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22 December 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year A

Make them Welcome

Many people who attend Mass at Christmas and Easter would like to come at other times, but feel awkward about doing so. Often all they need is a sincere invitation and a warm welcome.

There has always been the emergence of religious sentiment at Christmas in the hearts of many otherwise rather diffident Catholics. There will be many people who attend Mass in the Catholic Parish of Napier this Christmas who only come occasionally. This is an opportunity for us to reach out to these people and tell them they are always welcome. Perhaps we could:

- ♦ invite someone who does not go to Mass regularly to come and celebrate Christmas Mass with us;
- ♦ ensure that people always know they are welcome – whoever they are, wherever they have been;
- ♦ make sure we communicate what the Church believes; that these people are loved by God and are very welcome in our community;

If we are able to do these things this Christmas then those people who want to return on a more regular basis to the practice of their faith will feel that the Catholic Parish of Napier welcomes them.

Thank You

As this is the final newsletter for the year I wish to sincerely thank so many people for their ministry in our Parish during the past year. There are far too many to individually name. It takes enormous generosity to ensure that our Parish liturgies are celebrated well each week. There are so many people who contribute in very hidden and unknown ways – who just carry out those tasks each week that need doing to ensure our Churches and grounds are well maintained. Thank you.

I hope you all enjoy a very happy and blessed Christmas with your families.

*Father Barry Scannell s.m.
Parish Priest*

ST PATRICK'S

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SATURDAY VIGIL MASS | 5.30pm

SUNDAY MASS | 10am

MONDAY | 12.05pm Service of the Word
with Holy Communion

TUESDAY–FRIDAY | 12.05pm Mass

FRIDAY | 11.30am Reconciliation

ST MARY'S

58 Osier Rd,
Greenmeadows

SUNDAY MASSES | 9am & 5pm

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY | 9.15am Service
of the Word with Holy Communion

TUESDAY | 5.30pm Mass

THURSDAY TO SATURDAY | 9.15am Mass

SATURDAY | Reconciliation after Mass

ST THOMAS MORE

92 Wycliffe St,
Onekawa

SUNDAY MASS | 8am

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY | 9.15am
Service of the Word with Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY | 9.15am Mass

WEDNESDAY | Reconciliation after Mass

Thanks

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank all those who supported our stalls and raffle. The raffle results are as follows:

First Prize	Patricia Cody
Second Prize	Rose Keogh
Third Prize	Pauline Hayes

Napier Community Christmas Day Lunch

Christmas day lunch is again being served at the Salvation Army premises in Tait Drive, Greenmeadows from 12 noon with lunch served at 12.30pm. Please contact the following if you, or someone you know would like to be there - phone 845 3547 or email:

napiercommunitychristmaslunch@gmail.com

Carols by Candlelight

Napier Botanical Gardens

Sunday 22 December at 6pm

Deco Bay Brass presents Carols by Candlelight. Free entry. Candles, coffee, song sheets & glow sticks for sale. You are encouraged to bring a picnic tea.

Godspell - Rock Musical

Waiapu Cathedral will present the rock musical "Godspell" 29-31 May 2020. We are offering pre-release tickets to be for sale at the Cathedral, 11.30am to 12.30pm on the Sundays during Advent. Secure the best seats now! \$60, \$40 and \$20 bookings available, for cash or EFTPOS. Your tickets will be delivered to your church for collection.

Ignatian Spirituality for Women

20 - 29 March 2020

Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston

An 8 day silent, individually guided retreat will be given by Adriana Janus, Nicola McCarthy and Joy Cowley. Cost: \$675, includes accommodation for 9 nights, all meals and daily spiritual direction. For further information and registration please contact:

Joy Cowley: joycowley@extra.co.nz

Thank You

I wish to thank all those who have who have wished me well as I move into the next stage of my life. I have really appreciated getting to know people from each faith community and value the friendship, support and encouragement you have given me over the past years. I look forward to keeping the connections I have made.

Thank you too to the Priests and staff I have had the pleasure of working with. I have learnt so much in my time working for the Catholic Parish of Napier.

May God bless you all.

Elaine Martin

News from the Diocesan office

Saturday 29 February - 10am - 12pm, in Palmerston North

Fr. Jamie Calder SJ from Australia

'Christian Mission: Supporting a Deeper Humanity.'

This will be a public presentation open to anyone interested in exploring more about our Christian Mission. We wanted to provide a way for the wider community to be inspired by what Fr. Jamie will present.

