



The Church of the Nativity

Sunday 6th August 2017

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

Dear Nativity family and friends

A Catechism is a method of teaching – usually by question and answer. One of the most famous is The Westminster Shorter Catechism (1646-7). It starts

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever

At Nativity we consciously try to glorify God in all we do. But one of the facts of life is that God is glorious while we are, well, not so much. So how do we glorify God? The answer is about reflecting the image of God that is in each of us. Sometimes we struggle with that too.

The good news in this is that it doesn't depend on us and our efforts. The wonder of it is that God accepts our efforts, as a parent does their toddlers first drawings. In His acceptance, His gracious glory of God shines. That all happens in our honest to God prayers and worship, our acts of service to others, and our support of each other's ministries.

We are the church, and it's in the church that God's glory can be seen. Even buildings that are called churches can give glory to God as people are drawn by architecture that somehow gives a glimpse of heaven. We're in the earliest stages of a project to redevelop part of the buildings here. Our need is for wisdom to build for the blessing of people, courage to let it be a tool for God's mission to the world, and humility that it be for the glory of God alone. We need to be prayerful to that end.

Please pray for the visioning group who will be meeting with an architect this Friday (11th), that concepts and relationships in the team would show God at work.

God of life and glory, your Son was revealed in splendour before he suffered death upon the cross; grant that we, beholding his majesty, may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory (ANZP, p.565)

God bless

Bob and Libby



Items of Interest

If you wish to hear a sermon from Sunday 9th, 16th or 23rd or 30th July, please contact the office for a copy.

The Marriage Course: Please pray for the 15 couples who are participating. There is still opportunity to donate, if you are able. Please contact the office or pay to ANZ Bank account 060705 0429077-00 code 185.06, reference: marriage.

Please pray for the restoration visioning group as they meet with an architect on Friday 11th August.

Concert: Marlborough Sounds Barbershop Chorus today, Sunday August 6th. Wesley Centre, 3-4pm. Followed by a cuppa tea. Admission. \$5.00. Proceeds to the Marlborough Youth Trust.



Quiz Night Friday 25th August, Nativity Hall. 7.15pm registration, 7.30pm start. Fundraising for the new Marlborough Anglican Care emergency fund. Helping families and individuals in need. Entry \$10 per person. Register a team of 6 or come make a team on the night. Register your team before 23rd August at Nativity Office 5783909. Bring a plate of food for supper.

Jan's Joy:

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do you will save both yourself and your hearers. 1 Timothy 4:16



If you would like to set up an automatic payment for the Church Building Restoration Fund the account number is ANZ: 060705 0429077 00, code is 115.06

Bishop Richard as Provincial of the Mission Order of St Paul warmly invites you to attend the MOSP 2017 Convention.

The Theme is "Uncertain Confidence" Jesus as Lord in Uncertain Times".

Venue is Marlborough Vintners Hotel - 190 Rapaura Rd. Time 9.am

Saturday 12th August.

Our special guest is Brother Ned Gerber a member of the Benedictine Order of Christ the King, Sydney.

We also have Fiona Gosling, a creative communicator.

Cost is \$30.00 for the day.

For those wanting further information there are flyers up the back of the church or email Susan, sue@nativity.org.nz to indicate your interest.

Writing to "secure" mission partners.

We do want people to write to our three families on mission. For their safety and moreso, the safety of those they work with, a guide is available with do's and don'ts. It can be sent online or printed. Ask at the office.

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal

this year needs a local coordinator, and somewhere to store the boxes until end of October, as people bring in their filled ones.



If you would like to know about the many vibrant Care-cells that make up Nativity please phone 5783909

Welcome to our services today! 6th August 2017

Theme 8am & 10am: Transfiguration, Mission and Us

Readings: 8am & 10am: 1 Timothy 4:7-15 & Luke 3:21-22

Sentence: One thing I have asked of the Lord, which I long for: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on your beauty O Lord: and to seek you in your temple. *Psalm 27: 4,5*



Collect: God of glory, you gave the vision of your Son to those who watched on the mountain; grant that by our glimpses of him we may be changed into his glorious likeness. **Amen**

WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS:

"Children are a gift from God." Psalm 127:3 The following is an abridged article by Charles Swindoll.

- Mon.** Someday when the children are grown, things are going to be a lot different. The garage won't be full of bikes, toys, skate boards, rabbit cage, and I'll be able to park my car.
- Tues.** Someday when the children are grown, the kitchen will be incredibly neat. The sink will be free from sticky dishes. The waste disposal won't get choked.
- Wed.** Someday when the children are grown, the telephone will be available. It won't look like its growing out of a teenager's ear. It will simply hang there.
- Thurs.** Someday when the children are grown, I won't have to wait up forever until they get home from dates.
- Fri.** Someday when the children are grown, things will be different. One by one they'll leave our nest and the place will begin to resemble order.
- Sat.** Someday the house will be quiet... and calm... and always clean... and empty... and we'll spend our time not looking forward to someday, but looking back at yesterday and thinking, maybe we can babysit the grandchildren and get some life back into this place for a change!

Prayer Ministry: We have people willing to meet with you outside of church service times. If you are in need of more in-depth prayer ministry, speak to any of the clergy, Jane Sheat (5789004) or Sheryll Gwynne (5776507) Prayer Facilitators and they can arrange this for you.

Prayer Chain: Bob Barnes (5783909) & Raewyn Parkes (5783909) are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain.

Tuesday Prayer time 4.30-5.15pm
This is a time to pray for the needs of Nativity and our community.

What's on this week

Tues:	4.30pm	Prayer for the Parish at 178 High Street
Wed:	7pm	Choir Practice in the church
Thurs:	10am	Eucharist in Barnies followed by
Fri:	9.30am	Tunes for Tots in the hall
	1pm	LINK in the lounge
Sat:	9am	MOSP Convention at Marlborough Vintners Hotel
	9.30am	Coffee Connections at Raupo
Sun:	8am	Traditional Eucharist Service
	10am	All Age Worship Service
	7pm	Nativity@7 in the hall



**“BE STRONG
AND COURAGEOUS,
FOR THE LORD
WILL BE WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO”**

Joshua 1:9



Nativity@7pm

Tonight: 7pm in the hall

Speaker: Susan Howarth

Theme: The Wilderness part 2

Next Week: Come and join us as we are privileged to have Mission Order of St. Paul guest Alan Wright from Victorious Ministries in Christ teaching.

Theme: Healing the Orphan spirit

Our Staff and Parish Leaders

Vicar
Assistant Priests

Youth/24/7 Worker
Vicar's P/A
Parish Nurse
Parish Manager
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Staff Days Off/On

Susan, Rose & Jonathan: Mondays off.

Bob, Jude & Jan: Fridays off.

Keith is here Monday to Wednesday mornings only.