

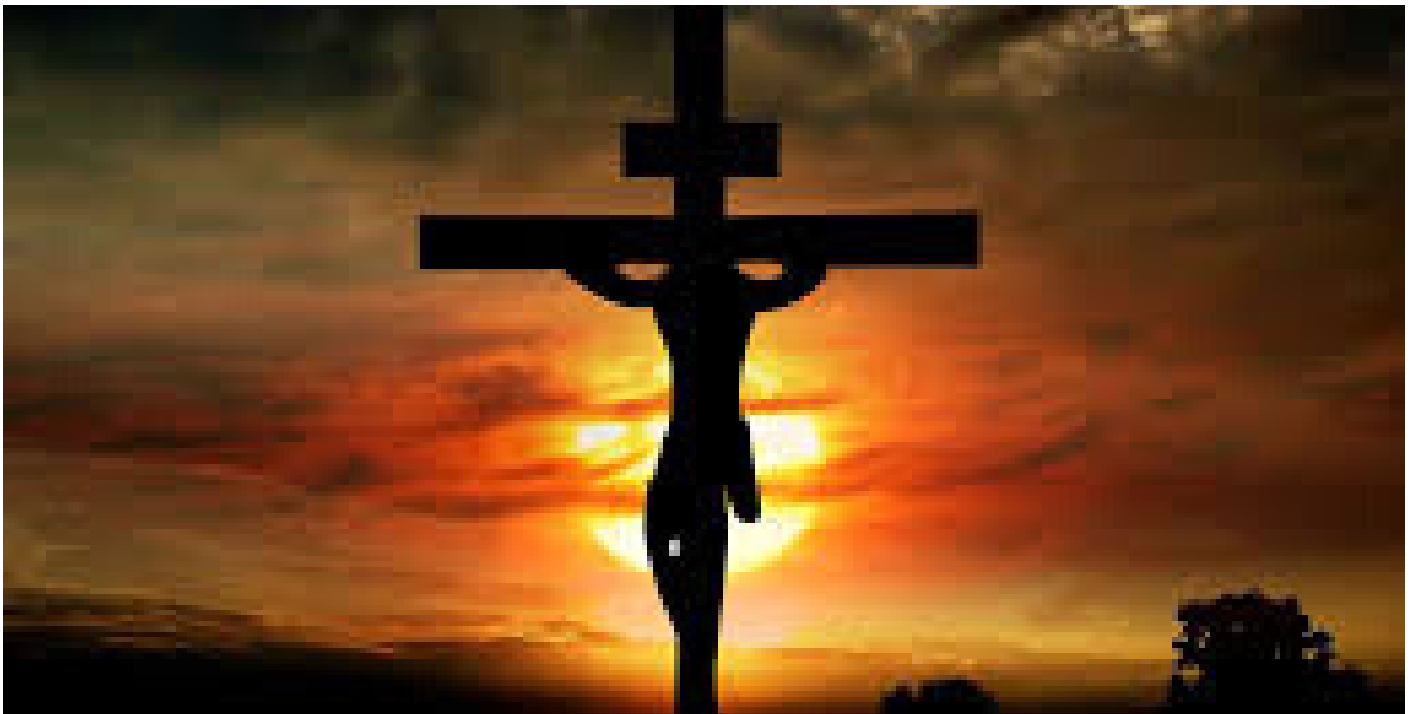
SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2020



# 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



## OUR SERVICE TODAY

**THEME:** Christ is Risen! - Easter Sunday

**READINGS:** *Colossians 3:1-14 & John 20:1-18*

**SENTENCE:** "Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." *Colossians 3:12*

**COLLECT:** Alleluia, faithful God: on this day you raised Jesus from death, and calmed our greatest fear. Help us to celebrate with joy; that, in greeting the risen Saviour, we may be filled with the hope of resurrected life. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## THANK YOU FOR THE CROSS...

**Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Risen Christ, come in your victorious power, affirm in us the goodness of God, give us new life, reconcile us in peace, assure us of your final triumph, make us faithful in witness, fulfil in us your promises.

Amen.



