

9 DECEMBER 2018

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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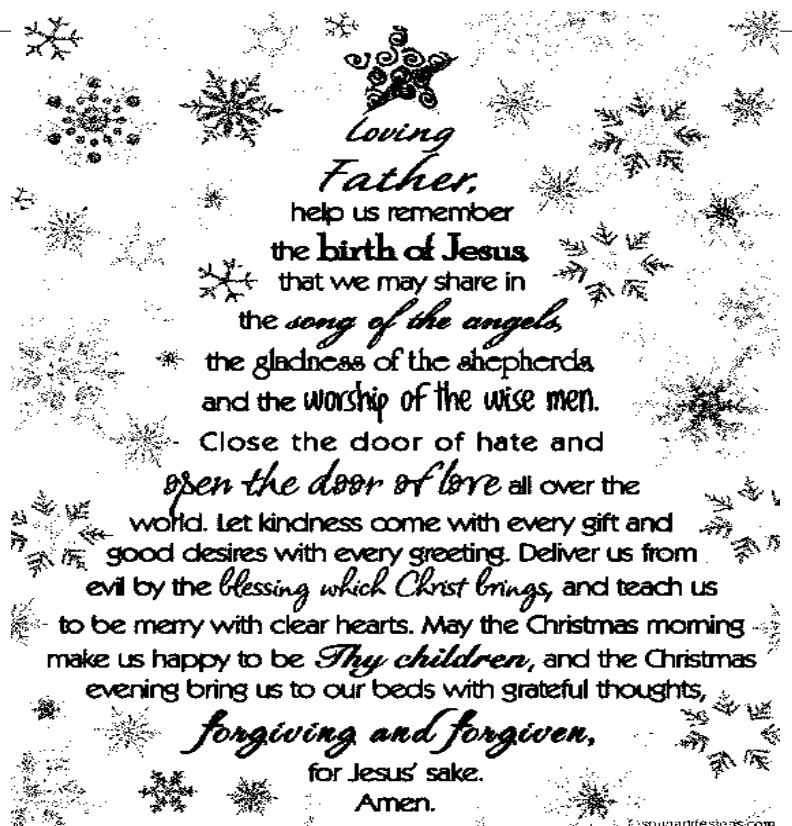
Psalm Response: 2nd Sunday of Advent, 9 December 2018

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

3rd Sunday of Advent – 16 December 2018

First Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-19a,

Second Reading: Philippians 4.4-7; Gospel: Luke 3.10-18





Silent Night ... It was Christmas Eve. The year was 1818. The place was a tiny village in the Austrian Alps by the name of Oberndorf. The assistant pastor of the local parish was looking sadly out over the snow-covered valley, and wondering what they would do that evening for Midnight Mass. The pipe organ at church had broken and they would be unable to sing the great Christmas songs that had been their tradition. Then it occurred to him that perhaps there was a way to make do. He found a Christmas poem he had written at his previous parish. He took it to the parish organist and asked if he could set it to a simple tune that could be played on the guitar. The priest's verses were not great, just true words ... and the song was not the calibre of, say, Handel's Messiah," but it was true music ... and there was born that night in that tiny village the beautiful Christmas hymn, "Silent Night". Today, 200 years since its first performance, "Silent Night" has become one of the most cherished Christmas songs.

2018/19 Christmas & New Year Timetables

Cathedral Parish

Advent Reconciliation Times (Rite I is individual, Rite II is Communal)

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| Friday 14 December | Rite I | 11.30pm to 11.55am | |
| Saturday 15 December | Rite I | 9.30am to 10 am | |
| Thursday 20 December | Rite II (Citywide) | | 7pm (Our Lady of Lourdes) |
| Friday 21 December | Rite I | 11.30am to 11.55am | |
| Saturday 22 December | Rite I | 9.30am to 10.00am | |
| Sunday 23 December | Rite I | 7pm to 8pm | |
| Monday 24 December | Rite I | 11am to 12noon | |

Christmas Mass Times

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| Monday 24 December | Carols | 11.15pm |
| Tuesday 25 December | Mass | Midnight |
| Tuesday 25 December | Mass | 7.30am, 9.30am (No 6pm Mass) |
| Wednesday 26 December | Boxing Day Mass: | 9am |
| to Saturday 29 December | Daily Mass | 9am |

January 2019 Timetable

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| 1 January to 21 January: | Sunday Masses | 7:30am, 9:30am, 6pm |
| | Weekday Masses | Tuesday to Saturday 9am |
| | Reconciliation | Fridays and Saturdays 9.30am |

Parish Office closed on Friday 21 December at midday and reopens on Tuesday 22 January 2019 at 9am

