

If you have children, please note that our limit of 100 includes children in the full count. In that case, I doubt if we can stay under the 100 limit. I encourage you to create a child-centred liturgy for your family. You can find one on the Diocesan Liturgy website at

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Advent-2nd-Sunday-Year-C.pdf>

It is extensive, and looks complicated, but have a look at it and adapt it to your family's needs. It needs to be quality time for you and your children. There are liturgies for all the Sundays of Advent.

This Sunday's readings are available at <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120421.cfm>

My homily is available at <https://share.icloud.com/photos/0E40-s-P30m5fdzEMliwFLRdA>

Fr John Dunn

Our Church will be open daily for private prayer from 8am until 7pm.

The Novena to Mary will resume on Saturday mornings at 9am, followed by Liturgy of the Word led by Deacon Mark.

You are invited also to Adoration on Thursdays, beginning on Dec 9th, with Benediction at 6:45pm.



The poster for the 'Festival on St. Joseph' is titled 'Patris Corde With a Father's Heart A FESTIVAL ON ST. JOSEPH Year of St Joseph (14 Nov -11 Dec 2021)'. It features logos for 'Marriage & Family', 'CMF', and 'EVANGELION'. The schedule includes:

- 14 Nov. (Sun) 5:00 pm OPENING MASS: St. Mary of the Angels Wellington
- 17 Nov. (Wed) 7:00 pm CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: Virtual Talk by Fr. Donald Calloway, M.C.
- 24 Nov. (Wed) 7:00 pm JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST: Online Movie
- 1 Dec. (Wed) 7:00 pm SACRED MUSIC AND ART IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH: A Virtual Event
- 11 Dec. (Sat) 8:00 pm CLOSING MASS AND FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: THE SANCTUARY OF FOURIER: Christchurch

 A central image shows St. Joseph holding the Christ Child. At the bottom, it states: 'All events are FREE though a Kōwhiri is appreciated to fund initiatives that will promote marriage and the family. For more information or to register for events, visit www.marriageandfamily.org.nz. Contact Patricia at 0220289737 or email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz'.

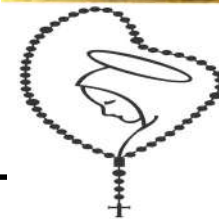
The Festival on St. Joseph commemorating the Year of St. Joseph will end with a livestream Mass and festival of light at The Sanctuary of Fourviere at 6pm on Dec. 11th.

The talk by Fr. Donald Calloway, and the musical concert are still available to be viewed and enjoyed.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 December 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Thank God, we can assemble to celebrate Mass again, after more than 100 days!! I look forward to welcoming you back.

That said, we are bound by the Covid-19 restrictions set in place by the government for our national protection and wellbeing. While this is a challenge, let us all continue to observe the requirements for everyone's sake.

SCAN, PASS, MASK

SCAN - We scan in as we have done in the past, or else sign the sign-in sheet.

PASS - Either sighting or scanning your covid Vaccine Pass is required. You will find volunteers at the doors ready to sight your pass, or, if you hold it up, they can scan it with the NZ Pass verifier app. This app stores nothing. It simply reads your QR code and give you a tick.

MASK - We will all wear face masks in Church, except for reception of Holy Communion.

It is important not to be distracted by these requirements. We need to focus on what is really taking place — the wonder of Christ among us, of being able to celebrate Mass again, to bring the real of our lives and of our world under lockdown and to give praise and thanks to God, and to be nourished once again at the Lord's table!

Here is the link for the current Covid guidelines: <https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/COVID-19-Protection-Framework/COVID-19-Protection-Framework-Guidelines-for-places-of-worship.pdf>

I also want to update you on the issues confronting us for Advent and Christmas. Things are changing from week to week, sometimes from day to day, so today you have the timetable for Masses in both Parishes just in the week ahead.

You will note that we have not simply reverted to our old Mass times. That was in part the decision of our two Parish Councils, in part that we are expecting numbers to be significantly down, and in part the fact that the Redemptorists are also stretched at the moment. It is a time when the results of our joining Parishes are beginning to make themselves felt.

	St Ignatius Parish	Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
Saturday 4 Dec	NO Vigil Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass (up to 100)
Sunday 5 Dec	9.30am Sunday Mass (up to 100)	10.00am Mass (up to 100)
Monday/Tuesday 6 & 7 Dec	9.00am Mass at St Ignatius	—
Thursday/Friday 9 & 10 Dec	—	9.00am Mass at MPH
Wednesday 8 Dec	7.00pm Mass - disclosure of vaccination status not required (max. 25 persons at the Mass)	—
Saturday 11 Dec morning	—	9am Morning Mass or Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

So next week we will publish what we hope will be a timetable for the rest of Advent. Christmas is a huge issue at the moment, with the limit of 100 attendees, which includes all children present. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, Here is the timetable for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for both Parishes. It is based on my availability, with the Redemptorist Fathers helping out when available. If there is need, we can add further times.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION TIMES DURING ADVENT			
Date	Time	St Ignatius	Mother of Perpetual Help
Weekdays December 4-11	After Mass	Monday Tuesday	Thursday Friday
Saturday 11 Dec			4.30pm onward
Sunday 12 Dec		4.30pm - 5.30pm	
Weekdays 13-17 Dec	After Mass	Monday Tuesday	Thursday Friday
Saturday 18 Dec	After Mass		6.30pm onward
Sunday 19 Dec		7.00pm Communal Rite of Reconciliation. Please bring your Covid Pass.	
Monday 20 Dec			7.00pm Communal Rite of Reconciliation. Please bring your Covid Pass.
Tuesday 21 Dec	After Mass	St Ignatius	
Thursday 23 Dec			Thursday after Mass

This virus is a terrible thing. We are expecting numbers at Mass to be greatly reduced. To those who cannot come to Mass, or who choose not to come at this time out of healthy prudence or for any other reason, I send the encouragement and love of our Parishes.

If you have any doubts at all, please stay away. There is no obligation at this time. Please join us in prayer at home, or consider coming to a weekday Mass and make that your 'Sunday'.