

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 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: A Message from Bishop Steve Maina

READINGS: 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21 (from Lectionary)

SENTENCE: "This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." *John 17:3*

COLLECT: God of truth, hidden force of all creation, you long to set us free. Confront us with your tenderness, fire us with your justice; that, at your coming, we too may set the world alight. 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**

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

BLESSING OUR "MOTHERS"

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of motherhood.

Thank you for the blessing it is to be called "Mum."

Thank you for the good plans you have in store for those who still wait to be a Mum. Thank you for the numerous spiritual children you have given to so many "spiritual mums" and mentors. We pray that you would fill this day with favour and grace as we honour Mums all around our nation.

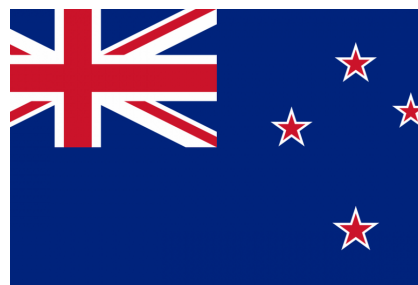


We ask for comfort for those who are grieving loss and heartache, especially on this day. We ask for strength for those who wait for children to come back home. We ask for healing for those who have been hurt by relationships that were intended to be loving and nurturing. We ask for faith for those who will someday be Mums, who find themselves on a journey that seems so hard. We ask for great encouragement and grace to cover those who have made a brave and loving choice for adoption. We ask for incredible provision and care over every single parent mom who works so hard on behalf of her children. We ask that you would remind many of those who, though they do not have "physical" children, have the gift of being amazing hope-bringers to many spiritual children they've been blessed to nurture through these years. We ask you Lord that you will also bless all those who support mothers and the life of families both physical and spiritual. *Amen*

GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND

Men of every creed and race,
Gather here before Thy face,
Asking Thee to bless this place,
God defend our free land.
From dissension, envy, hate,
And corruption guard our state,
Make our country good and great,
God defend New Zealand.

Ōna mano tāngata
Kiri whero, kiri mā,
Iwi Māori, Pākehā,
Rūpeke katoa
,Nei ka tono ko ngā hē
Māu e whakaahu kē,
Kia ora mārire
Aotearoa



The second verse of our National Anthem for our prayers...

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NEWS AND EVENTS

CARE DURING LOCKDOWN

Jane and Raewyn, our Pastoral Care co-ordinators, have continuing to support our phone tree which and care cell network. Please let Jane, Raewyn or Roz know if you or someone you know has a need that we may be able to help with or you need some advice.

FOODBANK

Our Nativity Foodbank will not be operating as it has in the past therefore we would encourage you to donate directly to the Marlborough Foodbank at your local supermarket so that we can help make a difference for our community.

NATIVITY NEWS

Planning is in the early stages for the next issue of the Nativity News. Good things have been happening in bubbles throughout the parish during lockdown. If anyone has photos of things they did and would be happy to share them please send them to Jo Danks (or the office). Ideas include your walks, ANZAC poppies, baking, Mothers Day, birthdays, church at home, and anything else you can think of. Please also share this request with others.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget that we have some amazing resources and Sunday worship on our website 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 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.



MARLBOROUGH WELFARE SUPPORT



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

welfare@marlboroughcdem.co.nz

Phone: 03 520 8405. The council also have a designated help line phone: 520 7400.

You can also ring Healthline on 0800 611 116 for health advice at any time.

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

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

Email: info@nativity.org.nz with your contributions



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COMING UP:

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- Sunday 10th **Today**
On-line service produced
by Bishop Steve Maina and team
- Sunday 17th Service available on-line from
8am

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

Priests 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

Susan Howarth/Joe Keighley
Kaye Dyer
John Neal
Miriam Taylor
Kevin Thompson
Kathy Taylor
Raewyn Parkes
Rosalind Mundy
Kathy Hammond
Alison Brice
TBC
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!**