



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 6th 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

The coming week is a busy one. I encourage you to be praying . On Wednesday and Thursday the clergy of the diocese meet with Bishop Steve in Nelson. Thursday evening is the opening of Synod and the synod service in the cathedral – you are welcome to attend this. Synod itself will be held in Richmond in the new complex at Holy Trinity and at the local school just across the road.

Again today we thank the family service team for leading our 10am service and Kevin Thompson, our preacher at 8am.

Our overall theme of the day is “Just get on with it” It reminds me of the book “Don’t just stand there – Pray Something: The Incredible Power of Intercessory Prayer” Inaction or procrastination is the seed bed for all sorts of failings and short comings.

God calls us to take up the challenge of being his disciples and supplies all the gifts and abilities we need to carry it out. Not sure of this? The next time you are asked to do something that has value and importance – just step up and get on with it. You will be surprised at what you are capable of achieving when walking with Jesus.

Go well and blessings

Richard



"The best way
to get
something done
is to begin."

-Author Unknown

Welcome to our services today! 6th October 2019

Theme: Just Get On With It.

Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4 & Luke 17:5-10

Sentence: Who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? But I am among you as one who serves. *Luke 22:27*

Collect: God our shield and our rampart, it is your strength, not the size of our faith that supports us in all life's difficulties; may we be content to simply serve, and, when our labours are done, all gather as equals around your table; with Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



Items of Interest

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



Care & Share: Next meeting Monday 7th October, 9.30am to 11.30am in the lounge. Come and join us, bring a friend.

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, Prayer Directory and Parish Electoral Roll. To go on the electoral roll you must be baptised, have been at Nativity for at least 4 months and attend church on a regular basis.

Jan's Joy:

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him.
Psalm 62:5

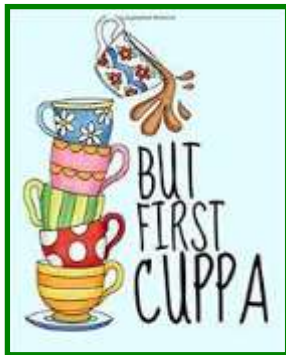


Mental health affects one in five New Zealanders. Healing Horticulture is a new NMIT “gardening for all” initiative facilitated by Horticulture Tutor Don Cross, designed especially for people experiencing depression or loneliness. This mental health and well-being course spans 10 consecutive Saturdays 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.



Enquiries for part-time, full-time and internship-based study at Bishopdale College in 2020 are now open. Applications for scholarships from the St John’s College Trust Board close 30 September for first semester study. If you are interested in finding out more about options and funding available, visit : www.bishopdale.ac.nz/prospectus, or get in touch with the College Director, Kate Tyler by calling 027 544 2208 or emailing: kate@bishopdale.ac.nz. Study by video-link is available for those who don’t live in Nelson.

Coffee Connections 9.30am at Saviour. Ladies, come and join us for a coffee and chat.



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. 11.50am till Midday.

Tea & coffee available as usual.

Vegetarian, Gluten & Dairy free available

What’s on this week:

- Mon:** 9.30am Care and share in the lounge
- Wed:** 4pm Prophetic Intercessory Prayer in Barnies
- 7pm Choir practice in the church
- Thurs:** 10am Eucharist in Barnies
- Fri:** 1pm LINK in the lounge
- Sat:** 9.30am Coffee Connections at Saviour
- Sun:** 8am Traditional Eucharist Service
- 10am Family Service
- 11.30am Soup and Buns in the centre
- 5.30pm No Canvas



A Prayer of St. Francis of Assis

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving
that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying
that we are born to eternal life." **Amen.**



This is another ancient prayer we can still find relevant today. Sing it!

- 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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