



Christ the King Church

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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 has finished

for the year and will

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)

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 22 December 2019

"The Catholic faith never changes. But the language and mode of manifesting this one faith can change according to peoples, times, and places."

Cardinal Francis Arinze

As we draw nearer to the celebration of Christmas, we recognise that this year is coming to an end.

We begin to reflect on what 2019 has brought us—blessings and obstacles, joy and sadness. We recognise that 2019 has been a significant year, especially with Bishop Paul announcing his proposal at Pentecost, and then announcing his final decision on the First Sunday of Advent.

We also recognise that while some of us are excited about the change, there are others who are apprehensive about what is to come. Whether we are excited or apprehensive amidst these changes, we can take comfort in the words spoken by the angel to St. Joseph: **"Do not be afraid."**

I know the Holy Spirit has moved among us in 2019, and I hope you are able to recognise this in your lives as you reflect on your 2019 year. As we look forward to the new year, with all of its uncertainties, we continue to trust that the Spirit will guide and protect each one of us.

God Bless, Fr. Alister.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2020

We have decided to combine our resources between Bryndwr & Burnside parishes regarding our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes for 2020, and these will be offered in the first half of 2020.

Kaelyn Graham (Christ the King Sacramental Coordinator) will be running the First Holy Communion programme for both Bryndwr & Burnside parishes, while **Sarah Strachan** (Holy Trinity Sacramental Coordinator) will be running the Confirmation programme for both parishes.

A letter with more information, including the information meeting dates, is available in the church foyer. Please share this with those you know are wanting their children to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2020.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

Isaiah 7:10-14



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 11:2-11

Psalm Response:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading:

Romans 1:1-7

Prayer of the Faithful Response:

Lord hear our prayer.

Holiday Information

- **Novena before our Vigil Mass** has finished and will recommence in February
- **24 Hour Adoration** has finished and will recommence on 17 January
- **7am Mass and Adoration** has finished 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** has closed and will re-open again on Tuesday, 14 January



Sr. Mary Cosgrove RSM will celebrate her 90th Birthday this weekend. Happy Birthday Sr Mary. May God Bless you abundantly.

The Jesse Tree

On this last Sunday of Advent we place our final three symbols on our Jesse Tree. These remind 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 final symbols are **The Lily** – This reminds us of Mary the mother of Jesus and our heavenly mother, who was prepared to trust fully and to say "Yes" to God. **The People** – This symbol represents all of us, reminding us that we too are waiting for Christ to come again to fulfil God's promise, and the need for us to be prepared for his coming. **The Chi-Row (kai-row)** – This is a monogram of the letter "P" superimposed over a large "X". These are the first two letters of the Greek name for Christ (or Kristos), who is our Lord and Saviour.

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 Townner, Susan Steele, Kevin Higgins, Hilary Edmonds, Nona Foley, Jenny Anderson, Bill Boeyen.

Recently Deceased: Maureen Ogier, Marie Slattery.

Masses Requested: Margaret Collins (R.I.P), Timothy Emery (Australia – Recently dec'd), Fergus McNaughton (R.I.P), Maureen McEvedy (R.I.P), Paul Barrett (R.I.P).

Book of Memories:

22nd Frank Hewson, Gerard Anderson, Richard McBride, Ivan Counsell, Charles Kerr; 23rd Mary Shankland-Smith, Kevin McAnally, Michael Fitzsimmons; 24th Joseph Hodges, Les Boyd, Phillip Carmine; 25th Archie Drummond; 26th Kenneth Patterson, John Hanrahan, Mary Anderson, David MacDonald; 27th Patricia Evans, Ella O'Byrne; 28th Eileen Dearsley, Patricia Strahan, John Williams, Brian Curtain, Murphy McLeod, Peter Sheehan, John Hynes, Jangsoo Son; 29th Joyce McIlhone; 30th James McGuire, Dorothy Kenny, Noelene Ford; 31st Theresa Davis, Patrick McGirr, Eva Gilmore; 1st Ralph Beard, George McLaren, Gladys Noonan, Barry Roach, Emily Bennett, Eileen Hughes, Kathleen Park, Peter Nolan, Josephine Davis, Helena McAnally, Thomas Keane; 2nd Brett Collings, Darrick Gifford, Joan Dickey, Claudia Casey; 4th Phyllis Dilger, Bernadette McCloy, Alan Wills; 5th Catherine Reynolds, Paul Sillifant, Barbara Reilly; 6th Terrance McDonnell; 7th Gus Gibson, Julia Walsh, Daphne Rhodes, Ronald Dishington; 8th Marie Gilmore, Wilfrid Ball, Margaret Harnett; 9th Winifred Connelly, Brian Lloyd, Joanne Davidson; 10th Robert Brown, Francis Benson, Aaron Mahoney, Joan Preddy; 11th Joseph Twomey, Kie Ung Wong, Veronica Kelleher, Adrian Beins, Patrick Chapman; 12th Madge Byrnes, Peter Byrnes, Winifred Stanley, Donna Kerr; 13th Barry Gray, Ellen Walker; 14th John Kelly, Francis Oliver, Terence Casey, Bella Byrne, Monique Mentink; 15th John Devonport, Jeannie Bradford, Fr Graeme Blackburn; 16th William Meagher, Helen Leonard, Mary (Clare) Turnbull; 17th Michael Buckley, Xavier McClurg; 18th Shane Birss, Patrick (Neville) Neeson.

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 I Reconciliation at Christ the King

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



A Special way to start 2019

You are all invited to join us for a drink and a nibble after our midnight New Year's Eve Mass at Christ the King Parish Centre. We look forward to seeing you.



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 from Monday afternoon.

Christmas Mass Times in nearby Parishes

Holy Trinity – Bryndwr

Christmas Eve 5.30pm Children's Mass
(Carols from 5.00pm),
9.00pm Mass
(Carols from 8.30pm)
Christmas Day 9.30am

Our Lady of Victories - Sockburn

Christmas Eve 6pm, 8pm, 11pm
Christmas Day 9am

St Gregory's - Bishopdale

Christmas Eve 6.00pm 'Littlies' Vigil Mass
(5.40pm carols & pageant)
8.30pm Vigil Mass (Carols from 8pm)
Midnight Mass (Carols from 11.30pm)
Christmas Day 8.30am (Carols from 8.15am)
10.00am (Carols from 9.45am)

St Teresa's – Riccarton

Christmas Eve 7.30pm, 12 Midnight Mass
Christmas Day 8am, 10am

