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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C**

Sometimes we keep on waiting for the best time only to find ourselves with no time any-more in the end. There are cupboards with cans of expired por and beans and spaghetti because we keep on waiting for the right time to open them. At times, we keep on delaying, waiting and so in the end, we lose all chances.

When Jesus was born into the world, notice the conditions given by the gospels. It was the time of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, King Herod, Annas and Caiaphas. It was a time of corruption and violence, oppression and injustice, domination, and exile. Obviously, it was not the ideal time!

But here comes John the Baptist, the voice crying out in the wilderness, announcing the coming of the Messiah. “Make straight the path, for the Lord has come!” Waiting for the Lord is not doing nothing. Waiting for the right time is creating the right time, even if it just means initiating the fullness of time.

Jesus did not just wait for the ideal time. He created the fullness of time. He chose to become human because he knew humanity’s greatest need – salvation. He began to preach and work for justice, peace, truth, love, and mercy. He began to be the Good News and so the Word became flesh.

Hence, the fullness of time is not a point in history that was simply waited upon. It was patiently crafted by God’s chosen instruments. It was an evolution of journeys that finally reached a fitting conclusion. The right time was a synergy of God's grace and human's faith. The right time did not just happen. It was carved out in faith by people like Isaiah, David, Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, etc. The fullness of time came because of God’s great love and human’s great trust.

So, are you still waiting for the right moment? Like John the Baptist, get going even if it is not the ideal moment. Like Jesus, submit yourself and all your plans to God and experience his power.

Do not get discouraged if all you see around seems to go against your calling and dreams. Do not think you can never find the ideal time. Do not get tired when circumstances seem to point otherwise. This is the right attitude despite the Covid anxiety and chaos.

Always remember Christmas. Remember the right time when the Lord was born!

**Pa Dennis**

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**Saturday Vigil Mass**

5:30 pm

**Sunday Morning Mass**

9:15 am

**Afternoon Mass**

1pm

**Weekday Masses**

9.30 am Tuesday to Thursday

12:10 pm Friday

**Liturgy of the word with Communion**

9.30 am Monday

**Adoration**

11:10 am Friday

**Reconciliation**

Friday after Mass and Saturday 4pm

# P A R I S H   N O T I C E S

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** (FIRST COMMUNION) 3rd session today, 5th December, Sunday, from 10.30am. The venue is the same: Parents at the Parish Centre and children at Whaea Anna's classroom.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** parents of children aged 4- 8 years, please take them to the Parish Centre before Mass. The leaders will return the children to their parents before the Offertory. COVID procedures will be observed. You will need to include the children in your designated space in church.

**MALE AND FEMALE HELPERS NEEDED**— 3 hours/month at the Opportunity Shop, opposite the Council Building on the Main Highway. Ring Tony Strawbridge 222 5030 (home) or 022 3001423 (mobile) for more info.

**PLEROMA SHOP** Columban Calendars at \$12 each. No Christmas cards.

**BIBLE DIARIES 2022** consists of daily prayers, readings, short reflections, saints of the day and short quotes for the whole year. Please make an order now with the link: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/AlexBailey1/AotearoaNewZealandBibleDiaries2022>. For those that do not use electronic devices, please seek assistance from your fellow parishioners or contact Fr Prakash, directly on 022 585 2875.

**MARCH FOR LIFE** Saturday 4th December 2pm. On line only <http://www.marchforlife.nz/> online. Join us in praying the Rosary for the Pro Life Cause at 10am, Chapel St Joseph's, 4th December.

**MANNA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP**  
Christmas Lunch, Sunday 5 December 2021 at Masonic Cafe, at 11.45 am

**BRAIN TEASER**

What is Cardinal John's motto?

Answer: 'Peace through integrity'. This text is found in Baruch 5:4. It is the first reading today.

**PARISH FINANCE**

The parish finances have been adversely affected by the lack of Masses. Thanks to those who are enrolled in automatic payments and envelopes there has been a good amount coming in. The bills do not stop during lockdown. Hence, we are to spend money for it. I invite everyone to please consider moving to automatic payment if you haven't yet. It is a great help for the parish to be able to finance the different activities of the Parish and Archdiocese.

**PARISH BANK ACCOUNT:** St. Joseph Catholic Parish (BNZ) 02 0668 0115553 000.

**PARISH REGISTRATION and AUTOMATIC PAYMENT FORMS** available in the foyer and at the website: [www.sjosephlevin.com](http://www.sjosephlevin.com).

