



THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

OUR MISSION IS TO:

- DRAW people to faith in Christ
- GROW people in their commitment to Christ
- REACH OUT beyond ourselves with the love of Christ

JOY!!



OUR SERVICES TODAY

- THEME:** JOY!
- PREACHER:** Rev. Glen Ashworth
- READINGS:** Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11 & Luke 3:1-6
- SENTENCE:** "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." *Philippians 1:3-5*
- COLLECT:** Gracious God, John the Baptizer prepared your way: help us hear your word to us, and give us the grace to respond. For you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Welcome

NOTES/ART

PARISH PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for:

- Our leaders as they plan for services under the traffic light system
- Our ministry to all that we may continue to be unified as a church family despite the challenges at this time
- The Joy of Christ to be with us all



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the foyer. A pen and paper are provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over.

Jane Sheat (578 9004) and **Rosemarie Nicholls** (578 1163) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please contact the office or phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

NEWS AND EVENTS

SHARING CHRISTMAS

“Do you have room at your table for an extra 1 or 2 people for Christmas Day? Are you on your own or have nowhere to go on Christmas Day? Ring or email me and I will connect you. Phone 0211799698 or email: gail.pickett@xtra.co.nz”

PARISH NURSE

Hi everyone. Just to let you all know I am around over the Christmas break as I will only be taking the stat days off.

If you need anything or just want to chat - please call anytime - 022 104 0540. BP checks, foot care, blood sugar checks, and the like.

Home visits seem to be what is working best for now and this is the way it will remain for the rest of this year. Next year, however, I have a few more group sessions in mind as well.

Haere pai & Kia pai to ra (Go well and have a great day).



HELP FOR NEW SETTLERS

The Red Cross has asked for donations of furniture for the Columbian refugees to be given via the council furniture repurposing programme. Please contact the council if you are able to help these families in this way.

MORNING TEA

We have several areas where our volunteers are stretched, and it would be helpful to have some new volunteers so that the many hands do make the “work” light. One of these areas is morning teas after our regular services.

If you are interested in helping please speak to Glen or Roz or have a chat with someone already involved.



HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note that the Nativity office will be closed from **Friday the 24th of December to Monday the 17th of January.**

All staff are taking some leave over this time but if you have an urgent matter please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

COMING UP:

DECEMBER

- Wednesday 5th **Intercessory Prayer**
Gathering - 4pm Barnies
- Thursday 9th **Healing Horticulture**
Gathering - 7pm Barnies
- Fridays 3rd, 10th & 17th **Link**
Gathering- 1pm Lounge
- Tunes for Tots**
Event - 9:30am Hall
- Monday 6th **Care and Share**
Event - 9:30 Hall
- Saturday 11th **Coffee Connections**
Event - 9:30am - Raupō Café
- Saturday 18th **Senior Dinner**
Event - 11:30am Nativity Centre

CONTACT US



Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday - Friday 9am - 12noon



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WEEKLY SERVICES

To be advised.

Nativity are currently working through the requirements of the traffic light system and will share with the parish as soon as possible.

NATIVITY CONTACT DETAILS

- Vicar:** **Rev. Glen Ashworth**
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- Parish Nurse:** **Sharon Thomas**
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022 104 0540
- Receptionist:** **Rosalind Mundy**
Mon - Wed & Friday 9am-2:30pm
- Parish Administrator:** **Kathy Taylor**
Tues - Thurs 9am-2:30pm

*All can also be contacted via the office
(please see details above)*

NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. John Neal

"Peace"