



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 20th October 2019

Our Mission is ...

To draw people to faith in Christ

To grow people in their commitment to Christ

To reach out beyond ourselves with the love of Christ

Excerpts from the bishop's charge to Synod 11 October 2019. (Part 1)

My brothers and sisters, I stand here today humbled by the opportunity I have been given by God to serve this diocese. I am grateful for the trust you have bestowed and mindful that I step in the footsteps of forebears whose devotion and sacrifices I admire. I particularly think of previous bishops, clergy and lay leaders who have served this diocese over the last 160 years, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus. If it were not for them I would not be standing before you today.

Six weeks in, there are certainly challenges and I will be stretched, but I know that this is where I'm called to be.

The theme for this Synod is 'Gratitude', and as I look across the diocese there are amazing things happening - many parishes and ministry units punching above their weight to be a faithful witness of the Lord Jesus in their communities. Well done. Amidst all the challenges you face, you have kept faith alive, sometimes at great cost.

I think we don't celebrate enough. We tend to minimise what we have and to notice challenges perhaps more readily than we count our blessings. I am feeling somewhat terrified by the task ahead but excited at the same time.

I'm excited because:

- we are grateful for all the Lord has given us
- we know that God is building His Kingdom
- we are convinced that the Church of Christ will prevail because Jesus is its Lord and Head.
- we are confident that God has given us all that we need to fulfil His purposes on earth.



Welcome to our services today! 20th October 2019

Theme: The Anointing Part 2

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 & Luke 18:1-8

Sentence: The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." *1 Samuel 16:7*



Collect: Holy One, nameless, you stay with us; even when we wrestle in the darkness may we never lose heart until your justice is fulfilled; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Items of Interest

NZ CMS prayer meeting today at 4pm in counselling room at Nativity. All welcome.

Care & Share: Next meeting Monday 21st October, 9.30am to 11.30am in the lounge. Come and join us, bring a friend.

Operation Christmas Child: Boxes are due back by October 24th or delivered to St Mary's office by 25th October.

Parish Directory and Parish Roll copy is in the foyer. Please check we have your details correct and sign if you wish to go on the Parish Roll, Prayer Directory and Parish Electoral Roll. To go on the Parish electoral roll you must be baptised, have been at Nativity for at least 4 months and attend church on a regular basis.

Urgent Help Required: Nativity Kids need someone to help with craft supervision for term 4. If you are able to volunteer - even for one or two Sundays, can you please contact Kathy 021570919 or email Kathy @nativity.org.nz



Copies of first sermon series of "Living Below with the Saints We Know" in booklet form are available at the back of the church for a donation of \$2 to cover printing cost. Place donation in the little box provided.

Our beloved Jan is retiring!

We would like to bless Jan, our Receptionist Extraordinaire, with a gift to thank her for many years of wonderful and selfless service. If you would like to contribute financially to this gift, please place this in the offertory bag in an envelope marked "Kathy", or else you may give this to our Parish Administrator, Kathy Taylor, directly.

We will also be hosting a luncheon to celebrate Jan and thank her for her years of service. Details coming soon!



Jan's Joy:

In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.
Psalm 5:3



Celebration of Pastoral Care

Below is listed some of the many Pastoral Care Ministries at Nativity.



Chaplain to the Elderly
Pastoral Home Visiting
Retirement Home Visiting
Retirement Home Services
Care Calls
Home Communion
Pastoral Transport
Pastoral Meals
LINK
Care and Share
Young Families
Tunes 4 Tots



Thank you to the teams that work in all these ministries.
Please pray for them and if you want to be involved in any Pastoral Care areas contact Jan at the office or Jane Sheat.



Remember to register: When it is Time To Say Goodbye - Planning Your Funeral.
7.30pm Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at the Nativity Lounge. Register at the office for printing purposes.
Ph. 5783909.

What's on this week:

Mon:	9.30am	Care and Share in the lounge
Wed:	4pm	Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
	7pm	Misfits in Barnies
	7pm	Choir practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	Family Service
	5.30pm	Canvas in the hall



Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.

Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.

Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten.

Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

-this version is credited to Mother Teresa.

- What is the purpose of the prayer?
- What does it teach/affirm about God?
- What response is it seeking from God?
- How might this prayer change the person praying?



Anyway!

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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Oversight to Care Cells
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