

10 DECEMBER 2017

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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He gave us His love

at Christmas,

so that we might have it to give to others.

Second Sunday of Advent

Recently Handel's "Messiah" was performed in our Cathedral. Much of today's first reading from Isaiah was used by Handel in the "Messiah".

The first verses for the opening aria and also other verses later, in the first section of the oratorio, match text and music marvellously to convey the joy of the "prophetic message". In today's gospel, Mark the Evangelist also makes use of the Isaiah verses in reference to John the Baptist and his preaching – 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'.

So today's readings are a "stepping stone" towards the feast of Christmas. Today, we don't focus directly on Jesus' birth but we are drawn into ancient Israel's deep and patient longing for the Messiah. We also retell the story of John the Baptist whose preaching echoes the prophets of old and whose baptising ushers in a 'new era of grace'.

And so, may the 'holy grace' of the Advent season change us into being more like the one whose birth we will soon be celebrating!

Mons. Brian Walsh



Kia ora tātou,

It is with joy that we join with the people and priests of the Diocese of Christchurch in thanksgiving for the appointment of a new Bishop to that Diocese. Bishop-elect Paul Martin SM is known to a good few of us as he is a son of Hawke's Bay. We too, echo the happiness of his mother, Carmel, of our Hastings Parish, and of his siblings and many relatives who live in the area.



Bishop-elect Paul was educated at St Joseph's School and St John's College in Hastings. He has been a teacher of English and RE in a number of Colleges, was for a few years on the pastoral staff of Hāto Pāora College, and has been Rector of St Patrick's College, Wellington. Most recently he has been the Bursar General of the Marists at their Rome headquarters.

I know Bishop-elect Paul as a very capable and affable man. He is a strong leader, kind and does not shy from decision making. Having been immersed so long in the education apostolate, he knows well the pastoral challenges we all face passing on the gift of our faith in contemporary society and culture. I have passed on to Bishop-elect Paul our congratulations from the Diocese of Palmerston North. Please pray for Bishop-elect Paul as he prepares for his episcopal consecration in the New Year.

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2017 Christmas Timetables

Cathedral Parish

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

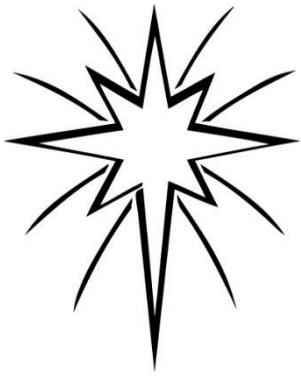
Friday 8 December	Rite I	11.30 to 11.55am
Saturday 9 December	Rite I	9:30 to 10am
Friday 15 December	Rite I	11.30pm to 11.55am
Saturday 16 December	Rite I	9.30am to 10 am
Tuesday 19 December	Rite II (Citywide)	7pm
Wednesday 20 December	Rite I	11.30am to 11.55am
Thursday 21 December	Rite 1	11.30am to 11.55am
	Rite 1	7pm to 8pm
Friday 22 December	Rite 1	11am to 11.55am
Saturday 23 December	Rite 1	9.30am to 10.30am

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24 December	4 th Sunday of Advent	7.30am, 9.30am (No 6pm Mass)
Sunday 24 December	Carols	11.15pm
	Midnight Mass	12.00
Monday 25 December	Christmas day	7:30am, 9:30am, (No 6pm Mass)
Tuesday 26 December to Saturday 31 December	Daily Mass	9am

January 2018 Timetable

1 January to 22 January:	Sunday Masses	7:30am, 9:30am, 6pm
	Weekday Masses	Tuesday to Saturday 9am
	Reconciliation	Fridays and Saturdays 9.30am