**TIME AND TALENT FORMS** need to be returned as soon as you can so that the Liturgy Committee can start organising and planning for next year's rosters for different ministries. If you have not filled one in, please do so. We need you to be actively involved in the Church.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Plans to provide a St Vincent de Paul Community Centre in Levin are proceeding well with some alterations to the premises already underway and planning for the lease to commence early January. We have been advised that the arrival of the Refugees has been postponed to mid-2022 earliest, however, with many other reasons for having the Centre, progress will continue. Our Food Bank activity has remained constant these past weeks with over 1200 people in our community having now been taken care of. We greatly appreciate the support that our fellow Parishioners provide which ensures that the outreach to those in need can not only continue but grow as well. Our thanks and blessings to you all. To contact us call Bernie (021 406427), John (06 367 2467) or Kilian (06 367 0474) (SVdP Levin Bank A/c for direct donations: 11 6932 0308328 11)



# ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS** 6pm (*no morning Mass*)

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (12th December)**  
— First Communion Sunday

- 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass (My Vaccine Pass)
- 9.15am Sunday Morning Mass (My Vaccine Pass)
- 1pm Sunday Afternoon Mass (Restricted Number Mass)

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT** (19th December) - regular schedule:

- 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass (My Vaccine Pass)
- 9.15am Sunday Morning Mass (My Vaccine Pass)
- 1pm Sunday Afternoon Mass (Restricted Number Mass)

## **CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES**

From 16th December at 6am till the 24th December. Filipinos will take lead in the celebration. All these Masses are Restricted Number Mass.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE:**

- Christmas Eve Mass - 6pm (with Children's Play and My Vaccine Pass Mass)
- Christmas Eve Mass - 10pm (preceded with Christmas Carols and My Vaccine Pass Mass)
- Christmas Midnight 12mn (Restricted Number Mass)
- Christmas Day: 9.30 am (My Vaccine Pass Mass)
- Christmas Day 1pm (Restricted Number Mass)

Bookings are essential for all Restricted Number



Masses

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY** — (Sunday, 26th December) - No Saturday Vigil Mass as the Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation and will take precedence for the whole day.

- 9.15am Sunday Morning Mass (My Vaccine Pass)
- 1pm Sunday Afternoon Mass (Restricted Number Mass)

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

- New Year's Eve Mass 9.30pm
- New Year's Day Mass 9.15am morning Mass

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** — Sunday, 2nd January. Regular schedule:

- 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass (My Vaccine Pass)
- 9.15am Sunday Morning Mass (My Vaccine Pass)
- 1pm Sunday Afternoon Mass (Restricted Number Mass)

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**— Sunday, 9th January. Regular Schedule:

- 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass (My Vaccine Pass)
- 9.15am Sunday Morning Mass (My Vaccine Pass)
- 1pm Sunday Afternoon Mass (Restricted Number Mass)

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- Fridays after the mid-day Mass
- Saturday 4pm
- Or you may contact the office for a special time.

## **SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING**

Because of the restrictions we have at the moment, may I ask people who want to be anointed to stay after Mass and let Brian Nolan or Peter Shaughnessy know that you wish to receive anointing after Mass.

*\*Office will be closed by the 17th December 2021. For urgent needs, please contact Fr. Dennis at 0220406399.*

## PARISH POLICY AND PLAN FOR THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

We are in orange color at the start of the traffic light system. Taking into account Cardinal John's objectives and guidelines and the government's COVID-19 Protection Framework – Guidelines for Places of Worship, the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Liturgy Committee came up with a policy and plan surrounding the celebration of Mass and any parish gatherings.

There are two "kinds" of Mass according to attendance: the My Vaccine Pass Mass (requiring a My Vaccine Pass – meaning the person is fully vaccinated or has received two doses of the vaccine) and the Restricted Number Mass (the person is either unvaccinated or has not received a full dose of the vaccine).

### POLICY

#### Orange

The two Sunday Masses (5.30 vigil Mass and 9.15 am Mass) will be the My Vaccine Pass Masses with no limit. A Restricted Number Mass with a 50-person limit will be on Sunday at 1pm.

#### Green

The two Sunday Masses (5.30 vigil Mass and 9.15 am Mass) will be the My Vaccine Pass Masses with no limit. A Restricted Number Mass with a 100-person limit will be on Sunday at 1pm.

*It is important to note that the cardinal has instructed that all people involved in the mass, including priest, for the My Vaccine Pass Mass have to have full vaccination and thus possess a My Vaccine Pass.*

### PLAN

A plan for implementation should be prepared for each color scheme.

#### Orange

St. Joseph's Church will begin in orange color the Sunday after the traffic light system takes effect.

