

SUNDAY 17TH 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:** Changed Lives in the Midst of Changing Life (part 2)

**READINGS:** Romans 12:1-6 & Exodus 4 : 1-17

**SENTENCE:** “Those who love me will keep my word,’ Jesus promises, ‘and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.’” *John 14:23*

**COLLECT:** God who speaks in silence; help us wait in quietness. When you seem absent, grant us the faith that knows you are there, bringing to fulfilment all you have started. 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

### GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND V3



Peace, not war, shall be our boast,  
But, should foes assail our coast,  
Make us then a mighty host,  
God defend our free land.  
Lord of battles in Thy might,  
Put our enemies to flight,  
Let our cause be just and right,  
God defend New Zealand.

Tōna mana kia tū!  
Tōna kaha kia ū;  
Tōna rongo hei pakū

Ki te ao katoa  
Aua rawa ngā whawhai  
Ngā tutū e tata mai;  
Kia tupu nui ai  
Aotearoa

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## CARE DURING LOCKDOWN

Jane and Raewyn, our Pastoral Care co-ordinators, have continuing to support our phone tree 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

The next edition of Nativity News is starting to stir! 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 via messenger, email (or through the office). Ideas include your walks, ANZAC poppies, baking, Mothers day, birthdays, church at home, and anything else you can think of. Thank you.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget that we have all notices, Sunday worship and some amazing resources on our website [www.nativity.org.nz](http://www.nativity.org.nz). This week, along with new reflections from parishioners, there are some quizzes to keep your mind sharp!

You can also keep in touch as a parish with our facebook group. Please do use this to share and encourage one another particularly over this time.

There are also links to information, sermons, and other resources via the diocese Facebook, YouTube and <https://nelsonanglicans.com/webpages>.



## HEALTH ADVICE

For specific advice regarding the Coronavirus and the requirements at level 2 you can visit <https://covid19.govt.nz/> or ring the Ministry of Health on 0800 358 5453.

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

## 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. The council also have a designated help line phone: 520 7400.

## 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



## CONTACT US



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### Nativity Bank Account

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## COMING UP:

### MAY

Sunday 24th On-line service including at-home communion and sermon from Joe Keighley

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

Sunday 31st Pentecost Sunday 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 are unable to use internet banking you can now drop an envelope to the office during open hours. Please contact Roz at the office 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

The office will be open on Mondays - Wednesdays from 9am -2:30pm as of the 18th of May. You can also leave a message via phone or e-mail and we will get back to you .