## OUR COUNTRY UNDER LOCKDOWN..

God of presence and strength, help us feel that you here with us when we are anxious and afraid, when the future feels unwieldy and uncertain. We know nothing is unknown to you, O God, and we know you are our rock and our comfort in times of trouble. Thank you that in you we have the victory and help us to share this confidence with others who are in need.

Amen.



# NEWS AND EVENTS

## CARE DURING LOCKDOWN

Jane and Raewyn, our Pastoral Care co-ordinators, have worked really hard on a phone tree which adds to the care cell network. If you have not had a call from someone, please let the office know so that we can confirm your contact details. Please continue to check in on each other and let Jane, Raewyn or Roz know if you or someone you know has a need that we may be able to help with.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget that we have some amazing resources and Sunday worship on our website [www.nativity.org.nz](http://www.nativity.org.nz). We also have a 'Nativity Church, Blenheim NZ' Facebook group to enable to you to keep in touch as a parish. Please do use this to share and encourage one another.

As well as out our church, there are opportunities to connect with the wider diocese with a new Facebook page, YouTube channel and website for Nelson Anglicans <https://nelsonanglicans.com/>. These all have links to information, sermons, and other resources.

## PRAYER CHAIN

Our prayer chain is still active!! If you have any prayer needs please contact Raewyn P:578-2511 M:022-0786902 or Jane P:578-9004 M:027-7135524

## BIBLE READING GUIDES

The Scripture Union Bible reading guides have arrived for April-June. If you are interested in subscribing in future, please talk to Roz (P:570-2111) to find out more or visit <https://www.sunz.org.nz/church/daily-bible-reading/>. Renewals can be dropped in the church mailbox or posted to my home address. Thank you.

## CORONAVIRUS HEALTH ADVICE

visit  
[www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz)  
call  
**0800 358 5453**

## MARLBOROUGH WELFARE SUPPORT



This agency is set up to help in cases where we as friends, family and neighbours may not be able to under this state of emergency. If you know someone that is struggling mentally, physically or financially please contact them for advice.

[welfare@marlboroughcdem.co.nz](mailto:welfare@marlboroughcdem.co.nz)

Phone: 03 520 8405

## DAILY REFLECTIONS

Our website has a fabulous blog where parishioners are able to share their reflections and encouragements during our time in lockdown. It is open to all our church family to share something.

Visit: [www.nativity.org.nz/daily-reflections](http://www.nativity.org.nz/daily-reflections)

Email: [admin@nativity.org.nz](mailto:admin@nativity.org.nz) with your contributions

## FIREWOOD

We have more firewood available for those in need thanks to the efforts of Craig Mackle. If you, or someone you know, would like some please contact the office.

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## THIS WEEK:

### APRIL

Sunday 12th

#### Easter Sunday (Today)

On-line service including a  
special at-home communion.

<https://www.nativity.org.nz/online-worship>

Sunday 19th

Service available on-line from  
8am **"Going Forward"**

Last Sunday for Rev. Richard  
Dyer as Priest -in-Charge

### GIVING

Please do continue giving financially to the church. If you do not already do so, you may like to consider a direct credit. If you do not use internet banking you can just accumulate your giving until we can return to meeting together.

Please contact Roz (570 2111) for further information.

## OUR STAFF AND PARISH LEADERS

Priest in Charge  
Assistant Priests

Administrator  
Parish Nurse  
Receptionist  
Counselling  
Chaplain to the Elderly  
Oversight to Care Cells  
Vicar's Warden  
People's Warden  
Prayer Facilitators  
Prayer Chain

Richard Dyer  
Kaye Dyer  
John Neal  
Miriam Taylor  
Kevin Thompson  
Kathy Taylor  
Raewyn Parkes  
Rosalind Mundy  
Kathy Hammond  
Alison Brice  
Kaye Dyer  
Stephen Sheat  
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows  
Jane Sheat & Jan Burrough  
Jane Sheat & Raewyn Parkes

**We are not in the  
office but can still be  
contacted - don't  
hesitate to give us a  
call or e-mail anytime!**