



Second Sunday of Advent Year B – 10 December 2023

Daily Mass Readings:

Sunday 10	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
	Response: <i>Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.</i>
Monday 11	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday 12	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday 13	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday 14	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday 15	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday 16	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:10-13

Weekday Masses

Tues 9.30am	St Patrick's Church
Weds 9.30am	St Anthony's Church
Fri 9.30am	Holy Cross Church

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil
5.30pm St Anthony's Church, Seatoun
Sunday
8.30am Holy Cross Church, Miramar
10.30am St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie

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Holy Trinity Parish Vision

We are a prayerful and diverse Catholic community in the Eastern suburbs of Wellington, drawing strength from one another to grow and become fully alive as missionary disciples.

'PIONEERS AND TRAILBLAZERS'

For today's world it is typical that networks of roads are being built to make communications and exchange easy, fast and safe. What efforts have we made to construct roads that lead to God and one another? As Christians, we are supposed to be a pilgrim people, a people constantly on the way to God and to one another.

Today the voice of the prophet tries to wake us up. He calls us to prepare the way of the Lord, make your paths smooth and straight, that they may be roads leading to God: roads of conversion, justice and freedom. *Fr Bill*

Anointing Mass Tuesday 12th Dec 11am at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie

followed by a shared morning tea. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Please note: there will be no 9.30am Mass – the anointing Mass will be the Mass of the day.



RECONCILIATION Sunday 17 December 4pm at St Patrick's Kilbirnie

Reconciliation

If your children would like to participate in the Children's Mass

6pm on Christmas Eve at St Patrick Church contact Clare London 021 227 8363.



Parish Leadership Team update – Time and Talent survey. Following our strategic plan for the parish, one of the goals has been that we take the opportunity to ensure that everyone in the parish community help achieve the vision and the values. Every small contribution helps and is greatly appreciated. To this end we invite parishioners to take time to fill in a Time Treasure and Talent survey over the weeks of Advent.

Link to online form [here](#).



SMALL FUNDRAISER TO HELP SUPPORT COMPASSION SOUP KITCHEN: The Compassion Centre in Tory Street has had to recently replace their commercial kitchen stove and oven at a cost of \$29,000. The generosity of the Centre enables meals to be prepared and distributed to those in need around Wellington, and also feed those people who are struggling and have a meal provided to them during the evenings of the week. As a small way of reaching out to help meet the cost of the stove and oven I'd like to suggest we hold a small raffle over the coming few weeks.

There are now four items that will be part of the raffle – firstly I have just completed making a baby jacket that will fit a child 18 months old – 3 years of age. Secondly six baby bibs were made by Hazel Kingston and given for the raffle. Thirdly from donated wool, Frances Dwyer has crocheted and made a wonderful blanket. Fourthly, two vouchers kindly donated by Vietnameezy in Kilbirnie. **Tickets will be \$2 and available for sale at each of the churches.** We will draw the raffle close to Christmas and all proceeds will be passed on the Soup Kitchen – Fr Bill.

Please Note: Next week's newsletter will be the final one for 2023

Holy Trinity Eastern Suburbs St Vincent de Paul Society- "Your Vinnies"



COMPASSION FOR THE POOR. Sincere thanks to all parishioners, shoppers, donors, collectors, drivers, helpers and members of your Holy Trinity St Vincent de Paul parish group who put their faith into action for our Pak'nSave Food Appeal, our Church foyer bin collections, Christmas card sales, financial donations and for delivering the Christmas boxes of groceries, treats, toiletries and gifts to our neighbours in the eastern suburbs who are most in need.

Thanks to the generous support of so many people in so many different ways and prayers, we have been able to supply, wrap, pack and deliver to over 50 households and social housing units across the eastern suburbs. This year our emphasis was on assisting families and individuals whom we had been able to engage with and identify their hardships and needs.

Pak'nSave Kilbirnie continued their wonderful support of our third food collection this year on Sat 2 Dec 2023 for the 15th year in a row, and their understanding shoppers provided a great boost in supplies throughout the day.

