

Mercy Parish ~ Whanau Aroha

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**16th December
2018**

Sunday Masses at St Patrick's Basilica



16th December 2018 Year C

3rd Sunday Of Advent

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am

11.00 am

11.00 am Broad Bay

23rd December 2018 Year C

4th Sunday Of Advent

6.00 pm Basilica (Vigil)

9.30 am

11.00 am

Weekday Masses in the Mercy Chapel

Monday - Saturday at 9.00 am

St Brigid's School Mass

5.30 Wednesday in the Basilica

Mass Intentions *Please contact the Parish Office or place in an envelope in the collection tray if wishing to arrange for a Mass to be offered, specifying the preferred day and place.*

Reconciliation

11.30-12 noon

Saturday in the Basilica

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11.00am-12.00pm

First Saturday of the month
in the Mercy Chapel

Gifts

Collection for 9th December 2018

Care of Priests	\$655.00
Advent Charities	\$235.00
Parish	\$1645.00
Total	\$1965.00

Bank account number for people wishing to pay by automatic payment is 060901-0054866-15 (ANZ)

... and not grow weary

Over the past 2-3 weeks, nearly everyone I have spoken to have remarked how tired they feel. Indeed, many of us will be looking forward to the end of school or the last day of work and time for a break. While feeling tired is natural at this time of the year it can lead us to become weary of the commitments we have made and weary of the responsibilities of our day-to-day lives. This is different to just being tired. Our Advent readings on Wednesday spoke of this weariness and of God's promise to renew our strength.

The reading on Wednesday from Isaiah spoke of God giving "strength to the wearied", "renewing their strength" and making it such that we "may run and not grow weary, walk and never tire". The gospel of the day was that well known passage where Jesus invites us: "Come to me, all you who are burdened and weary and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke... and you will find rest for your souls".

When I am weary I tend to think to myself that all I need to do is to get to the end of the month, or complete these tasks, and things will settle down. But the readings here speak of God giving us rest – it isn't something we control, instead rest comes when we allow God to take the lead in our lives. The other very significant aspect, is that when we are weary it is not the putting aside of our commitments that is needed, but, instead, shouldering the yoke and taking up once more the mission of Jesus. Ironically, we find rest when we renew our commitment to the mission of Jesus. It is a renewal of this commitment that is called for in this Advent season.

Fr Gerard



Combined Churches Carols

6.30pm on Tuesday the 18th of December in St Patrick's Basilica

We Prayerfully Remember those who have

Died Recently

Kath Dysart

and those who have

Anniversaries at this time

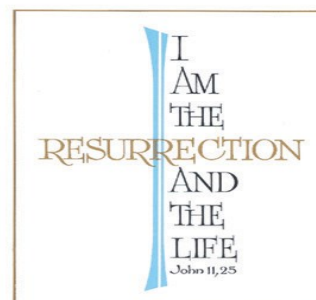
Peter Haenraets (9.30am)

Grace Kelly

Lawrence Davies

Sonny Clothier

Des O'Kane



Fourth Sunday of Advent

**1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a, 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7 ,
Gospel: Luke 3.10-18**



Children's Christmas Mass at Mercy Parish

We are getting ready to honour God reaching out in unconditional love to us all in the birth of Jesus. To celebrate we want to perform the Gospel at the Children's Mass, Dec 24th at 5:30pm. We need EVERYONE who would like to act, to read, to sing or to play musical instruments. If you are interested come and join us at the Basilica on Saturday 22nd Dec 9:30 - 10:00am. If you are not able to make these times but still want to be involved contact Jo Bell 021231 8889 or jobell47@hotmail.com.

Helping with our Christmas Celebrations We are looking for people to help organise the children's Christmas Mass (please contact Jo Bell on 0212318889) and we are also looking for Choir members for the 9.00pm Christmas Vigil (please contact Christine Crothers on 0277686721).

16th CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

St Joseph's Cathedral, will hold its annual Christmas Carol Service on Sunday December 23rd at 7:00pm



ADVANCE NOTICE – HEALING SEMINAR

February 22 and 23, 2019 The Dunedin Service Group will be hosting Fr John Rea for a Healing Seminar at Mercy Parish. Father John has an International Healing ministry and has been used by God to bring about many significant healings. Please note these dates in your diary/calendar. There will be more information later. Enquiries to: Kathy 4737115 or Mary 455 6238.

Christmas Timetable Christmas Masses

5.30pm Children's Vigil
9.00pm Vigil Mass (Carols from 8.30pm)
9.30am Christmas Morning
9.30am Christmas Morning at Broad Bay



December 23rd	Vigil	9.30am	11.00am
Team Leader	Arlene Ozanne	Terry Tourell	Ray Paterson
Greeters	Evan & Mary Vincent	Jarvie Family	Pam Forgie
Readers Prayers of the faithful	Kerry Sinclair Derrick Railton Arlene Ozanne	John Curran Josie McAdam Linh Ashton	Jarek Mazur Kat Mazur
Projector	George Morris		Ray Paterson
Off/ Collection	John Fitzgibbon Evan & Mary Vincent	Jarvie Family	Pam Forgie Kelo Taua & Family
Altar Servers		Honey Henare William Jarvie Loken Lemm Krystal-Lee Boyd	Tioni Chadwick Mariah Taunga-peau
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Vincent George Morris Rob Duffy	Bill Brown Mary Snelling Ann-Marie Taylor	Ed Hayes John Paterson Maggie Tupu
Sacristan	Robyn Firmin	Mary Snelling Anne-Marie Taylor	June Watt John Paterson
Childrens Lit		Carolyn King	
Morning Tea		Sr Susie & Denise	Sua Family
Counters		S & D Boock C & R Clark	

Class Reunion for the Form 3 Class of 1960 at St Kevin's College, Oamaru

A class reunion is being organised for 2020 for men who were in the Form Three class of 1960 at St Kevin's College, Oamaru. As it is 20 years since the last reunion and as this is likely to be our last one, we would like to contact as many as possible. However, some people have moved so we are having difficulty finding contact details for everyone. Anyone who was in that class or who knows people who started at St Kevin's at that time is asked to get in touch. Most would have come from Otago, Southland or Canterbury. A list of names we have no contact for is available from John Burke, johnburke@xtra.co.nz, 142 Main Road, Tawa, Wellington or 04 232 4477.

Columban Calendars

\$12.00 each. Please pay in the Tablet container.



Sick and Housebound Parishioners:

If you are unable to come to Mass on a Sunday or know of parishioners who are no longer able to come to Mass please let us know so Holy Communion can be taken to them.

**Please contact
Parish Office, Ph. 455 8933
or**