and join them for an evening of Christmas Carols. Bring a plate to share for supper. All welcome.

Echumenical Christmas Carol Service

Community Carols at the Park – Sunday, 15 December

6.30 – 8pm @ Crosbie Park.

BYO Picnic from 5.30pm – Free Family Event

If wet, no picnic, just Carols, 6.30pm @ St Christophers,
244 Avonhead Road

Remember in your prayers: The sick in the parish, also: Mons. Bill Middleton, Gabrielle Fergus, Bridget Martin, Alistair Henderson, Ngaire Mahoney, Ngaire Odgers, Bernice Kelleher, Philip Baird, Doreen Ford, Paul Campbell, Michael Ward, Patricia Bryant, Sr Mary Cosgrove, Ron Towner, Susan Steele, Kevin Higgins, Hilary Edmonds, Nona Foley, Jenny Anderson, Bill Boeyen.

Recently Deceased: Marie Slattery, John Callaghan, Karen Barnett, Maurice Gilmore, John Noble, Julia Murray.

Masses Requested: Margaret Collins (R.I.P), Alison (Walker) Swain (Ann.), Mary Ferigo (Ann.), Daphne & Les Ward (Ann.)

Book of Memories: 1st Patrick McGrail, Ivy McNeill, Raymond Horgan, Agnes Bourk, John Sincock; 2nd Fred Bayley; 3rd Kevin Curnow, Howard York; 4th Elizabeth Corrigan, Reginald Hopkins, Kathleen Richardson; 5th Arthur Sissons, Cornelius (Chris) Hurley; 6th Alice Burgess, Thomas Brankin, Thomas Burke, Joan Pfeifer, Kathleen North.

7/8 December 6pm		9am	11 am
Cantor/Organist	M Levings, J McNeill	Christ the King Youth	Z loane, P Goh
Readers	T Paris, N McCormick	Christ the King Youth	A Masara, B Cowan
Ex. Ord. Min. Of Holy Com.	L Constable, P Doody, K Kuek, R Methven, L O'Rourke, C & C Wilson	P Bryant, K Graham, K Mobbs, D Pitcaithly, G Ward, F Warren	D Bannister, V Fraher, G Fronda, G & P Prest, M Tugia, J Wong Yit
Offertory	Morahan Family	Christ the King Youth	A Lau, L Lau
Greeters	T & M Johnston	Christ the King Youth	Fraher Family
Servers	C & M Bascunan, H Methven, L Gabino	J Fernando, S Curnow, D Barrett	R Lazo, N & M de Roo, H Antaran
Collectors	K & R Price	K Lewis, P McQuinn	S & P Pagulayan
Church Cleaning	Thursday, 5 December – Christ the King School Students		
Morning Tea	P Nicklin – Welcoming Committee		
Counters	L O'Rourke		
Collection	Sunday 24/11/19 \$ 3,544.00 + Auto Payments \$2,579.00 = \$ 6,123.00 1/3 Clergy Trust = \$ 2,041.00		