#### ***My Vaccine Pass Mass***

Since there is no limit for this type of gathering, no booking system needed. The only thing needed to do is the checking (by

sighting) the My Vaccine Pass at the entry of the Church. People need to come early to enable a smooth flow of the process. Signing up or scanning the QR Code is still required.

#### ***Restricted Number Mass***

In Orange color, 50 people at most can be accommodated in the Sunday Mass which will be at 1 pm. This will be part of the regular schedule all throughout in the traffic light system. Additional Masses will be provided on Saturday evening at 7 pm and Sunday evening at 6 pm should the need arise. Local booking system will be in place to be able to know if there is a need to provide additional Masses. Please look down for the booking system.

#### Green

St. Joseph's Parish will most likely be in this color if the double dose vaccination rate reaches 90%.

#### ***My Vaccine Pass Mass***

Since there is no limit for this type of gathering, no booking system needed. The only thing needed to do is the checking (by sighting) the My Vaccine Pass at the entry of the Church. People need to come early to enable a smooth flow of the process. Signing up or scanning the QR Code is still required.

#### ***Restricted Number Mass***

In Orange color, 100 people at most can be accommodated in the Sunday Mass which

will be at 1 pm. This will be part of the regular schedule all throughout in the traffic light system. Local booking system will be in place to be able to know if there is a need to provide additional Masses. Please look down for the booking system.

**STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION**

Booking system for the My Vaccine Pass Mass will continue as usual for red color scheme. There will be no need for booking once we are in the orange and green as there are no limits to numbers.

Booking System for the Restricted Number Mass is as follows:

- 1. Parishioners and non-parishioners can book in our local restrictive number Mass.
- 2. It is encouraged that the fully vaccinated ones will not book in this system. That would maximize the opportunity for unvaccinated ones to be able to come to Mass.
- 3. The booking for Mass can be done in many different ways Please go to the Different Booking System Section.
- 4. All bookings will be received until Friday afternoon at 3 pm.
- 5. (for the red color) If it is found out that there are more than 10 people registered for the 1 pm Mass, the first 10 shall be accommodated to that particular time. The other ones will be scheduled at a different time: either 7 pm Saturday vigil Mass or Sunday 6 pm Mass or both. They will be notified with the change by Friday afternoon.

**Different Booking System For Restricted Number Mass**

**Website:**

- 1. Go to [www.stjosephlevin.com](http://www.stjosephlevin.com) and click the yellow button for the “Restricted Number Mass.”
- 2. Scroll down and you should be seeing the upcoming events.
- 3. Click RSVP button. It will take you to the booking form.
- 4. Fill in the needed information and click the "Next" button. You cannot go to the next page if you do not complete the form.
- 5. Tick the box to agree with the policy for the Restrictive Number Mass.
- 6. Then click submit.
- 7. You will receive a confirmation email that you have booked in successfully.

\*Do not forget to scroll down every time after you click a button.

**Text or Call:**

Please contact the office number (06 210 2891) or Fr. Dennis personal number (0220406399) and provide your complete name and contact details.

**Email**

You can email the office at [office@stjosephlevin.com](mailto:office@stjosephlevin.com) with your intent to attend the Mass on that particular Sunday with your name and contact details.

**Facebook Messenger**

You can also leave us a private message through our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Catholic-Church-Levin-102314338086230/>.

**My Vaccine Pass Verification**

Please do not forget to bring your My Vaccine Pass to the Church. At the Church foyer, the greeters will ask for your My Vaccine Pass. Please present it to them. Sighting



them is good enough.

## **Protocols While Inside the Church**

### **My Vaccine Pass Mass**

#### **Orange**

- Registering/scanning required upon entry.
- Wearing of mask is optional but encouraged.
- Sanitize hands upon entry
- 1-meter social distancing optional.
- Cough on your elbows
- No singing.
- Windows and doors are to remain open during the entire celebration.
- No Holy Water fonts.

#### **Green**

Registering/scanning required upon entry.

Wearing of mask is optional.

Sanitize hands upon entry

1-meter social distancing is optional.

Cough on your elbows

No singing.

Windows and doors are to remain open during the entire celebration.

No Holy Water fonts.

#### **Green**

Registering/scanning required upon entry.

Wearing of mask is encouraged.

Sanitize hands upon entry.

1-meter social distancing is encouraged.

Children at Year 4 and above are encouraged to wear masks.

Church windows and doors shall remain open while the celebration is going.

Cough on your elbows.

No singing.

No congregating.

No holy water fonts.