There will be more information out in the new year regarding this opportunity to promote more widely in the community, but in the meantime we just wanted you to be aware so that you can mark the date in your calendar. See poster on notice board.

Takirua 2020

The Takirua Conference to be held in Wellington which will explore the realities of pastoral ministry in 2020, looking particularly at Marriage Ministry and Young Church Ministry.

If you would like to find out more about this opportunity, please check out the website for more information. This is an event not to be missed. <http://takirua2020.nz/>

Christmas Mass at Waimarama

There will be Mass at 8am at the Anglican Church. The church is situated just as you drive into Waimarama.

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Diocesan Youth News

Focolare Mariapolis 8 - 12 Jan 2020

Hearts Aflame Summer School for 18-35 year olds 3 - 12 Jan 2020.

The combined **National Catholic Youth Ministers/Marriage Educators Conference** will be held the weekend of **25 - 26 April 2020** in Wellington.

There is a flyer in the foyer with the details of the **National welcome events** and tertiary chaplain contacts for our **Tertiary institutions** across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Academic Mass with our new tertiary folks and academic staff is happening **1st March 2020** at the Cathedral with hospitality after! All welcome!

Inviting expressions of interest in attending **World Youth Day 2022 in Portugal**. We need to start saving and planning early next year for this epic event! Please register your interest with Nick Wilson:

nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz

St Joseph's Catholic School, Levin 100 Year Reunion & Celebration

Saturday 1 Feb – Sunday 2 Feb, 2020

St Joseph's Catholic School, Weraroa Road, Levin

Celebrating 100 Years as a Catholic School Community in Levin we are calling all past and present students, staff, teachers and whānau to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime weekend of celebration and remembrance.

For more information or to register: Call 021 889 583 (Stasia) or 06 368 8017 (School) or

Email: 100years@stjoeslevin.school.nz

www.facebook.com/StJosephsLevin100Years

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Join Mir Pilgrimages on a group pilgrimage to Medjugorje 17 June – 2 July 2020. For further details and to request a brochure, contact Patricia Parsons.

For further information: info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz or phone 0274 219 064 or website www.pilgrimage.nz

'Licensed to Occupy' Flat Available

This flat will be available at the end of January. The flat has one bedroom and a small conservatory. Please apply to Doreen 844 9925.

Last Week's Collection

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News & Events

Friday 27 December: Philipino Families Christmas Potluck Meal at 6pm in the Hannigan Centre at St Patrick's. Everyone most welcome

St Thomas More Lotto: 2019 Round 5, Draw 9. Number 26 Eseta Penitito.

St Thomas More Office: closes Friday 20 December and will re-open Monday 20 January.

Every Monday: Divine Mercy Prayer Group meet at St Patrick's Chapel at 1.30pm. All very welcome. Enquiries phone: Laurie Gannaway 843 5754 or Peter McCormick 843 7433.

Third Tuesday Monthly: Focolare Word of Life meet at 7:30pm, 25 Birdwood Street, Taradale, contact: Brenda Cacho-Bevin 021 169 9989.

Every Wednesday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Evening Prayer at 4pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's.

First Wednesday Monthly: Focolare Word of Life meet at 2pm, at 555A Kennedy Road, Greenmeadows, contact Ellen Hewitson 844 5531.

Every Wednesday: Napier Christian Meditation Group meets at 10am at Knox Church, corner Waghorne and Macaulay Streets, Ahuriri. Phone Kathy 844 4503 or Alison 021 414 357.

Every Thursday: Taradale Christian Meditation Group meets at 10am in the small meeting room at the St Mary's Centre.

St Mary's Newsletter Deliveries

Thank you to all those who take part in the weekly Outreach Ministry of delivering our Parish Newsletter. We commence deliveries on Friday 7 February 2020.

Holy Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion at home please phone Margaret at the office 844 2224

Mass Intentions and Anniversaries

Anniversaries: Rebecca Smith (28/12), Rita Murfitt (30/12), Greg Manning (13/01).

Prayers for the Sick: Father Kevin Manning sm, Chris St Clair, Peg O'Dowd, Peter Israel, Peggy Lynex, Sr Maureen Richardson RNDM, Erin Dick, Carmel Walker, Pat Patuiski, Gerardene Turfrey, Pat O'Shaughnessy, Leo Baltussen, Daphne Story, Shirley Hill, Marie Stanford.

Readings

This Week: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1: 18-24

Next Week Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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