



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: Where is God in a Suffering World?

READINGS: Habakkuk 1:2-6 then 3:2 + 16-19
Matthew 6:25-34

SENTENCE: Thus says the Lord, "Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed." Isaiah 56:1

COLLECT: *God of compassion, you love every person without exception. Turn our hearts so that we may love our neighbour. Remove from us everything we use to exclude our sisters and brothers. Guard the door of our lips so that what we say may be worthy of our calling as your people. 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

HOW CAN WE GLORIFY GOD?

This weeks question being addressed in Nativity Kids & Intermediates - what would your answer be?

MISSION IN OUR COMMUNITY



The church has a huge opportunity to reach out to the community through the rest home visits and services and there is always room for more to be involved. Pray for those who lead and assist in these services and the elderly that they minister to. It is more challenging at this time when there are extra restrictions on visiting and outings but pray that there will be connections made and continued especially for those that may otherwise be lonely. Pray that the families of these elderly, many of whom are not connected to a church or God, be impacted by this ministry and the hope it gives their loved ones.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please do remember to add your prayer requests to the box in the foyer. A pen and paper is provided. These will be collected each week to be prayed over.

Raewyn Parkes (c/o 578 3909) or 022-0786902 and Jane Sheat (578-9004) are our are our Prayer Chain Coordinators. Please phone them with any requests you have for the prayer chain during the week.

NEWS AND EVENTS

AAW NOTICE

AAW will be hosting a meeting in the St Barnabas Chapel on Wednesday 19th August at 10.30am. This is open to anyone interested in hearing about the Columbian former refugees who have come to live here. Kim Palmer, Pathways to Settlement manager, will have a power point presentation and there will be a time for questions.

COVID-19

As of the 12th of August Marlborough is in Level 2 lockdown for 3 days and we await further notice. At this stage:

Care cells are still able to meet provided they use good hygiene and any food shared is provided by the host. Please continue to support each other particularly anyone you feel may feel anxious by developments nation and worldwide.

Health and Safety measures at Nativity will include hand sanitizer being offered at each entrance and the Tracer App QR code located at the entrance to the Nativity Centre. We will also be asking everyone entering the buildings to **sign in** at the office if during office hours or using a contact tracing list during the week.

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.



**BLOKES ARVO
OUT**
(definitely no chick flicks!)
All men over 65 welcome

Saturday 22nd August
1:30pm
19 Kingwell Drive
Gold coin donation
RSVP to Roz
03 578 3909

REFERENDUM CONVERSATIONS

There is a lot of activity happening as we approach the election and the two referenda. Statistics have identified that for the End of Life Choice Act, 20% of people are set in their views for or against, but some 60% are undecided (quite possibly similar for the Cannabis referendum). The most important aspect before voting is to be informed, so please take the opportunity to visit the resources on the Diocesan website. There is also a new website (<https://www.riskylaw.nz/>) with a number of great resources and video interviews covering issues such as the impact of this law on those with disabilities, the vulnerable, palliative care, and legal aspects.

COMING UP:

AUGUST

- Saturday 15th **Organ Concert at Nativity**
7pm - Church
- Wednesday 19th **AAW meeting**
10:30am - Barnies
- Monday 24th **Care & Share**
9:30am - Lounge
- Wednesday 26th **Intercessory Prayer Group**
4pm - Barnies
- Fridays **Tunes for Tots**
9:30am - Hall and Lounge
- Link**
1pm - Lounge

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

- Saturday 19th National General Election and
Referendums
- Saturday 26th Plant Sale Church Fundraiser

All events are subject to change particularly with respect to any COVID-19 restrictions. Please contact the office or the person in charge if you have any queries.

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

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)

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.