## **Bible Diary**

### **The Word in Other Word 2022**



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1-meter social distancing is encouraged.

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Cough on your elbows.

No singing.

No congregating.

No holy water fonts.

It contains the Daily Gospel Reading and a short reflection written by Divine Word Missionaries working in different apostolates and places worldwide.

You may place your order by email ([info@missio.nz](mailto:info@missio.nz) or using our donation page [www.missio.nz/donate](http://www.missio.nz/donate) and click the dropdown window for "Bible Diary." Please include postage: up to 2 copies (\$5.10), up to 4 copies (\$7.20). Or call MISSIO-NZ office at 09 489 6549.

All proceeds go to help the formation of future priests and religious in various dioceses in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific.

# FITZGERALD AWARDS

Since the year 2000, the Archdiocese has honoured and acknowledged local people for their contribution to various aspects of parish life. In 2010, these awards became known as the Fitzgerald Awards, named after the prominent Catholic layman who did so much for the Church in Wellington even before we had a diocese.

Cardinal John continues this process as it is good for parish communities to commend some of our often-unsung heroes. In consultation with the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and Council of Priests, International Volunteers' Day on December 5th will see the presentation of Fitzgerald Awards to local parishioners.

Indeed, we are lucky to have four parishioners to receive this award: *(not in order of merit)*

1. Marie Carmody
2. Beverly Foubister
3. Carolyn Johns
4. Brian Nolan

## Congratulations!

This award is not enough to express how thankful we are for the many years you all rendered services for the Church and the personal witness of your faith in God.

We are truly and sincerely grateful for you all. This is our simple way of recognizing your priceless and invaluable contribution to the life of the community.

# Please dispose masks off properly

## FIRST COMMUNION NOTICES

**Practice:** 10th December 2021 from 6.30pm.

**Needed:** Please bring your baptismal candle to the practice. We shall light your candle as a sign of completion of Sacraments of Initiation. And it also mark your being full-fledged members of the Church.

### First Communion:

- 12th December 2021 at 9.15am Sunday Morning Mass (MVP Mass)
- 12th December 2021 at 1pm Sunday Afternoon Mass (Restricted Number Mass)

**Attire:** If you do not have a white attire, best Sunday dress/clothes are good enough.

### Online Masses

**Bishop Steve Lowe** (Hamilton) is saying Mass everyday at 9am at <https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream>

**TV Mass** at Shine TV Channel at 2pm.

**CALLED TO SERVE - COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?** Visit [wellingtonpriests.org](http://wellingtonpriests.org) to watch some of our priests and seminarians speak about their vocation to the priesthood. Has anybody ever said to you that you would make a good priest? Have you thought about the idea, but tried to put it out of your mind? Do you think you might have a vocation? To find out more, visit our website or follow our Facebook page: Wellington Priests – Archdiocese of Wellington



May the souls of our beloved dead and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Elizabeth Pearl Cullinane Margaret Edna Havell Greg Gilpin Loey Tukapua





## Why do we ... engage in the apostolate?

The apostolate is the vocation of an apostle to 'make disciples of all nations', as instructed by Jesus. (Mt 28:19) All Catholics are

called to be apostles, to participate in extending the kingdom of Christ throughout the world for the glory of God the Father, and to direct the whole universe to Christ. This is the work of the Church as a whole and of each individual member.

The liturgical apostolate is an especially effective way in which all members of the Church can fulfil their apostolate. By living the Liturgy, they can bring Christ into their lives and to the world. Therefore it is the obligation for all pastors to promote an active and complete participation by the laity. Also, it is important that priests realise the importance of celebrating and living the liturgy in such a way as to encourage the members of the Church to share in it and radiate it to others.

### W E E K L Y   S C H E D U L E

Monday, 6th Dec	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, St Nicholas
Tuesday, 7th	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, St Ambrose
	1pm	Tuesday Social Group when in Level 1
	6pm	Divine Mercy, Samoan Group at the side Chapel
Wednesday, 8th	6pm	Holy Mass, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Thursday, 9th	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
	5pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition at the Chapel
Friday, 10th	11.10am	Exposition
	12.10pm	Holy Mass,
	5.30pm	Reading practice
Saturday, 11th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 12th	9:15am	Morning Mass
	1pm	Afternoon Mass

Please book the venues of your events/activities at the foyer of the Church. Those who have booked will have the priority to use the venue.

### Readings at Sunday Mass

(5/12/2021) **1st Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9; **2nd Reading:** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11;

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:** "What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad."

(12/12/2021) **1st Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18; **2nd Reading:** Philippians 4:4-7;

**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18



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