St Brigid's Parish, Feilding

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| Wednesday 19 December | Reconciliation Rite II | 7pm |
| Sunday 23 December | Mass | 9am |
| Monday 24 December | Carols | 7pm |
| | Vigil Mass | 7pm |
| Tuesday 25 December | Mass | 9am |
| 26 – 27 December | Mass | 9am |
| 28 December | Mass (no Adoration/Rosary) | 10am |
| Tuesday 1 January | Mass | 9am |
| | Adoration followed by Mass | 9 – 10am |
| January Sundays | Mass | 9am |
| January Weekday | Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Wednesday, Thursday) | 9am |
| | Liturgy of the Word with Communion (Friday) | 10am |
| 23 January | Normal Mass times resume | |

Parish Office closed on Friday 21 December at 2pm and reopens on Tuesday 22 January 2019 at 9.30am



St Mary's Parish (Please note the language of the various ceremonies)

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| Saturday 22 December | Mass | 9.00 am |
| | Mass Vigil (Ashhurst) | 5.00 pm |
| Sunday 23 December | Mass | 10.30am |
| | Latin Mass (Ashhurst) | 11.00am |
| Monday 24 December | No 9am Mass | |
| | Carols | 6.30pm |
| | Vigil Mass | 7.00pm |
| | Mass – Syro Malabar Rite | 9.30pm |
| Tuesday 25 December | Mass (Ashhurst) | 9.00 am |
| | Latin Mass (Ashhurst) | 10.30am |
| | Mass (St Mary's) | 10.30am |
| 26 December to 28 December | Mass | 9.00am |
| Saturday 29 December | Mass | 9.00am |
| | Mass Vigil (Ashhurst) | 5.00pm |
| Sunday 30 December | Mass | 10.30am |
| | Latin Mass (Ashhurst) | 11.00am |
| Monday 31 December | Mass | 9.00am |
| Tuesday 1 January | Mass | 12.00 noon |
| Reconciliation: | Rite I St Mary's Saturdays after 9am Mass and on request | |
| | Rite II – citywide at OLOL on 20 December at 7pm | |
| Please Note: | No Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays during January | |

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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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| Thursday 20 December | Rite II (Citywide) | 7pm |
| Monday 24 December | Vigil Mass OLOL (Family/Children) | 6.00pm |
| | Vigil Mass Shannon | 8.00pm |
| | Mass OLOL | Midnight |
| Tuesday 25 December | Mass Rongotea | 9am |
| | Mass OLOL | 9.30am |
| | Mass Foxton | 10.30am |
| Wednesday 26 December | Mass (Cathedral) | 9am |
| Thursday 27 December | Mass OLOL | 10am |
| (NB: 27 December to 31 January inclusive – no Thursday Mass at Foxton) | | |
| Friday 28 December | Mass OLOL | 10am |
| Saturday 29 December | Liturgy of the Word OLOL | 10am |
| | Mass OLOL | 5.30pm |
| Sunday 30 December | Liturgy of the Word Rongotea/Shannon | 9am |
| | Mass OLOL | 9.30 am |
| | Mass Foxton | 10.30am |
| 1 & 2 January | Mass OLOL | 10am |
| Friday 4 January | Mass OLOL | 10am |
| 3 & 5 January | Liturgy of the Word | 10am |
| Saturday 5 January | Mass OLOL | 5.30pm |
| Sunday 6 January | Liturgy of the Word Rongotea/Shannon | 9am |
| | Mass OLOL | 9.30am |
| | Mass Foxton | 10.30am |

OLOL Parish Office closes 21 December and reopens 15 January

Foxton Parish Office closes 21 December and reopens 16 January

Notices (Please check your noticeboard for more detailed information.)

Citywide Rite II will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes 7pm Thursday 20 December.

Parishioners are encouraged to take this opportunity to prepare for Christmas.

Availability For Christmas Roster: If able to be available for ministries for Vigil and Christmas Day Masses please add your name to the lists which can be found in each Parish foyer. We need as many as possible to be willing to fill the ministries, so your assistance will be appreciated.

You are invited to the 181st anniversary of the First Mass, celebrated at Totara Point 13 January 1838. 13 January 2019 at 11am. Haere Mai! Nau mai! The Pompallier Hokianga Trust has the mission of preserving and promoting the memory of Bishop Pompallier as the first Bishop of Aotearoa NZ and his role in founding the Catholic Church here and in the Pacific. Information can be found on Parish noticeboards.

Advent Treat: NZ Symphony Orchestra's performance of Handel's **MESSIAH**. Sunday 9 December 3.00pm at the Regent on Broadway. Book at the Regent or www.ticketdirect.co.nz

Basia McIntosh is the Young Families Minister whose role is to support young families who have children in the pre-school and primary school age (generally 0-12) into deeper, active participation in our community of faith. Empowering young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ and fostering the integrated personal and spiritual growth of each young person. She can be contacted at the Diocese on 354 1780 or 021 246 0840. Details of the other parish ministers operating from the Diocesan Young Catholics office is on the noticeboard.