New World Miramar for the 13th year gave us a very generous donation of toiletries and personal items to add to the boxes.

Thanks to Fr Bill for his spiritual guidance and committed encouragement to reach out to the community around us, and to Marianne in the parish office for her constant assistance in connecting people involved.



**2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS \$12- AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.
LAST 2 CALENDERS!!**

Contact the the Parish Office 388 6953 or holytrinity.wgtn@xtra.co.nz

Buy a book for Christmas for a child in woman's refuge. There's a christmas tree in the children's bookshop in the plaza in Kilbirnie. The staff will help you choose a book and put it under the tree for you. Till 20th December 2023. Contact Patricia O'Donnell for more information 934 3179



ARCHBISHOP OF WELLINGTON CLERGY APPOINTMENTS 2024

Catholic Parish of Wairarapa:	PP - Fr Dennis Nacorda Assistant Deacon - Matthew White.
St Joseph's Parish, Levin:	PP - Fr Bruce England
St Mary's Parish, Otaki	PP - Fr Alan Roberts
Holy Family Parish, Porirua East	PP - Fr Isaac Songa MF AP -Fr Nicholas Phone Myint MF
Te Ngakau Tapu Parish, Porirua	Administrator – Msgr Gerard Burns, AP - Fr Alfred Tong.
St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish:	PP - Msgr. Gerard Burns; AP - Fr Alfred Tong. Pre-seminarian John Quang in residence.
Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish	Administrator - Fr Patrick Bridgman; Lay Pastoral Leader Debbie Matheson. In residence at Viard House: Fr Viator Muyuni (Diocese of Bukoba, Tanzania, studies).
St Theresa's Parish, Karori-Wilton	PP - Fr Joy Thottankara. Pre-seminarian Long Tran in residence.
Catholic Parish of Wellington South	AP - Fr Ravi Kumar Voliganti Pre-seminarian Dyester Abo-Abo in residence.
Te Wairua Tapu Parish, Lower Hutt	AP Fr Akuila Taliauli SVD.
Te Awakairangi Parish, Lower Hutt	Society of Divine Word (SVD) assumes responsibility for the parish. PP - Fr Raja Kommareddy SVD. AP Fr Uili Uvea SVD.
Te Whetu o te Moana Parish Marlborough	Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) assume pastoral responsibility for the parish PP - Fr Simone Volavola MSC, AP - Fr Tavita Lemusu MSC.
Holy Family Parish, Nelson-Stoke	AP Fr Noel Corcino, CJM. Fr Marlon Tebelin (returns home September 2024).
Our Lady of the Bays Parish	PP - Fr Michael Bellizzi.
Richmond-Motueka-Takaka	AP Fr Jaya-Praveen Yenubari. Pastoral year: seminarian Emilio Capin
Fr Peter Roe SM -	concludes his contract as administrator of Ohariu parish.
Fr Ron Bennett -	retires as Parish priest of Otari-Wilton and becomes senior-priest-in-residence at Holy Cross Seminary, Auckland.
Fr Alliston Fernandes	(Archdiocese of Malta) - returns to Malta from 1 March 2024.
Fr David Orange -	in retirement.
Fr Michael McCabe -	in retirement.
Fr Seph Pijfers -	appointment pending.
Fr Cirilo Barlis -	leave of absence for 2024 returning to the Philippines.

At times the yearning we feel toward the Lord is too weak and it almost seems that God is silent... Think about God's tenderness. God is not a bad father, an unkind father, no. He is tender. He loves us so much, like the Good Shepherd, who searches for the last member of his flock. It is love, and this is conversion: a grace of God. Begin to walk, because it is he who moves you to walk, and you will see how he will arrive. Pray, walk, and you will always take a step forward.'

Pope Francis Angelus 6 December 2020

Healing Service Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service on **Tuesday 12 December 2023** at the North Porirua Baptist Church 69 Discovery Place Whitby at 7.30 pm in the downstairs meeting room. All are welcome. Bring all those who need Jesus' healing.

