

WEEK OF 23RD-29TH JULY 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 SERVICES TODAY

THEME: Victory in Christs' Love

READINGS: *Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

SENTENCE: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 8:38, 39*

COLLECT: Generous God, your love is overflowing. Enable us to trust in the abundance of your love; help us to multiply the blessings you give, for you are the one that fulfils all our needs. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Welcome

SERMON NOTES

KIDS CORNER

**WHAT IS OUR
ONLY HOPE IN
LIFE AND
DEATH?**

This is the question we're looking at in Nativity Kids & Intermediates.

Can you answer this?

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER



Pray for those who are involved in Christian media in this country and throughout the world especially in places where this has become extra important due to COVID-19 lock downs. Pray that they will be able to use media and technology in new and effective ways to reach more people. Pray that they will be led to share the word and of God in its fullness and that it would stand out among the pressures of the world.



Pray also that this will grow people in their faith and give hope to those who feel hopeless in their situations. Pray that all will hear, listen, dig deeper and meet Jesus. Pray that churches worldwide will flourish after the Coronavirus pandemic and that we can encourage each other throughout the world.

NEWS AND EVENTS

END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT

Is assisted dying the answer to suffering?

Nativty Anglican Church Hall

Saturday 1st August, 7pm

On September 19th, the New Zealand public are going to vote in both a general Election and at the same time on two binding referenda: The End of Life Choice Act, and the Legalisation of Recreational Cannabis. Of these two highly important pieces of legislation, this presentation by Rev. Dr Graham O'Brien will focus on the End of Life Choice Act (EOLC), to explain what the EOLC Act means to inform our voting, its consequences, and the reasons people might consider to vote YES or NO.

The evening will include a 45min presentation followed by an opportunity for questions and answers regarding both referenda topics.

Rev Dr Graham O'Brien, is the ministry education coordinator for the Anglican Diocese of Nelson, Co-Chair of the InterChurch Bioethics Council, and committee member for the national "Vote No" campaign.

MAKIN' MUSIC

The inaugural concert on our new organ by the internationally renown organist Martin Setchell will be held on **Saturday the 15th of August from 7pm**. Cost \$20 (accompanied students free).

Door sales will be available but tickets can also be purchased from the office during open hours. All funds will go towards the church so please support this wonderful opportunity if you can!

MINISTRY TRAINING DAY

This is to be held at Nativty on **Saturday the 1st of August**. The workshops available over the 3 breakout slots are:

- Pastoral Care
- Discernment
- Discipleship
- Financial and Administration
- Eldercare
- Conflict Management
- Home Groups
- Pioneering Ministry

Registration is available online at <https://nelsonanglicans.com/eventsblog/bmtweekend>, but if you are unable to access this please contact the office as there are printed registration forms and further information for you to see.

CARE CELL RESOURCES

We have a selection of care cell resources available in the office. If you are unable to come in during office hours please speak to Roz to arrange a time that suits.

The Neal Care Cell are looking for a copy of the resource "If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat" by John Otberg. If you know where there is a copy please let Roz or Pam know.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of lost property items in the office. If you have lost a hat or item of clothing please contact the office ASAP.

HELP REQUIRED

If anyone is available to help Vaughan chop some firewood, please contact him on (022) 387-0528.

COMING UP:

JULY

- Fridays 24th & 31st **Tunes for Tots**
Hall and Lounge - 9:30am
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Lounge - 1pm
- Sunday 26th **Nativity Kids and Youth resume**
Soup and Buns Fundraiser
Hall/Lounge -after 11:30am
Building Q&A session
Lounge after 12noon
- Monday 27th **Care and Share**
Lounge from 9:30am - 12noon

AUGUST

- Saturday 1st **Bishops Ministry Team**
9:30am-5pm at Nativity workshops for all
End of Life Choice Act Talk
Open meeting in hall at 7pm
- Saturday 15th **Organ Concert at Nativity**

CANVAS

Canvas will be meeting regularly. For more information, please call Rose on 027 727 5888.

CONTACT US



Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday - Friday 9am - 12noon



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WEEKLY SERVICES

- Sundays 8am **Sung Eucharist Service**
Church
- Sundays 10am **Family Communion**
Church
- Thursday 10am **Eucharist Service**
St Barnabas Chapel (Barnies)

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

Sue Howarth & Joe Keighley
Kaye Dyer
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Thompson
Kathy Taylor
Raewyn Parkes
Rosalind Mundy
Kathy Hammond
Alison Brice
Jo Danks/Sue Howarth
Stephen Sheat
Jennifer Bennett-Burrows
Jane Sheat & Jan Burrough
Jane Sheat & Raewyn Parkes

The office will be open on
Mondays - Wednesdays
from **9am -1pm** and on
Thursdays and Fridays
from **9am - 12:00pm**.

Outside these hours please
leave a note or message via
phone or e-mail and we will
get back to you.