



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH
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Christ in the Centre
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

28th November 2021, 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the church's new liturgical year. The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. Traditionally, Advent wreaths hold four coloured candles, lit one by one through the four weeks of the season. These candles represent in order: hope, love, joy, and peace. Each is purple except the pink, which represents joy. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes **the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.**

Advent reminds Christians of the sacred meaning of Christmas. The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can **prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world** as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is.

How will you prepare for Christ's birth this Advent?

COVID-19 Protection Framework (Traffic Light System)

Next Friday, 3 December, the country moves to the "Traffic Light System" and this has implications for us as a parish as we gather to worship at Mass and parish life in general. The Bishops of New Zealand in their recent pastoral letter have reminded us of the Gospel call to show care, love and respect for each other, even when others have a different view to our own. From Friday 3rd December it is our intention to provide general Masses that are open to anyone who is fully vaccinated or has an exemption and can show their My Vaccine Pass. Those in public-facing ministries related to worship services will need to be fully vaccinated at vaccination-only Masses. We also intend to provide Non-disclosed Masses for those who are unvaccinated or don't want to disclose their vaccination status. Non-disclosed Masses will be limited to 50 people and you must register to attend.

My Vaccine Pass

Based on the government requirements, to access a Mass next weekend for those who are vaccinated, a [Vaccine Pass](#) will be required. The *My Vaccine Pass* is an official record of your COVID-19 vaccination status for use within Aotearoa New Zealand that will allow you to access certain events and venues. You can request a *My Vaccine Pass* now if you are aged 12 or over and have had 2 doses of the Pfizer vaccine. People under the age of 12 years and 3 months are not required to show proof of vaccination. This week we encourage you to obtain a *My Vaccine Pass* or ask family or friends to assist you. If you can't find assistance please call into the parish office during opening hours. Your *My Vaccine Pass* can be saved to your phone or you can print a hard copy. You can apply for your vaccine pass at: <https://mycovidrecord.health.nz/> or by phoning 0800 222 478.

Communication

After the announcement on Monday we will know more about the traffic light system as it relates to churches. We will be providing more information about our revised Mass times on our website/Facebook/Parish App and by email. Take this opportunity to sign up to the Parish App or subscribe to the parish newsletter online.

Please be patient

With this new system there will be a number of logistical challenges so we ask that you to please be patient with us as we move to implementing these requirements.

PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY MASS TIMES DURING ALERT LEVEL 2

Saturday 4.30pm and 5.30pm
Sunday 7.00am, 8.00am,
9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am,
4.00pm and 5.00pm
Te Rangimarie Centre
11:00am (Miha Māori)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday
7.30am, 9.15am, 12.05pm
Saturday 9.15am
Public Holiday 9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.30am
Saturday 9.45am

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READINGS FOR THE DAY JER 33: 14-16; 1 THESS 3: 12 – 4: 2; GOSPEL: LUKE 21: 25-28, 34-36
PSALM RESPONSE: TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT MY SOUL.

Bishop's Care Appeal starts this weekend and continues throughout Advent. Please collect an envelope and Christmas card as you leave the church. Completed envelopes can be placed in the collection basket. This year there is a QR code printed on appeal envelopes and posters. To scan this code open your camera app on your phone or device and point camera at the code. Your device will recognise the code and direct you to the Bishop's Care Appeal web page for you to donate.

Columban Calendars 2022 are available from the Parish Office during Alert Level 2, \$12 each. Cash or internet banking only.



SVDP Christmas Angels Please return your Christmas Angels this weekend or next. Thank you.

Advent Beginning Monday 29th November you can join in daily weekday online prayer with Kirsten Challies throughout Advent. You can access this on the parish Facebook page or please email her if you would like to receive it in your email inbox: kchallies@cathedralparish.nz

Are there any Justices of the Peace in our parish? If so would you make yourself known to the parish office. There are occasions when we need the services of a JP.

Food for Faith offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

Young Adults Advent Dinners All Young Adults (18-35 years) are very welcome to our Advent Wednesday dinners held in the Assisi Lounge on the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd of December. Each Wednesday night during Advent from 6-9pm let's come together to share a meal and prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Please bring a plate to share.

At this stage planning is under way for the Christmas Choir for the 6.00pm Mass Christmas Do you love singing but don't have time to commit regularly to a choir? The 6.00pm Choir is for children 7 years and up, teenagers, young adults and adults. Practice starts this Tuesday 5.00pm to 6.00pm in the St Francis of Assisi school hall. If you would like to be part of this Choir contact Clare cbell@cathedralparish.nz. **Please Note: Christmas Mass times have not yet been confirmed so this may change.**

Safeguarding Awareness Workshop Our Parish is hosting a Safeguarding Awareness Workshop for all those involved with parish ministries/groups/rosters or volunteers and who have not managed to attend a workshop to date. There are two one hour long workshops scheduled on Monday 6th December:

- 11am in the Assisi Lounge
- 7.00pm in the Music Centre Auditorium

It is a church requirement for all those involved in the roles, do attend this workshop. This is an expectation set by the New Zealand Bishop in their consistent approach to safeguarding in all Dioceses. Creating a culture of safeguarding means embedding safeguarding into everything an organisation does. Embedding a culture of safety starts at the very top of the organisation with the church pledging absolute commitment and support, including ensuring resources and training are available to make it happen. Here at the Cathedral Parish, we are committed to ensuring there is a safe and welcoming environment for all so if you have haven't yet attend a workshop you are encouraged to come along to one of these scheduled sessions. You can register online <https://parishresources.chchcatholic.nz/safe-church/safeguarding-course-registration/> or ring our Parish Office and they will make sure you are registered.

Advent: Keep focused on your inner journey, amidst the busy rush toward Christmas by joining Kirsten Challies with daily weekday prayer online either on facebook or having a link sent to your email address. Contact Kirsten by email if you wish to receive these. You can also join Colin Renouf for Advent Ignatian reflection times at 7pm in the Assisi Lounge Dec 2nd and 10th.

Kai for the Community - Christmas dinner for the homeless 19th December Our Cathedral Parish Outreach group will be preparing and serving a meal on Sunday 19th of December. We are looking for a Christmas Ham, 8 pavlovas, new potatoes plus salads. If you would like to assist in providing food or money for us to purchase food please email phil.clare.bell@gmail.com

Masses have been offered for:

Ray Freeman, Dr Angelo Anthony ONZM (recent), Michael and Dorothy Drury, K G Varkey, Herbert Zitzenbacher, Bridget Rose, Sebastian Thyikalamuriyil (anniversary), all souls in purgatory, Special intention (1)