

SUNDAY 31ST 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: Pentecost Sunday

READING: Acts 2:1-21

SENTENCE: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me," says the Lord; 'and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.' John 7:38

COLLECT:

Holy Spirit of God, blowing through creation: No door can keep you out. Unlock our hearts, breathe on us anew; that we may speak God's words of life. With the Father and the Son, you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER

GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND V6

May our mountains ever be
Freedom's ramparts on the sea,
Make us faithful unto Thee,
God defend our free land.
Guide her in the nations' van,
Preaching love and truth to man,
Working out Thy glorious plan,
God defend New Zealand.

Tōna pai me toitū
Tika rawa, pono pū;
Tōna noho, tāna tū;
Iwi nō Ihowā.
Kaua mōna whakamā;
Kia hau te ingoa;
Kia tū hei tauira;
Aotearoa

REFUGEES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Please remember to pray for those in our community, New Zealand and beyond who are struggling whether it be mentally, physically, financially, emotionally or spiritually at this time.

Pray also that God will show us ways that we can help our community in need especially those that are here working in Marlborough away from their families and those soon to be settled in our area from Columbia and beyond.



NEWS AND EVENTS

CHURCH AT LEVEL 2

We can now meet in with groups of up to 100 but the restrictions of level 2 still apply so please remember to keep a 1m distance from other groups and follow directions regarding cleaning and hand sanitizing. There will be other differences at our services. We look forward to seeing you all in person once again as services and activities start to resume! Sorry there will be no 8am service just yet.

COME
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS
OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED
AND YOU SHALL RENEW
THE FACE OF THE
EARTH.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, **AMEN.**

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 share with those who are unable to access this to help them keep in touch. There is also an opportunity 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



REFERENDUMS 2020

A message from Family First:

"As we negotiate this difficult time of tackling COVID-19 together as a nation, it is also significant to note that in just four months, we will be voting on whether New Zealand should legalise euthanasia / assisted suicide, and legalise cannabis for recreational use. As with COVID-19, these two decisions will greatly impact our society.

We have prepared some resources to help families as they prepare to debate and to vote on these issues:

* [20 Reasons to Vote NO to Euthanasia in 2020](#)

* [20 Reasons to Vote NO to Cannabis in 2020](#)

We have also done a 2-page summary of what our new abortion law looks like, and why it should never have been passed into law:

* [Fatal Flaws in the Abortion Legislation Act 2020](#)

And we have done an analysis of the law that would govern cannabis in NZ, should it be legalised for recreational use:

* [Analysis of the Cannabis Legalisation and Control Bill - is it really 'control'?](#)

You are welcome to access these via the links or contact the office for an e-mail or print copy to read and/or share.

COMING UP:

JUNE

Thursday 4th 10am Service in Barnies

Sunday 7th 10am Family service at Nativity
- A journey through the
Old Testament: Judges and Ruth

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

Sunday 14th - Service at Nativity at 10am

FRIENDS OR FAMILY IN NELSON??

Manna Christian Store in Nelson is the only Christian store remaining in the top of the South Island. The store's presence in Nelson is maintained by generous volunteers who share their time each week serving our Christian community with a smile. If you know someone who may be able to help continue this please contact Kimberly (035483387 or 027 444 4442)

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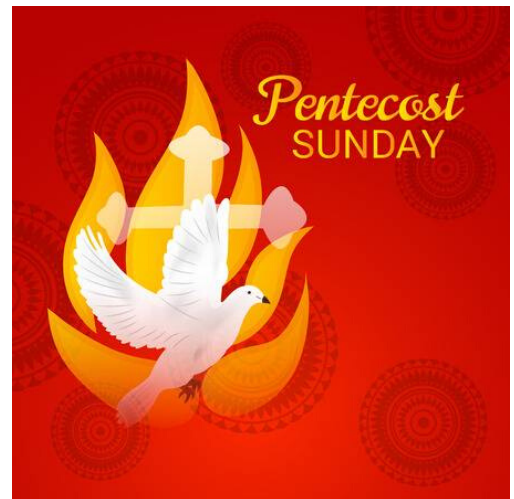
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The office will be open on
Mondays - Wednesdays
from 9am -2:30pm over
the next few weeks. You
can also leave a message
via phone or e-mail and
we will get back to you .