



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 29th September 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

We are exploring the work and person of the Holy Spirit. The question we will wrestle with is: Who's in charge? Some people play with the Holy Spirit as if he has no will of his own. We can fall into this trap when we are praying by doing all the talking and giving no room for the Spirit. Or we can read the Bible and do all the thinking so that the Dove does not have a chance to open up our minds to truth and understanding.

The gracious Spirit is gentle and cautious. The Dove doesn't turn up when not invited nor does he push in. He is self-effacing. When he is invited the result takes us out of the picture. When the Spirit is present, people want to wait on him. They want to worship, and they let the Spirit do the leading. When this happens, it is an unforgettable experience. The Spirit will not be manipulated. The Dove flies away when we try and the pigeon comes in.

So how do we deal with this? (1) By a fresh discovery of the sovereignty of God (2) a fresh discovery of authenticity (3) a remarriage of word and Spirit

Go well and blessings – Richard



Welcome to our services today! 29th September 2019

Theme: Pigeon Religion Part 2

Readings: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 & Luke 16:19-31

Sentence: But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. *1 Timothy 6:6,7*

Collect: God of resurrection, where there is death, you bring new life; challenge our attachment to wealth and power, so that we may release others from the chains of poverty, hunger, and injustice, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through the Risen Christ, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

NZ CMS – today in the Nativity Lounge, 3pm, come and hear Sally Morgan who has been working as an intern with the Hicks family in the Solomon Islands. All welcome.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Kaye Dyer and Kathy Hammond will facilitate a 'Life in the Spirit' Seminar on Wednesday evenings early in the next school term. Individuals or care cells interested please contact Jan at the office.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 12th October, 8am at the Foundry. \$15 per person at the door. Sign up sheet at the back of the church. This is a BCMA event.

Nativity Prayer Breakfast: Saturday 19th October. 8am in the Nativity Lounge Guest Speaker Reverend Victoria Askin. \$10 per person at the door. Contact Jan at the office 5783909 for catering purposes.

Do you have a front door or back door key for Nativity that you no longer need to have? Or even Barnies? Please bring them into the office so we don't have to get more cut. Thanks. Jan

Operation Christmas Child: Boxes are in the foyer so please take one plus the pamphlet with the suggestions etc.

Statistics show that one in five children who receive a box give their life to the Lord. 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 and Prayer Directory.

Care & Share A place for our creatives to meet, encourage and share their skill. Next meeting Monday **7th October**, 9.30am to 11.30am in the lounge. Come and join us, bring a friend.

Jan's Joy: "So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away." *Isaiah 51:11*



Chris Donaldson, Wairau Hospital Chaplain is running a ten week chaplaincy training course at Wairau hospital. Placement will be in Rest Homes as Volunteer Chaplains. Training is 9.00am – midday every Monday, starting October 7 to early December. Applications with a Pastor's reference (written or phoned) and an interview with the Chaplain, at Wairau Hospital. There is no cost. If you believe God is calling you to this ministry, please see Richard Dyer.

Mental health affects one in five New Zealanders. Healing Horticulture is a new NMIT “gardening for all” initiative facilitated by Horticulture Tutor Don Cross, designed especially for people experiencing depression or loneliness. This mental health and well-being course spans 10 consecutive Saturdays from 9 am to 4 pm (lunch included) starting 05 October finishes 07 December 2019 and is free. Laughter, love learning and support guaranteed. Strictly limited to 15 participants per course. For more information contact NMIT at 85 Budge St, Blenheim, phone: 577 2852. If you know someone who you think may benefit from this course, please pass these details on to them. See the notice board to view poster.



AAW meeting Wednesday 2nd October at 7.30pm. An evening to share gardening knowledge, plants, seeds, etc., surplus to requirements. Devotions, reports, supper, sales table.



SOUP, SAVOURY & BUN LUNCH

Sunday 13th October 2019

COST \$5.00 PER PERSON & \$15 FAMILY

Soup will be served in the Nativity Lounge at approx. 11.30am till Midday.

Tea & coffee available as usual.

Vegetarian, Gluten & Dairy free - available



What's on this week:

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| Tues: | 2pm | Afternoon Care Cell in the lounge |
| Wed: | 4pm | Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies |
| | 7pm | Choir practice in the church |
| | 7.30pm | Evening AAW in the lounge |
| Thurs: | 10am | Eucharist in Barnies followed by |
| | 11am | Morning tea in Barnies |
| Fri: | 1pm | LINK in the lounge |
| Sun: | 8am | Traditional Eucharist Service |
| | 10am | Family Service |
| | 5.30pm | No Canvas |



The Breastplate of St Patrick

I arise today
Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun,
Splendour of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth,
Firmness of the rock.

I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and anear,
Alone or in a multitude.

Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ
behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ
above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit
down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks
of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.

(St. Patrick, 387-461)

This is an ancient prayer we can still find relevant today. Enjoy.
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?

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

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