



HOLY FAMILY PARISH NELSON - STOKE

ST MARY'S CHURCH
18 Manuka St, Nelson

Sunday Holy Mass
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10:30am

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH
204 Songer St, Stoke

Sunday Holy Mass
Sunday 8:30am



Parish Mission Statement

"We, the members of the Parish of the Holy Family Nelson and Stoke are called to proclaim the Gospel of Christ, to build and strengthen a community of faith, love and peace, bringing all cultures together."

JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM

This story is giving us the message that the cross is the path towards glorification. The cross is the way for the fulfilment of the mission of Jesus in saving us as a response to the will of the Father for Him.

The cross and suffering are always in the context of doing the will of God. The message that it is imparting to us is that we have to embrace suffering and even death as part of our response to the will of God for us. It is not really about having a comfortable life. It is about our attitude towards suffering when we perform our mission. Just like parents who have to sacrifice in bringing up their children. This is a response to God's call for parents to live out their vocation as parents. Every responsibility, which is rooted from our commitments because of our vocation, is a cross that we have to carry.

The beauty of carrying our own cross is that we are keeping treasures in heaven. It is our investment.

When the cross is too



heavy to carry, our focus is brought on the day that we possess what we are aiming for: eternal life.

St Paul to his letter to the Philippians says, "our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us". This is our desire, this is what we hope for.

Are we willing to go down from the mountain of Transfiguration to take our own cross and follow Jesus? Peter, James and John showed us that it is worth carrying it.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT: YEAR C (March 13th, 2022)

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Luke 9:28-36

Readings for the Week

Monday, 14 March

Daniel 9:4-10, 9:1-19
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, 15 March

Isaiah 1:10,16-20,1:1-3,10-20
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, 16 March

Jeremiah 18:18-20, 18:13-23
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, 17 March

Feast of St. Patrick

Jeremiah 1:4-9
Acts 13:46-49
Luke 10:1-2,17-20

Friday, 18 March

Genesis 37:3-4,12-23,17-28
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, 19 March

Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of Mary

2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16
Matthew 1:16-21,24 or Luke 2:41-51

PRAYERS & MASSES

Anniversaries - Robyn ALDRIDGE, Bryan ALDRIDGE, Barry HARMAN

Recently Deceased - Elanie LOUVERDIS

NOTICES FROM THE PPC:

• **Restricted Mass**

No Vaccine Pass (Restricted Limit 25) Mass has been re-instated.

This will commence on **Saturday, 5th March in St Francis at 9.30 AM.**

Attendance is conditional on complying with all posted Red light conditions – including a 2 metre social distance.

This Mass will be reviewed.

Not surprisingly as Omicron cases increase in our region, we are now seeing Parishioners returning positive Covid tests. Thank you to those who have let us know this has occurred so we can pass the information along.

Please continue with the precautions set in place

- mask wearing
- social distancing
- sanitising and scanning

For **all** Masses these remain non-negotiable.

As always if you feel unwell, stay home and seek advice.

While all Masses and Liturgies will continue for the time being - for the common good, this is under constant review.

Please note we will update the front page of our Parish website to inform the parish if there are positive Covid cases that attended a Mass.

PARISH GIVING – March 5/6th 2022, \$, (AP's \$2,379.00, Envelopes \$727.20, Cash \$141.60) God bless.

Lent 2022

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday 7pm during Lent. This Friday the 18th, it is at St Mary's Church, Nelson. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the Stations. **Vaccine Pass Required**

Date	Church
18th March	St Mary's Church, Nelson
25th March	St Francis of Assisi
1st April	St Mary's Church, Nelson
8th April	St Francis of Assisi

Lent - Week two: Let us not grow tired of praying (www.nlo.org.nz)

Jesus taught us to "pray always without becoming weary" (Lk 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm (cf. Is 7:9). No one attains salvation alone, since we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history; and certainly no one reaches salvation without God, for only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ triumphs over the dark waters of death. Faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.' (cf. Rom 5:1-5). From Pope Francis Lenten message 2022.

ARCHIVE CORNER - By Diana Clark

“ The Way We Were” little snippets taken from

“The Parishioner” 1936 [86 years ago]

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Holy Name Society

A slightly improved attendance at the last general Communion and meeting was noticed, but there is still a large number of Holy Name members not fulfilling their obligations. After all it would be far better to have a smaller membership loyal to their pledges, than to have a larger membership of an indifferent nature. The Society intends to take in hand the task of keeping the neglected Catholic graves at the Cemetery in proper order, and it is proposed to hold a working bee to this effect. At the conclusion Fr Cullen gave a humorous address on Apiculture.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI HISTORY.