Te Ahi Kaa: Seeking expressions of interest for people post-secondary school age to live in their young adult community in PN. See the poster on noticeboard. For further info please contact Georgia, 021 811 148.



The Society of St Vincent de Paul in Palmerston North sends a heart-felt thank you for the support of the Unity Singers, Carols in the Cathedral on Tuesday 4 December. SVPD members present were overwhelmed by the numbers attending, estimates put the audience in excess of 250, double the numbers of the past 2 years. Also, we are so grateful for the donations on the evening, these will enable our members to provide generous Christmas parcels to many needy families in the Palmerston North area. Kind regards, Mike Keenan

Our Lady of Lourdes

Advent Prayers, OLOL, Sundays of Advent 3:00pm-3.30pm. Prayer intention Week 2—For those living with cancer.

Our Lady of Lourdes Guild Thank you to parishioners for your generous support of our Christmas raffle - the winner was Monica Hammond. A happy and holy Christmas to all.

OLOL School News: Carol evening 17 December 6:00pm; 19 December Graduation Mass 7:00pm.

Christmas Baking donations of Christmas cakes and shortbread are needed for the hospitality which follows our Christmas Liturgies. Donations may be brought along to either weekday or Sunday Mass and left in the box provided in the foyer. All donations will be greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the masses after the Masses!

St Mary's Foxton / St Joseph's Shannon

- ✓ 13 December at St. Mary's Foxton, 10:30am – Anointing Mass followed by a cuppa
- ✓ 16 December at St. Mary's Foxton, 10:30am – Welcome to our Catechumenate
- ✓ 16 December at St. Mary's Foxton – after 10:30am (around 11:45am) clean up of church for Christmas Mass
- ✓ 24 December at St. Joseph's Shannon, 8:00pm – Christmas Vigil – followed by refreshments
- ✓ 25 December at St. Mary's Foxton – 10:00am – Christmas Mass

St Brigid's

Rite II for Advent: A Rite II celebration of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Brigid's 7pm on Wednesday 19 December.

St Joseph's End Of Year Mass: This year the Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am on 14 December. This is always a very special and moving Mass as we say "Farewell" to our Year 8 students. All parents, grandparents and careers are invited to attend.

Advent Play and Carol Singing: Do you have a child or grandchild that would like to take part in this year's Nativity celebrations? If so speak to a member of the Liturgy group. This is a highlight of the Vigil Mass with the children's interaction. Are you interested in joining a group to sing at one of Feilding's elder care homes? If so, speak to Joan after Mass.

Welcome to our New Parish Secretary: Fr's Manoj and Robin are delighted to announce that Mary Morton has been accepted in the position as St Brigid's Parish Secretary. Mary will bring many talents to the role and as already known to the Parish will be a friendly and welcoming face to us all. I would also like to add my 'Congratulations' to Mary and know that the Parish will be in very capable hands as it heads into the future (Denny). Well done Mary!!!!

St Mary's

Anointing Mass Seniors Luncheon: On Tuesday 18 December at 12 noon there will be an Anointing Mass at St Mary's for the Seniors in our parish. This will be followed by a light lunch in the hall with a Christmas theme. Please mark your calendar and advise Susan in the office if you will be attending the luncheon. ***We will also be needing many helpers on the day to set up the hall, serve the food and clean up afterwards. Please contact Susan in the office.***

Wanted: Does anyone have too many glasses? We could do with good solid glasses to restock our supply in the hall. Please bring to the office – thanks.

Holy Rosary: Every Saturday Holy Rosary begins at 8.40am. All are invited to participate in these devotional practices of our parish.

Reminder to all parishioners - St Mary's School breakup will be held on Wednesday 12 December commencing at 6pm at the Regent Theatre.

Cathedral Parish

Cathedral Café Thanks: The Social Justice Group thanks all those parishioners who have this year, as in the past 24 years, provided wonderful food for the Cathedral Café. Our guests appreciate it very much and often express their gratitude. Our thanks to Mr Karl Gill, of the Sikh community, for his monetary gift that enabled us to buy the chocolates we give to our guests at the end of year BBQ. Melody's New World was also involved in this gift. We wish all a very happy Christmas and a good 2019.

Please help the Society of St Vincent de Paul by picking up a star or two from the Cathedral Christmas tree and returning the equivalent food item(s) and placing under the tree. A BIG thank you to those who have already taken a star and returned with a generous donation. This is a beautiful way that we, as a community, can assist those less fortunate than ourselves.



Our Pastoral Care: If anyone knows of someone at home, or in a rest home, who might like to receive the Eucharist regularly from a special minister please let the parish office know.

We pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our prayers are also with those who are unwell and for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community.