

Christ the King Church

90 Greers Road, Burnside, Christchurch



First Sunday of Advent – 2 December 2018

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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 on

24 November and
recommence on 2 February

To request prayer phone or

text to 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 (or on request)

Holy Trinity - Bryndwr

Saturday – Vigil – 5pm

Sunday – 9.00am & 10.30am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4.15pm (or on request)

“That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap” (Lk. 21:25-28,34-36)

The new liturgical year in the church commences today, the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. Preparation is divided into two namely remote and proximate preparations. Remote begins with the first Sunday until the 16th of December, to prepare for the final coming of the Lord in glory. Proximate is from the 17th of December until Christmas, the birth of Jesus. All four Sundays of Advent have their themes which are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. Today, Jesus tells us to watch, stay awake and pray at all times for strength so that whatever happens we are always ready and confident to be with God.

Bishop's Care Appeal 2018

The season of Advent calls us Catholics to care for the poor in our community. At this time of Advent, the diocese launches the Bishop's Care Appeal to raise money to provide food, housing, counseling, security and support to men, women and children who need our help. Your assistance is deeply appreciated.

As you leave Mass today you are welcome to take a copy of Bishop Paul's Advent Letter which outlines his Appeal. There are also Appeal Envelopes on the pews beside you should you wish to participate. The Appeal will run every Sunday throughout Advent, up to and including the Christmas Masses. This year that is 4 December – 25 December. Please give as generously as you can.

God Bless

Fr Rick & Fr Benito

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

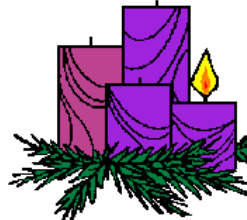
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Psalm Response:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.



Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

Gospel:

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Prayer of the Faithful

Response:

Lord hear our prayer.

What's On:

Sun.	10.00am	Morning tea
Mon.	10.00am	SVDP Meeting – Next Meeting – 10 December
	7.00 – 8.30pm	High School Youth Group
Tues.	7.30-9.00pm	Choir Practice
Wed.	10.00am	Christian Meditation
	7.00-9.00pm	OCIA – Oratory
Fri.	3.15 – 5.00pm	Primary School Youth Group
Sat.	11.00am	Junior Legion of Mary
	3.00pm	Legion of Mary – Oratory

Next Week's Readings: Year C

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Psalter Week 2

Welcome to all newcomers to Christ the King, if you would like to join our parish please write your name in the green book at the back of the church and someone will make contact with you. Please ensure you also include your contact telephone number

NZ Rosary Crusade – National March for Life

A Pro-Life Rosary Crusade to defend life, from conception to natural death is to be held on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 8th December. This also coincides with the National March for Life in Wellington from the Civic Centre, 101 Wakefield Street to Parliament Grounds commencing at 2pm. www.rosarycrusade.co.nz

The Rosary Crusade – Dec 8 @ 3pm at Christ the King

Our own parish at Christ the King is one of the venues for this important event, please make a special effort to attend.

Intentions

For Life from conception to natural death, and **For Faith** to pray - for the Church in these difficult times; and for the re-evangelization of our nation.

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.

Divine Mercy – An hour of our 24 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this coming **Friday, 7 December, 3.00-4.00pm** will be for the Divine Mercy intentions, praying for the dying and souls in purgatory.

The Laura Fergusson Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 4th December at 7pm. SVDP invite you to come along and join them for an evening of Christmas Carols. Bring a plate to share for supper. All welcome.

Remember in your prayers: The sick in the parish, also: Mons. Bill Middleton, Joyce McIhorne, Gabrielle Fergus, Maurice Gilmore, Joan Preddy, Bridget Martin, Dean Rhodes, Tom Patterson, Alistair Henderson, Ngaire Mahoney, Ngaire Odgers, Sr Mary Cosgrove, Dan & Bernice Kelleher, Philip Baird, Doreen Ford, Alejandro Amaris, Sheila Johnson, Denis O'Malley, Paul Campbell, Hilary Edmonds.