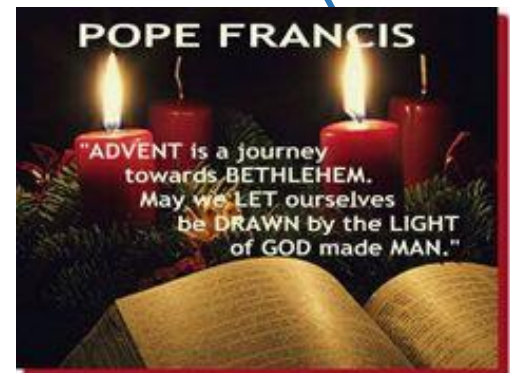
St Brigid's Parish, Feilding

Thursday 20 December	Reconciliation Rite II	7pm
Sunday 24 December	Mass	9.00am
	Carols	7.00pm
	Vigil Mass	7.30pm
Monday 25 December	Christmas Day Mass	9.00am
27 – 28 December	Mass	9.00am
29 December	Mass (no Adoration/Rosary)	10.00am
Sunday 31 December	Mass	9.00am
Monday 1 January	Mass	9.00am
January Sundays	Mass	9.00am
January Wednesdays	Mass	9.00am
January Fridays	Mass (no Adoration/Rosary)	10am

St Mary's Parish

(Please note the language of the various ceremonies)

Saturday 23 December	Mass	9.00 am
	Mass Vigil (Ashhurst)	5.00 pm
Sunday 24 December	Mass	10.30am
	Latin Mass (Ashhurst)	11.00am
	Vigil Mass	7.00 pm
	Mass – Syro Malabar Rite	9.00 pm
Monday 25 December	Mass	9.00am
	Mass (Ashhurst)	9.00am
	Latin Mass (Ashhurst)	10.30am
Tuesday 26 December	Mass	12 noon
Wednesday 27 December		
to Friday 29 December	Mass	9.00am
Saturday 30 December	Mass Vigil	9.00am
	Mass	5.00pm
Sunday 31 December	Mass	10.30am
	Latin Mass (Ashhurst)	11.00am
Monday 1 January	New Year's Day Mass	9.00am
Reconciliation: Rite I at St Mary's Saturdays after 9am Mass and on request		



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Saturdays in Advent	Rite I	10.30am – 11.00am
Saturday 23 December	Vigil Mass	5.30pm
Sunday 24 December	Rite I	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Sunday 24 December	Mass	8.00am and 10.00am
	Vigil Mass	6.30pm (Children's focus & carols at 6pm)
	Vigil Mass	9.00pm (Carols at 8.30pm)
Monday 25 December	Mass	9.00am
	Mass	9.30am Sacred Heart, Rongotea
Monday 1 January	Mass	10.00am
January Sundays	Mass	5.30pm Vigil (Saturday)
		8.00am and 10.00am Mass (Sunday)
Monday to Saturday	Weekday Masses	10am
Saturdays	Reconciliation	10.30am – 11.00am

Please Note – there will be no Thursday 7.00pm Mass at Rongotea during January



Notices

(Please check your noticeboard for more detailed information.)

Our Lady of Lourdes

OLOL Liturgy Committee meeting Tuesday 12 December, 5:15pm in the meeting room.

OLOL School Graduation Mass Wednesday 13 Dec 7:00pm. 10am Mass that morning will still occur.

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!

FAREWELL AND COLLECTION FOR FR VAUGHAN

The weekend 13/14th January 2018 will be the last Masses Fr Vaughan will be celebrating at Our Lady of Lourdes as Administrator; hence, at the conclusion of all Masses that weekend (5:30pm, 8am and 10am) you are invited to stay for a cupper to say goodbye (please bring a plate). A farewell collection is currently being taken up to present to Father for his 2-years of service in our parish, pastoral area and schools. Donations (and personal cards) can be made by placing them in the Sunday collection baskets at Masses up until 14 Jan, in envelopes marked "Fr Vaughan's Farewell".

St Brigids

Upcoming Parish Dates of Note : The crib will be assembled on Tuesday 12 December. Liturgy meeting 12 December 4.00pm; Finance Committee meeting 12 December 5.30pm

St Joseph's School End of Year Mass - Parishioners and parents are invited to attend at 11.30am on Friday 15 December to celebrate the Mass and to farewell our Year 8 students as they leave St Josephs to continue their College schooling. Please note there will be no 9am Adoration or Rosary on that day.

