



# Christ the King Church

90 Greers Road, Burnside, Christchurch



## Third Sunday of Advent – 15 December 2019

**“Go and tell others what you hear and see”**

In medieval times, this day—the Third Sunday of Advent—was called *Gaudete* Sunday, as an equivalent to *Laetare* Sunday during Lent. As we pray today, we also rejoice that the Lord does not fail to show his power and might.

We rejoice at the thought that Jesus is going to be reborn in our lives, deepening in us His gifts of love, mercy, forgiveness and the spirit of humble and sacrificial service during this Christmas season. During this season, let us joyfully share God's bountiful grace, forgiveness, and mercy with others.

What Jesus commanded John's disciples, he commands us as well: *Go and tell others what you hear and see*. Despite the obvious “signs” and miracles, some people still rejected Jesus (Catechism of the Catholic Church #548).

Each of us must strive to interpret the “signs of the times,” and accept the help of the Church and the Holy Spirit (CCC #1788).

(Reflection by Fr Anthony Kadavil, [www.frtonyshomilies.com](http://www.frtonyshomilies.com))

**Please take a copy of our Christmas Booklet away with this weekend. A very big thank you to Angela Devonport, who for many years has prepared this booklet for us.**

### Holiday Information

- **Novena before our Vigil Mass** has finished and will recommence in February
- **24 Hour Adoration** will finish on 13 December and will recommence on 17 January
- **7am Mass and Adoration** will finish on 20 December and will recommence on 20 January
- **Fr Rick** away 3-6 January (Hearts Aflame) & 13-17 January (Dunedin Gathering, Caris)
- **Fr Alister** away 10 January – 1 February (Life Teen Camp and holiday)
- **The Parish Office** closes on Thursday, 19 December and re-opens again on Tuesday, 14 January.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:**  
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10



**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

**Alleluia!**

**Psalm Response:**  
Lord, come and save us.

**Gospel:**

Matthew 11:2-11

**Second Reading:**  
James 5:7-10

**Prayer of the Faithful Response:**  
Lord hear our prayer.

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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)

#### What's On:

Sun.	10.00am
Mon.	10.00am
	7.00 – 8.30pm
Tues.	7.30-9.00pm
Wed.	10.00am
Fri.	3.15 – 5.00pm
Sat.	11.00am
	3.00pm

Morning tea

SVDP Meetings will recommence in 2020

Senior Youth Group will recommence in 2020

Choir Practice

Christian Meditation

Junior Youth Group will recommence in 2020

Junior Legion of Mary will recommence in Feb 2020

Legion of Mary will recommence in 2020

#### Next Week's Readings: Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Psalter Week 4



### SVDP Christmas Gift Appeal

We thank you to those of you who have already taken gift cards from the board. Please return these to the parish office by **Tuesday, 17 December**. Please continue to bring in your donations of non-perishable

Christmas goodies as well as your usual items of food would be gratefully received. Donations of food items can be left in the boxes outside the parish office. Thank you in advance for supporting our work.

### Thank you!

With your generosity Bishop Paul has been able to

help provide funding for food, clothing and other material goods to be distributed in low decile schools, both Catholic and State.

Please continue to give generously this Christmas as we strive to support those who need it the most during this time.

Thank you for caring for those in the humblest of circumstances with a gift to the Care Appeal. Your support is an answer to someone's prayer.

+ Bishop Paul Martin SM

### Support the good works of the Church.

Give today: 03 366 9869  
www.chchcatholic.nz/BCA19

### Flowers for Christmas



This Christmas we will be having fresh flowers in the church and would be pleased to receive donations of **red and white flowers**. We will need all flowers delivered before 9.30am on Tuesday, 24 December. There will be buckets

available in the parish centre for you to place your flowers in.

### 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

### Filipino Community of the Diocese of Christchurch Simbang Gabi/9 days Novena Masses before Christmas

Date	Church
Sun, 15 Dec	7:00pm St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale
Mon, 16 Dec	7:00pm St Mary's Pro Cathedral
Tues, 17 Dec	7:00pm St Anne's Church, Woolston
Wed, 18 Dec	7:00pm Sacred Heart Church, Addington
Thurs, 19 Dec	7:00pm St Bernadette's Church, Hornby
Fri, 20 Dec	7:00pm St Patrick's Church, Kaiapoi
Sat, 21 Dec	7:00pm Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Halswell
Sun, 22 Dec	3:30pm St Teresa's Church, Riccarton
Mon, 23 Dec	6:00pm Amuri Area Gym, Culverden

### Dates for Christmas at Christ the King

#### 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

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

#### New Year's Eve – Tuesday, 31 December

9am Mass & 12.00 Midnight Mass, Exposition from 11pm

### The Jesse Tree

This Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, we place three more symbols on our Jesse Tree reminding us of the important people or events either in Jesus' life or in his ancestors' lives, and how they were faithful to God and His promises. The three symbols for this week are: **The Crown** – This symbol reminds us of King David. He was a great King and ruler of God's people who was faithful and obedient to God. **The Whale** - This reminds us of Jonah, who was called by God to encourage the people of Nineveh to repent and to turn back to God and His law. **The Tools** – These remind us of Joseph the Carpenter, who faithfully took care of Mary and the child Jesus.

**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.

**Masses Requested:** Margaret Collins (R.I.P), Eileen and Pat Eccleton (R.I.P), Scully and Eccleton Families, Elaine and Brian O'Donnell, Alexander Reddington (Ann.), Patrick Bendall (Ann.).

**Book of Memories:** 15<sup>th</sup> Irene Intemann, Kathleen Drummond, Margaret Bradford, Dorothy Ball; 16<sup>th</sup> Veronica Reid, Patricia Collings, Peter Gifford, Brian Austen, Gwendolyn Richards, Ellen Bunting; 17<sup>th</sup> Catherine Costello, Agnes Prendergast; 18<sup>th</sup> Nell Sissons, Pelagia S. Rubia, Eileen Farrelly, Thomas Sherlock, Maligi Lafaele; 19<sup>th</sup> Colin Macdonald, Mary Purcell, Hung Kwei Chang; 20<sup>th</sup> Paul Groufsky, John Roach, Alida Mentink, Judith Sumicz, Joseph Crawford, John Boyle; 21<sup>st</sup> Bernie Scannell, Wilson Crawford, Robert Commons, Brian Hickey, Lorraine Fowke.

21/22 December 6pm		9am	11 am
Cantor/Organist	J William	T Paris	E Chan/J Han
Readers	P Davies, K Davey	J & P Casey	M Lucas, E Thwaites
Ex. Ord. Min. Of Holy Com.	M Bennett, C & V Chia, M & J Dominic, J Jose, P Nevin	R Dey, A Devonport, N Duggan, D Martin, G Holgate, R McAuley, T Schmetzer	M Fraher, A Le, B & K Pawlikowski, M & P Reynolds, C Sissons
Offertory	M Anderson, J Anderson	M & A Spiers	Ogilvie Lee Family
Greeters	L O'Rourke	F & J Warren	M de Gouw, P Fogarty
Servers	L Cochrane, W Cochrane, C Shaji	H Martin, T Talanoa, Z O'Neill	J Cuison, E Lau, L Masara
Collectors	V Cusack, B Morahan	B Quinn, G Ward	L Wong, A Lau
Church Cleaning	Saturday, 21 December – L Metcalfe (C)		
Morning Tea	Will recommence in 2020		
Counters	H Gardiner		
Collection	Sunday 8/12/19 \$ 3,477.00 + Auto Payments \$ 2,644.00 = \$ 6,121.00 1/3 Clergy Trust = \$ 2,040.33		