Recently Deceased: Doug Keenan.

Masses Requested: Margaret Collins (R.I.P), Eileen Eccleton (R.I.P) and Scully Families.

Book of Memories: 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; 8th Thomas Purcell, Patrick Beauchamp, Patricia Seddon.

Dates for Christmas at Christ the King

Anointing Mass

Wednesday, 12 December – 11am
Followed by a shared lunch in the parish centre

Christmas Mass Times at Christ the King

Christmas Eve: Monday, 24 December
8pm Mass (Carols before Mass at 7.30pm)
12 Midnight Mass (Carols before Mass at 11.30pm)
Christmas Day: Tuesday, 25 December
8am Children's Mass, 10am Mass
4pm Chinese Mass

Rite II Reconciliation in our Pastoral Area

Tuesday, 11 December – St Gregory's – 7.00pm
Friday, 14 December – Holy Trinity – 7.00pm
Thursday, 20 December – Christ the King – 7.30pm

Rite I Reconciliation at Christ the King

Saturday, 22 December – 9.30-10.30am & 4.30-5.30pm
Sunday, 23 December – 4.00-5.00pm
Monday, 24 December – 9.30-10.30am & 4.30-5.30pm

Dove Christchurch welcomes you to join us for a "Very Mary Christmas". Humility, obedience, grace, love and purity allowed Our Blessed Mother to say YES to God. Join us this Advent to honour Mary, full of grace. **Saturday, 8 December**, 1-3pm in our Parish Centre. All women welcome – Contact Diane 027-431-2026 for more information.

Youth Group Fundraiser Follow Up

Thank you to all who supported the Youth Group's Heller's Bacon fundraiser about a month ago! If you have not yet been contacted by a member from the Youth Group in regards to getting your bacon to you, then please contact Kaelyn at ctkyouthnz@gmail.com

Monthly Filipino Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King on Sunday 9 December at 4pm. Bishop Paul Martin will celebrate this Mass.

Advent Scripture Talks

Speaker: Fr Frank Kelly
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui.
Time: 7pm - Free Admission to all.
Sunday, 9th Dec – Women in the Gospels.
Sunday, 16th Dec – Biblical Reflection on the Incarnation.

Divine Mercy Publications will be selling the Divine Mercy calendar and Let there be Light NZ Scripture calendar for 2019 after Mass on Dec 9th & 16th. Cash or cheque only.

Preference Certificates

Fr Benito will be available to sign preference certificates at the parish office on Friday 7 December at 3pm. Please contact the parish office prior to ensure you have the correct paperwork. Even if your child was baptised at Christ the King you will still need to provide a copy of their baptism record.

8/9 December 6pm		9am	11 am
Cantor/Organist Music Groups	N McCormick, E Sia	Youth	Choir
Readers	K Davey, A Emery	Youth	J McNeill, N Fraher
Ex. Ord. Min. Of Holy Com.	V Tay, P Doody, L Kuok, R Methven, L O'Rourke, C & C Wilson	K Graham, K Mobbs, D Pitcaithly, S & F Sullivan, G Ward, F Warren	D Bannister, J Wong Yit, V Fraher, R Morris, G & F Prest, M Tugia
Offertory	G & A Kenna	Youth	A Chan, N Chan
Greeters	M & T Johnston	Youth	Fraher Family
Servers	G McBrydie, L McBrydie, H Methven	D Barrett, A Crsnavic, W & A Raisin	R Lazo, T Leighton
Collectors	R & K Price	K Lewis, P McQuinn	S & P Pagulayan
Church Cleaning	Thursday 6 December – Christ the King School Students		
Morning Tea			
Children's Liturgy – D Tully – 9am Mass			
Counters	M McGowan		
Collection	Sunday 25/11/18 - \$ 3,662.00 + Automatic Payments \$ 2,480.00 = \$ 6,142.00 1/3 is remitted to The Clergy Trust Fund and 2/3 remains in the parish – 1/3 Clergy Trust = \$ 2,047.33		

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.