The Bach Choir of Wellington and the Wellington Brass Band present, Tidings of Comfort and Joy, a feast of festive favourites in a spirited afternoon of glorious harmony with Christmas music for choir and brass band. There is something irresistibly joyful about hearing the warm tones of choir and brass band coming together to perform your favourite Christmas classics. The Bach Choir and the Wellington Brass Band invite you to celebrate the season with joyful carols and jubilant works from across the ages. This family-friendly event is sure to delight the hearts of everyone. We wouldn't dream of a Christmas concert without inviting our friends to join in the merriment of a festive carol-sing! Start your Christmas season with our whānau and yours! **2pm Saturday, 16 December at St Mary of the Angels**, Tickets on Eventfinda: \$35/\$40; school children free

Carol singing on Christmas Eve in Wellington Hospital. After an interruption of three years we are again able to host Christmas Eve Carol singing around the wards in Wellington Regional Hospital (Newtown). This is an old tradition once undertaken by the nurses. It is one that has great meaning to patients who are unable to be home with family and friends. Hearing the carols as well as knowing that a group of people have given up their time to come and sing on Christmas Eve can touch them deeply. It is also a treat to the staff who also go the extra mile for their patients at Christmas. **If you are able to join us please come to the Hospital Atrium at 6.45pm on Christmas Eve for an hour and half approx.**

Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life The landmark bishops' teaching document *Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life* is now available online as an easy-to-read flip book, reached from a button on the NZCBC home page: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/> Or from here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/te-kahu/> *Te Kahu o te Ora* is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 bishops' statement. More information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu-flip/>

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Christmas Story with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/23/the-christmas-story/> YouTube Recordings YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> Our next Zoom sessions will be in February/March on the theme of Miracles. For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Registrations now open for 10 day Medjugorje Pilgrimage leaves tentatively 19 May 2024. For information phone 027 4219064 or email patriciaparsons@slingshot.co.nz

Masses have been offered for Laurie Warwick (RIP) , Danny McCrorey (anniv), Garry Conway (anniv), Shelagh Gegan (anniv), Jackie Vaughan RIP.

LAURIE WARWICK RIP – on behalf of all the Warwick family we sincerely thank the parish community for your love, sympathy, prayers and support over these last couple of weeks following dad's passing. It was wonderful to see so many who attended dad's Requiem Mass on Tuesday morning.

Let us pray for all those who are unwell especially, *Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Denis Collins, L Paese, J Hunt, W Stevenson, W Quirke, E Wilkins, and M Mercado*. And we pray for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community.

We also pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently especially L Warwick and those whose anniversaries occur around this time including O Begley and S O'Rourke.

SUNDAY MASS MINISTRY ROSTER – **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (17 DECEMBER 2023)**

Is 61:1-2, 10-11

1 Thess5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Prayers of the Faithful: L Bull

Counters: M Okeby & D Hyland

St Anthony's Church, Seatoun

Time	Host / Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	
5.30pm			P Monahan N Sharma		A Zausa T Zausa J O'Connell	
Cleaning: G Colgate		Altar Linen Monahan Family				

Holy Cross Church, Miramar

Time	Host / Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	
8.30am	P Denton		P Mazur L Fitu	Fitu Family	I Faasu T Amiranano P Denton	
Altar Linen: P Mazur						

St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie

Time	Host / Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	Commentary
10.30am	H Vaka	Andrew Doug	I MacDonald A Setefano	Madar Family	P O'Donnell I Robertson G Caramo A Vaka P Vaka	I MacDonald

Rita Angus Communion Friday 15 December 11am (Movie Room)



Christmas Mass Times

*St Patrick's Church,
Kilbírnie*

Christmas Eve 6pm Family Mass



*St Anthony's Church,
Seatoun*

**Christmas Eve 10pm Mass
(hymns from 9.40pm)**



*Holy Cross Church,
Miramar*

Christmas Day 9am Mass