



Holy Family Parish

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 12th December 2021



FIRST READING : Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Isaiah 12

℟ *Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour, with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ℟

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! make his mighty deeds known to the peoples, declare the greatness of his name. ℟

Sing a psalm to the Lord, for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth, people of Zion, sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. ℟

SECOND READING : Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL : Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.



Dear Parishioners...

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Please note that we are currently in the Traffic Light system at Light RED.

MASSES AT HOLY FAMILY

All Masses – weekdays and Sundays – are operating with a limit of 25 people according to the limits set by the Government in light RED. This allows us to welcome vaccinated and unvaccinated people at every Mass. Please email the parish office hfparrish@xtra.co.nz for an allocated seat at one of our Masses. Please indicate to the Office which Mass set you can attend:

A or B or BOTH.

These are the times:

SET A: Monday - Friday @ 9am.

SET B: Tuesday and Thursday @ 7pm; Saturday @ 9am; Sunday @ 9am, 10:30am, and 5pm.

COMMUNION FOR THOSE NOT AT THE MASS

Holy Communion will still be given at the side-door after each Mass (except Latin Mass). On weekdays, come to the side door 30mins after the start of Mass and wait until it is opened. On Sundays, come to the side door 60mins after the start of Mass and wait until it is opened. Please make sure you prepare spiritually beforehand by: Reading the Readings, or Praying the Rosary, or following the live-stream.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

FRIDAY - CHRISTMAS EVE

24th December

Vigil Masses: 5pm and 7pm

Midnight Mass 11:00pm (NOT Midnight)

Carols from 10:00pm

SATURDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY

25th December

9:00am (Latin) 10:30am (English)

SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

26th December

9:00am, 10:30am and 5pm

Given that we are operating under very restrictive conditions, parishioners will be allocated 1 Mass out of the 8 Masses during the Christmas weekend: Friday 24th, Saturday 25th, and Sunday 26th.

With these difficult restrictions, we will have to be flexible and accept that we will not all be able to go to Mass on Christmas day. This is a suffering for us all. Be assured that it pains Fr Jeremy that we can't live Christmas together in the usual way. Given that during the Christmas Octave, all Masses are Solemnities of Christmas, we can treat the Mass that we attend as our Christmas Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, there will be adoration before Mass from 8am until 8:45am for those attending Mass on those days. Access to the Church for Adoration and Mass will be through the side door, from 8am on Mon-Thurs.

On Sundays, Adoration will now shift to inside the Church. It will commence at 12:30pm and conclude at 4pm.

CONFESSION TIME CHANGES

Confessions are being heard through the back wall of the Church as per during the lockdown.

The new Confessions times are:

8am-8:45am Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

6:00-6:45pm Tuesday & Thursday.

4pm-5pm, Saturday.

CRYING ROOM

The Crying Room is reserved for the vaccinated who feel vulnerable. Please respect this allowance. Communion will be taken there first.

ALL OTHERS

If you are sitting in the main body of the Church, please wear a mask, use 1m spacing, disinfect on the way in and out, and use the contact-tracing app. These things might seem like inconveniences, but they are needed and offer a sense security to others.

REMINDER

If you are unwell for any reason or have symptoms which could be Delta in any way, shape, or form, then please stay home, do not come to Mass, and have a Covid test. In charity, think of others.

CHURCH OPENING

The Church will be opened 15mins after Mass each day. If making a visit during the day, make sure you contact trace using the QR code, or write your details on the cards provided in the Foyer and put them in the special box.

HOPE

Please pray that we change to light AMBER soon.

God bless, Fr Jeremy

“Pay attention carefully. After the sin comes the shame; courage follows repentance. Did you pay attention to what I said? Satan upsets the order; he gives the courage to sin and the shame to repentance”

– St. John Chrysostom –

NEXT SUNDAY:

19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44;

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

12 Dec: *Mary King*

13 Dec: *Eneliko Michael*

14 Dec: *Caylyss Anania*

15 Dec: *Marjory Moore*

16 Dec: *Josephine Hill, Drina Letica*

17 Dec: *Nathanial Pierce*

18 Dec: *Mary Scanlon, Myrtle Goudie,
Oliver Bray - Taylor*

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,104.00
Priests	\$ 552.00
Total AP's	\$1,656.00

HOLY FAMILY NOTICES

Columban and Divine Mercy Calendars for sale: If you would like to purchase a Divine Mercy Calendar or Divine Mercy Diary or a Columban. Please contact Dianne on 0274886787

DIOCESAN NOTICES

A Reminder from Bishop Pat *A reminder that I formally give you dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. (cc 87 #1, 1247)*

Mass is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201.

The Ruakaka Holy Family Community is celebrating the **30th anniversary** of the dedication of their new church in Peter Snell Road, Ruakaka, on Sunday 13th February 2022. Mass at 10.30am followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch with a sausage sizzle provided and entertainment for young and old. Ex parishioners' families and friends of the parish warmly welcomed. Please contact either Ray Timmins 02102788867 or Monica Johnson 021382401.

CALLING ST JOHN'S OLD BOYS FROM 1962-65 St John's College Hamilton is inviting our very first pupils to a special 60th celebration on 2 February 2022. Please help us connect with those Old Boys that started at our new College from 1962 - 1965. More information is on the College website to register your interest, or please phone us at the Office with your contact details. www.stjohns-hamilton.school.nz or Phone 07 856 7091

Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT WREATH

What to do?

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light the appropriate Advent Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day - see below
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week - see below
5. say Gospel of the Week - see below
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

3rd Week Prayer: We humbly beg you, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of your coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

3rd Week Gospel Luke 3:10-18 *"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

Third Candle and Week 3 of Advent

Monday: "O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth."

Tuesday: "O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power."

Wednesday: "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

Thursday: "O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Friday: "O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Saturday: "O King whom all the people's desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay."

Sunday: "O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord, our God."

"If we try to escape sadness by seeking our consolation in sleep, we will fail to find what we are seeking, for we will lose in sleep the consolation we might have received from God if we had stayed awake and prayed."

St Thomas More

"The Kingdom of Heaven, belongs to those who know how to become little ones and choose the last place."

Bl Charles de Foucauld

**EVERYTHING YOU SEE IN YOUR HEART
THAT MIGHT SADDEN GOD, REMOVE.**

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

"We may be quite sure that God is always ready to be generous, provided he find in us a deep and true humility."

St Ignatius of Loyola