On Sale From The Office - 2018 Daily Mass Calendar booklets \$4.00; 2018 St Joseph Sunday Missal \$12.00; 2018 Columban Calendars \$12.00

A Request From The Choir - Are you able to assist by joining our choir over the Christmas Liturgies. Most particularly the Vigil Mass or Christmas morning Mass. If you can help contact Joan Brady 3240149

Fr Chris Skinner's latest album "**Holy Land**" is available for sale. 2 discs at \$25.00. There are 10 new songs on disc 1 and the 2nd features Fr Chris singing with his mum – 4 songs recorded between 1995-97 and these are beautiful. This album can be purchased after church on Sunday or place an order with Denny or Marie (06-3236360).

St Mary's

TODAY - St Mary's Parish Feast Day – we are celebrating today with a shared lunch and barbeque in the school grounds after Mass – please stay after Mass and join in the festivities.

All youth are warmly invited to an evening retreat on 16 December 6pm to 9pm @ St Marys parish hall. Meal included. A great way to prepare for Christmas. Enquiries phone Hilary 0226906637

Please note that there will be **no 9am Mass** on Friday, 15 Dec. There will be a School Mass at 12 noon.

We are seeking **Musicians** for Christmas Morning Mass at 9am. We also need **Eucharistic Ministers** for the 7pm Vigil on Christmas Eve and the 9am Mass on Christmas Day. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

Eucharistic Adoration – 10am every Tuesday, followed by Mass at 12 noon

MASS TIMETABLE : 11 - 17 Dec - Mon – Mass @ 9:00am; Tues – Mass @ 12:00pm; Wed - Mass @ 9:00am; Thurs - Mass @ 9:00am; Friday - Mass @ 12:00pm; Sat - Mass @ 9:00am and Vigil Mass @ St Columba's 5:00pm; Sun Mass @ 10:30am and Mass @ St Columba's 12:00pm. Reconciliation is available after Saturday Mass and on request.

Census Forms – we are updating our parish records, please collect one of these census forms to complete and return to the office.

St Vincent de Paul – next meeting on Tuesday, 12th December, 5.15pm in the Cathedral Lounge. All welcome.

Cathedral

Please help the Society of St Vincent de Paul by picking up a star or two and returning the equivalent food item(s) and placing under the tree. Thank you for your continued support. This is a beautiful way that we, as a community, can assist those less fortunate than ourselves.



RCIA Schedule of Inquiry Sessions: 'Come and See' Wednesday, 13 December, St Mary's, Ruahine Street at 7.30 – 9pm.

We are looking for more **helpers to assist with hospitality** in the parish for 2018. It involves serving the cup of tea and coffee after the 9.30 Mass each Sunday. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please email or call the office. Contact details on the front of the newsletter.

St James School - Your Parish School invites you to their end of year celebrations. Please join us on Wednesday 13 December for our annual Junior School Nativity (1.30pm or 6pm), on 14 Dec you are invited to our Years 3-6 Oral Language Festival and Talent Sharing evening (7-8.30pm). We celebrate our end of year Mass on Friday 15 December at 10.30am. All of these events take place in our home, the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. We would love you to join us. Please phone the school office (357-9719) and speak to Sharon or Tracey if you have any questions.

CATHEDRAL CAFE THANKS - The Social Justice Group thanks all those parishioners who have this year, as in the past 23 years, provided wonderful food for the Cathedral Café. Our guests appreciate it very much and often express their gratitude for the tasty food. We also want to thank *Melody's New World*, *Countdown Rangitikei*, *Pak "n Save* and *Whittaker's Chocolates* for the generous gifts of chocolate for all our guests at our Christmas barbecue and *Wild Flour* (formerly *Breadworks*) for the very special bread provided for each of our meals during the year. We wish all benefactors and parishioners a very happy Christmas and a good 2018.