In 1976 the rear section of the church property was sold to the Salvation Army to set up Omaio Village, a home for the elderly. Around this time discussions with the three parishes began to examine the possibility of building a Co-Educational College in the Stoke area. In spite of early enthusiasm for the project, this did not materialize for many years.. With so much happening in the St Francis of Assisi parish it was a shock to all parishioners when they were told that their much loved Fr "Stack" was being transferred to Stokes Valley from the beginning of February 1981. A farewell was organised and the parish reluctantly said goodbye to its first Parish Priest. Fr John Kirby was appointed Parish Priest .

POSITION VACANT

The Parish Safeguarding Team needs the services of a willing volunteer to oversee the Police Vetting of new volunteers to Parish service. Duties are to visit and complete PV forms with the applicant, submit the forms to Archdiocese of Wellington, and repeat when 3-yearly renewals become due. Not too onerous as the parish doesn't have large volunteer turnover. The Safeguarding Team meets monthly for an hour or so.

Contact David Tighe-Umbers, Safeguarding Team Coordinator, 0210755875 for more details.

VACANCIES FOR PRISON CHAPLAINS

Applications are sought from suitably qualified people for a number of Catholic chaplaincy positions in prisons in Hamilton and Dunedin Dioceses of New Zealand. The successful applicants will become a member of a chaplaincy team providing spiritual and religious support to all prisoners. Chaplains work with prisoners as they encounter the challenges of incarceration and separation from loved ones and whānau.

Go here for details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/vacancies-prisonchaplains/>



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VIGIL AND SUNDAY MASSES
SATURDAY 6:00 PM - St Mary's Church
SUNDAY 8.30 AM - St Francis of Assisi's Church 10.30 AM - St Mary's Church
<u>VACCINE PASS (Limit 100) MASK COMPULSORY</u>

OTHER MASSES AND SERVICES AT 9.30 AM		
	St. Francis'	St. Mary's
Tuesday	Liturgy of the Word	Holy Mass
Wednesday	Holy Mass	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	Liturgy of the Word	Holy Mass
Friday	Holy Mass	Liturgy of the Word
Saturday	Holy Mass (No Vaccine Pass - Limit 25)	

Holy Family Parish Service Rosters 19/20 March 2022

<u>St Mary's Church, Nelson</u>	Mass Times	
	Saturday 6 pm	Sunday 10.30 am
Greeters	D & C Meria	P Suan & E Cowie
Proclaimer of the Word & Prayer of the Faithful	Gerry Quin	Valentino Lobo
Audio\Visual		Dove Group
Extra-Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Mary James	Theresa Zam
Sacristan	Sam Meria	Petrus V
Liturgy of the Word	Wed; Katie Rose	Fri; Margaret Pike
Flowers	A James M Thorn	
Linen	A Mullo	
<u>St Francis of Assisi, Stoke</u>	Mass Times	
	Sunday 8.30 am	Sunday 5pm
Greeters	T Rawlins	<u>NO MASS</u>
Audio\Visual	C Coyle	
Proclaimer of the Word & Prayer of the Faithful	J Kundycki, G Weiss	
Extra-Ordinary Minister on Altar	G Weiss	
Sacristan	J Hall	
Liturgy of the Word	Tues; S Hills Thurs; A McBride	
Altar Care	M Shepherd	
Church Cleaning	Dai Le	

PARISH CONTACTS:

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Parish Pastoral Council	Shelley Hills (Acting Chair)	027 4377 851
St Joseph's Primary School	Chris Gladstone (Principal)	548 4050
Garin College	John Maguire (Principal)	543 9488
St Francis of Assisi Hall Hire	John Hall	027 2400 065
St Francis of Assisi Maintenance	Ken Barney	544 6853
St Francis of Assisi Communion to Sick	Shelley Hills	027 4377 851
St Francis of Assisi Liturgy	Paul Ashley	021 810 132
St Mary's Liturgy	Sr Colleen	548 8576
St Mary's Communion to the Sick	Peter Gillin	548 8195
St Mary's Meeting Room Hire	Parish office	539 1251
St Mary's Church Hall Hire	St Joseph's School office	548 4050
Archivist/Genealogy	Diana Clark	dianatony@xtra.co.nz
St Vincent De Paul Op Shop Nelson	77 Vanguard St. Nelson	548 9372
St Vincent De Paul Op Shop Stoke	532 Main Road, Stoke	547 7351

NELSON HOSPITAL – Fr Marlon attends the hospital as a chaplain. If you are going into hospital or end up in hospital, PLEASE let Fr Marlon know so that assistance can be given. Any urgent calls ring Fr Marlon on 022 301 8828. For those who would like communion at home while they convalesce, please ring or email Shelley Hills 027 4377 851 or email thehillsclan@xtra.co.nz