

SUNDAY 3RD 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:** Joshua: Entering into the Promised Land

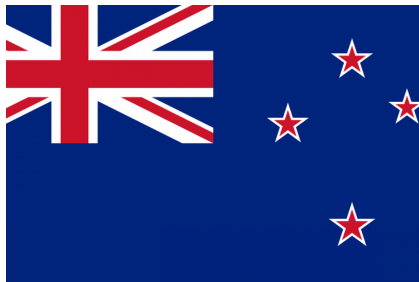
**READINGS:** *Joshua 2 and 6, Acts:42-47*

**SENTENCE:** "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."  
*John 10:10*

**COLLECT:** God of our futures, you go ahead of us to prepare a place for us. Help us put our trust in you. In this life, may we be freed from our fears; and in the life to come, know you face to face, 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



## AN INVITATION TO PRAYER



### GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND

Today's service includes some of the verses of the New Zealand National anthem. If you would like to pray/sing the full national anthem:

<https://mch.govt.nz/nz-identity-heritage/national-anthems/god-defend-new-zealandaotearoa>

or sing along with

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=15&v=j6qmdqyltkM&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=15&v=j6qmdqyltkM&feature=emb_title)

### ENTERING INTO GODS' PROMISES

Following on from the service today we invite you to pray that we will, like Rahab, turn to Jesus for a new life of hope and purpose.

Pray that like Joshua faced with the city of Jericho, we as individuals, communities and the church listen for and hear God's strategy for moving into the future.

Pray that we will have the faith to enter into Gods' promises.



### OUR COMMUNITY IN NEED

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 that God will show us ways that we can help our community in need.



# NEWS AND EVENTS

## CARE DURING LOCKDOWN

Jane and Raewyn, our Pastoral Care co-ordinators, are 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

The Nativity Foodbank supplies have been transferred to the Marlborough Foodbank at this time so that they can be utilised by those in need. 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.

## 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](http://www.nativity.org.nz/daily-reflections)  
Email: [info@nativity.org.nz](mailto:info@nativity.org.nz) with your contributions

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget that we have some amazing resources and Sunday worship on our website [www.nativity.org.nz](http://www.nativity.org.nz). We also have a 'Nativity Church, Blenheim NZ' Facebook group to enable 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.



## HEALTH ADVICE

For specific advice regarding the Coronavirus and the requirements at level 3 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 3rd **Today** Joshua: Entering into the Promised Land  
On-line service including a special at-home communion.  
<https://www.nativity.org.nz/online-worship>
- Sunday 10th 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!