

**Youth and Young Adult Christmas Party and Games Night
Sunday 16th December 5-7pm**

All young people (14 years and over) are welcome to join us for our final youth and young adult gathering for the year. Please bring a plate to share. ALL WELCOME.

For more information contact Maria 0272105050 or ria.ctk.wyd@gmail.com

Christmas Concert St Pius X Catholic Parish, Sun 16 December 6-9pm

@ 101 Castledine Crescent, Glen Innes. Music, entertainment and much more. Food and refreshments will be provided during the night. Come along with your families and friends and join in on the Christmas vibe.

Thank you from the Catholic Caring Foundation

The Foundation would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for their prayers and support of Bishop Pat's Foundation, throughout 2018. Through your support, the Foundation was able to give grants to over 50 organisations who care and support families and communities in need throughout the diocese. We couldn't have done this without your support. Thank you. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed and safe Christmas. www.caringfoundation.org.nz

Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent 22 & 23 December 18

1. Micah 5:1-4 2. Hebrews 10:5-10 3. Luke 1:39-44

ROSTERS	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Welcomer	Tony Verner	Helen Wright	Sateki Misiuata
Greeters	Heather Manickum David Manickum	Delreen Rayen Aloy Rayen	Pina Tevaga Lynaire Kelly
Musicians	Parish Singers		
PowerPoint	Parish Singers	Susan & Pip Hall	
Children's Liturgy	'4th Sunday of Advent' Make decorations for the crib		
Prayers of the Faithful	Lucy Niewiadomski		
Ministers of Communion	Br Frank Blewman Maureen Verner	Sue Rivalland Mary Lynch	Simon Tevaga Willie Lavaka
Readers	Frances Lynch Dennis Lynch	Mary Evans Sam Wimsett	Sue Kelly David Kelly
Cleaners	Rose & Tuakalau Makalio		
Grace Joel	Liturgy of the Word and Communion:10.30am Dcn Mark		



Masses:

Saturday Vigil:

5.30pm

Sunday: 8.00am &

10.00am

Monday-Saturday:

9.00am

Saturday: 8.45am

Prayer of the Church

Novena at 9am Mass

Reconciliation:

Saturday morning
after 9am Mass & Sat
afternoon 4pm



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**Third Sunday of Advent
Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 December 18**

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners,

We have come to the third Sunday of Advent. Paul's message is that we are to be happy because the Lord is very near, and at this time of the year we have a heightened awareness of that nearness. The prophet Zephaniah in the first reading also gives us the message of joy in the coming of the Lord "He will exult you with joy over you, he will renew you by his love."

So this Sunday is traditionally called "Gaudete" Sunday from the Latin word for "rejoice". It calls us to "rejoice in the Lord always". The coming of our saviour is a source of great joy to us. We look forward to celebrating his presence among us with great gladness.

We welcome baby **Aria Uy**, child of Therese Domingo and Roland Uy, to our christian community this weekend. The child was baptised on Saturday 15 December at our church.

Fr. Anthony Tran CSsR

We remember in prayer our parishioners whose anniversaries occur during December:

Chicko Sato, Fr Patrick Kearney CSsR 14th; Elizabeth Heller 15th; Len McKessar 16th; John Nelson 17th; Fr James Pringle CSsR, Francis Newland 18th; Joyce Pemberton, Monica Fodie 21st; Jacob Dykzeul 22nd; Walter Larsen, John Hughes, Colleen O'Loughlin 23rd; Fr Lewis O'Leary CSsR, Fatafehi Vave 24th

Parish Notices & Coming Events

Glendowie Parish Sacramental Programme 2019

Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion

This parish based programme is for **Year 4** Children. If your child will be **Year 4** in **2019** please email Parish Office: glendowiemph@xtra.co.nz to apply.

APPLY NOW Spaces will be limited **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 20 DECEMBER**

Christmas Raffle – Fund Raiser for St. Vincent de Paul

1st Prize: \$100.00 Festive Season Food Hamper

2nd Prize: \$50.00 Movie Voucher and Chocolate

3rd Prize: \$25.00 Gift Box of Items

\$3.00 per ticket or 2 tickets for \$5.00

Tickets for sale after Mass or contact Maureen at the Parish Office.



Children's Vigil Mass, 24 December 5.30pm

All children are invited to come in costume. If they would like to join in with the play or children's choir please email Joanne: joannecurtis5@gmail.com.



Volunteers required for Christmas Ministries

To ensure that the Christmas Masses have the required Ministers, we ask if you are available to assist, to enter your details on sign-up sheet on table in foyer.

Thank you.

Christmas Mass Times

24 December

5pm: Carols

5.30pm: Family Vigil Mass

8.30pm: Carols

9.00pm: Night Mass

25 December

10am: Christmas Day Mass

Christmas Flowers

If you wish to donate Christmas flowers (white long stems) please contact: Shona 575 5122



Reconciliation Rite II

in preparation for Christmas
Tuesday 18 December
7pm

Appeal for CSsR Students

Many thanks for your support throughout the year. Last weekend's collection brought in \$484. "God is never outdone in generosity."

We are the Good News people

John the Baptist is preaching at the River Jordan. After listening to him, three different groups ask a simple question, "*What must we do?*" John replies to each group separately, according to their way of life.

The ordinary folk are to share what they have; their clothes and food, with those who are in need. The tax collectors, who don't have a good reputation because they do the dirty work of the Romans and then make a profit for themselves on the side, leading to all sorts of corruption and extortion, are to be honest and just in what they collect. The soldiers are told, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!"

Having listened to John's wise preaching and teaching, the people begin to wonder if John himself is the Messiah; the One for whom they had waited expectantly and with intense longing. But John is quick to silence such talk; he is *not* the Messiah! John diverts attention from himself to Jesus. His ministry is not about himself but about the One who is coming; "someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals." John baptises with water but the Messiah will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John proclaimed repentance, prepared for Jesus and died. This is the pattern of John's life. It's also the pattern of Jesus' life. He proclaimed the Good News, prepared the way to the Father and died. It's the pattern of our own Christian living. We proclaim the Good News, prepare for the many ways that Christ comes to us throughout our lives and die to ourselves.

By being baptised "with the Holy Spirit" we are empowered to do God's work, for in baptism our lives are grafted onto Christ. In baptism we become heralds, like John, of Christ's redeeming presence in our world. By our Christian living we not only point to Christ, but we also make present the Christ who lives in us!

So, what must *we* do? Whether we are at the office, in the kitchen, on the playground, in the supermarket, on the golf course, in the classroom, behind the counter, in the factory, at the garage, working at the keyboard, answering the phone or in the waiting room, we need to remember that we are God's representatives, proclaiming the Good News wherever we are.

Today, think about your life; the people with whom you come into contact; your sphere of influence. You are God's instruments. For some people you may be their only link to God and the Good News. It is through your life that people see and experience Christ and his enduring message of love, acceptance, forgiveness, peace and hope.

David J Hore CSsR
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