



Holy Family Parish

2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday 5th December 2021

FIRST READING : Baruch 5:1-9;

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 125(126);

℟ *The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips were songs. ℟

The heathens themselves said "what marvels the Lord worked for them!" what marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. ℟

Deliver us O Lord from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. ℟

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. ℟

SECOND READING : Philippians 1:4-6,8-11;

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL : Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

- **Dear Parishioners, please note that we will move into the Traffic Light system on Monday December 6.**
 - This Sunday, Dec 5, 9am Mass will be live-streamed only. Drive-in Adoration will be from 10:30 until 6pm again.
 - Fr Jeremy is still not 100% and is needing to start gently as we begin this new period. He will explain in his homily.
 - All Masses, weekdays and Sundays, will operate with a limit of 25 people, allowing us to welcome vaccinated and unvaccinated people at every Mass.
 - Email the parish office hfparish@xtra.co.nz for an allocated seat at one of our Masses.
 - Indicate to the Office which Mass set you can attend A or B or BOTH
 - These are the times:
 - SET A: Mon-Fri 9am
 - SET B: Tues and Thurs 7pm, Sat 9am, Sunday, 9am, 10:30am, and 5pm.
 - Access to the Church will be through the side door, 10mins before Mass.
 - This is due to the confessions being heard through the back wall, which will be: 8am-8:45am Wed- Sun; 6:15-6:45pm Tues & Thurs; Sat 4-5pm.
 - Communion will still be given at the side-door after each Mass (except Latin Mass).
 - The Crying Room is reserved for the vaccinated who feel vulnerable.
 - Communion will be taken there first.
 - 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, or write your details on the cards provided at the side door and put them in the special box.
 - These things might seem like inconveniences, but they are needed and offer a sense security to others.
 - 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.
- God bless, Fr Jeremy

NEXT SUNDAY:

12th December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18;

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

5 Dec: Kevin Lyons, Philip Luoni

8 Dec: Paddy Boyle, Eileen Moody, Edna Headland

10 Dec: Kathleen Gould, France Warden,

Ivan Vujcich

11 Dec: Carl Briant

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$2,110.67
Priests	<u>\$1,055.33</u>
Total AP's	\$3,166.00

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.

Sunday 5 December, 7pm – The Great Diocesan Christmas Quiz

Grab your best Christmas outfit and join us for another night of trivia-filled fun!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87540912405>

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.

"God wishes us not to rest upon anything but His infinite goodness; do not let us expect anything, hope anything, or desire anything but from Him, and let us put our trust and confidence in Him alone." ~ St Charles Borromeo

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.

2nd Week Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming, we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

2nd Week Gospel (Luke 3:1-6.)

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths... and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Second Candle and Week 2 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."

CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

December 7

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church!

O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God!

O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate!

In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector.

O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present me to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt me as her child. With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of my life. O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way.

O my Spiritual Father, I hereby consecrate myself to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties, my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings.

Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially at the hour of my death. Console and strengthen me with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.