



CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Christ in the Centre  
ŌTAUTAHI - CHRISTCHURCH

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C

## Our Joy will be Boundless



As year-end approaches, there is an inevitable feeling of tiredness which sneaks up on us. We have limited energy, limited creativity, limited vision. This is not something to be despondent about. It's our earthbound reality. Our bodies get tired, and our energy diminished.

We look forward to the joy of God coming to dwell among us in human form. But simply getting to Christmas Day can be a challenge!

Today is traditionally known as *Gaudete Sunday*, meaning REJOICE! Even before we get to Christmas Day the Church invites us to anticipate the wonder of Jesus coming to live among us.

So, if you're feeling a little tired, if you're noticing a certain grumpiness or heaviness of heart at this time, allow the Lord to come to you today. God hears the cry of our hearts. Even when we cannot put our prayers adequately into words, the Lord's very spirit dwelling in us cries out to our Father in heaven on our behalf.

One of the best things you can do to prepare for a worthy celebration of Christmas is to come to the sacrament of Reconciliation. In this Covid environment we won't be gathering for a communal celebration of Reconciliation. However, your priests will be available at the normal times for individual Reconciliations (Monday to Friday 11.30am and after the 9.15am Mass on Saturday).

As well in the week leading up to Christmas, we offer these extra times:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – 10.00am to 12.00pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1.30pm to 2.30pm  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4.00pm to 5.30pm  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 12.00pm

Allow yourself to be refreshed by a good Reconciliation and be delighted as you see your natural joy restored to you. (If it has been a while since you have visited this sacrament, do not be anxious – your priest will guide you through what to do).



**Father Simon Eccleton**  
Cathedral Administrator

### Masses have been offered for:

**Masses offered for:** Sr Maryanne Cahill rsm, Christine Ayrey, Julianne White, Elizabeth Parappilly, Ruben Tupas (recent); Paddy Fitzsimons, Matthew Joseph Williams, Basil A Macpherson (anniversary), special intention (1)

## PARISH INFORMATION

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES DURING ORANGE STATUS

Saturday 4.30pm (Vigil)  
Without My Vaccine Pass; 6.00pm  
(Vigil) With My Vaccine Pass;  
Sunday, 8.00am, 9.30am,  
11.00am, 4.00pm and 5.30pm  
With My Vaccine Pass;  
Sunday 7.00pm Without My Vaccine  
Pass  
Te Rangimarie Centre  
11:00am (Miha Māori)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday to Friday  
7.30am Without My Vaccine Pass,  
9.15am, 12.05pm With My Vaccine  
Pass  
Saturday 9.15am With My Vaccine  
Pass  
Public Holiday 9.15am

### RECONCILIATION

Monday to Friday 11.30am  
Saturday 9.45am

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READINGS FOR THE DAY BARUCH 5: 1-9; PHIL 1: 3-6, 8-11; GOSPEL: LUKE 3: 1-6  
PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.

### Mass PowerPoint Operators

We are in need of PowerPoint operators to assist with operating the PowerPoint at our Sunday Masses (My Vaccine Pass Masses only). If you can assist with going on a roster for this please get in touch with the parish office.

**Anointing Masses** This December we will have three Anointing Masses: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am (WITHOUT My Vaccine Pass), Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am (WITH My Vaccine Pass) or Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:05pm (WITH My Vaccine Pass).

**A Big Thank You** - we are so grateful to the faithful team across our Sunday and weekday Masses who look after parishioners in front of house. From registrations, sighting *My Vaccine Pass*, to cleaning down the pews, door handles etc, to setting up for the following Masses. Many of you do this work Sunday after Sunday. May God bless your faithful generosity.

**Advent** Keep focused on what's important in this season of Advent. Join Colin Renouf for an Ignatian reflection focusing on Advent **Note the change of date to a previous newsletter December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in the Assisi Lounge.** **Advent Prayer:** Attend online daily weekday prayer with others from the parish, at a time that suits you, by accessing our Facebook page or emailing Kirsten Challies to have it sent to you by email.

**Bishop's Care Appeal** continues throughout Advent. Please collect an envelope and Christmas card as you leave the church if you haven't already done so. Completed envelopes can be placed in the collection basket.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> of December. Please bring a plate to share.

**Early Evening Christmas Eve Choir** Do you love singing but don't have time to commit regularly to a choir? This Choir is for children 7 years and up, teenagers, young adults and adults. Practice is on Tuesday 5.00pm to 6.00pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral (**Please note change of venue**). If you would like to be part of this Choir contact Clare [cbell@cathedralparish.nz](mailto:cbell@cathedralparish.nz).

**Congratulations** To Jem Lilburne for the Special Character and Service in Leadership awards at St Bede's this year. Well done Jem!

The Parish Office will be open this Sunday and next (12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December) from 8am to midday. If you wish to buy Columban Calendars or need assistance with anything- please call into the parish office (cash or online payment only).

**Parish Men's Luncheon to be held at "GBR" 180 Marshlands Rd 12 noon 21st December** Please confirm attendance by 17<sup>th</sup> December. Confirmation or any inquiries to Martin 385 9947. Covid-19 Protection Framework traffic light conditions apply.

**Inner City CWL Raffle** Thank you to all those parishioners who bought tickets in the recent raffle. Prize winners were: 1<sup>st</sup>: Sr Helena; 2<sup>nd</sup> Fr Peter Farrant; 3<sup>rd</sup> Huili Chen; 4<sup>th</sup> Bernard Toner; 5<sup>th</sup> Mark Blythe; 6<sup>th</sup> Colleen McKay; 7<sup>th</sup> Pauline Blythe; 8<sup>th</sup> Phil Robbins. All winners have been notified.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:phil.clare.bell@gmail.com)

**Sr Maryanne Cahill rsm**, who many will remember seeing around the parish, passed away last Wednesday evening. Her Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 13 December at 1.30pm here at the Pro-Cathedral. This will be a My Vaccine Pass Mass.



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve Vigil**  
**5:30pm No My Vaccine Pass Mass**  
**(Registration required)**  
**7:00pm, 9:00pm and 11.30pm My Vaccine Pass**  
**Masses (no registration required)**

**Christmas Day**  
**8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am,**  
**My Vaccine Pass Masses**  
**(no registration required)**  
**Please Note: There are no Masses**  
**Christmas Afternoon/Evening**