



# ST PETER CHANEL PARISH

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WAIMAKARIRI

ABLAZE WITH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
YEAR A 11 December 2022

...happy is the man who does not  
lose faith in me.”



TODAY'S READINGS

First reading : Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Psalm: 145:6-10

Second reading: St James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, Set us ablaze with FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE so that we might become a thriving Christian community where everyone is welcome. Lead us to be joy-filled missionary disciples; fed by the EUCHARIST, growing in HOLINESS, and taking the GOSPEL to the people of Waimakariri.

COME HOLY SPIRIT. COME HOLY SPIRIT. COME HOLY SPIRIT. St. Peter Chanel, PRAY for us.

### Gaudete Sunday

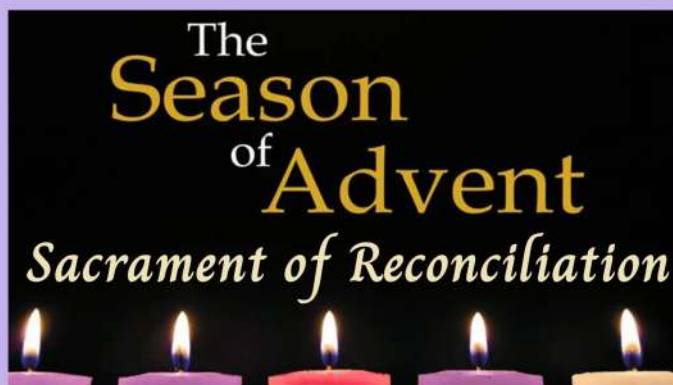
Today our patient Advent waiting gives way to great expectant joy as we come closer to the festival of Christmas. Our liturgy today ought also to be marked by certain joyfulness.

In keeping with the lighter tone of the liturgy this week I was reading the other day a series of questions I thought they were quite good and clever, for instance; if flying is so safe, why are the buildings called terminals, why do feet smell and noses run? And why are some houses called apart-ments, when they are all stacked up and close together, and why, when you buy a television set, do you only get one? And, should we be worried that Doctors and lawyers only seem to practice on us? And finally if lawyers are disbarred and clergy defrocked, why aren't drycleaners depressed?

At the heart of our Gospel this week we have both John the Baptist and Jesus asking plenty of questions. For instance Jesus asks in our Gospel today; why did you all go out into the desert to listen to John? Did you go into the desert to see the reeds blowing in the wind – No, did you go out to see a man dressed in fine clothes – No, why then did you go out into the desert to listen to John the Baptist?

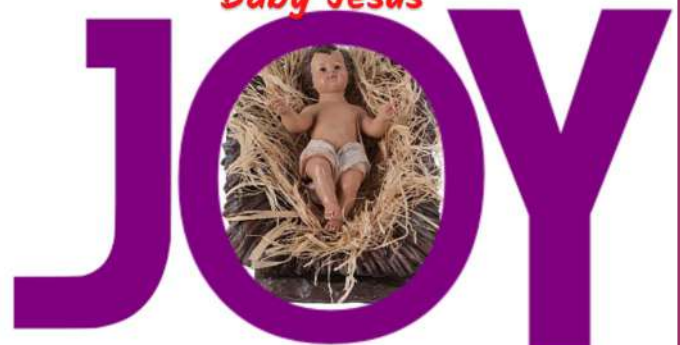
Of course Jesus knows the answer to this question, but he wanted those disciples, and us, to travel more deeply into the great mystery of what draws us to God, namely, the **truth**. Yes, John preached the truth, and this is surely what made him attractive. In these final Advent let's not forget the joy of the approaching festival of Christmas and let us never tire in our pursuit of the **Truth**.

*Fr John*



Tuesday 13 Dec 7-9pm Rangiora

Blessing of Nativity Set  
Baby Jesus



in all Masses this weekend



SAINT PETER CHANEL PARISH

# CHRISTMAS FEST

LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT  
 CAROL SINGING  
 FREE ICE CREAMS FOR THE KIDS  
 LIVE NATIVITY GROTTO  
 FREE CANDY CANES FROM SAINT NICHOLAS  
 PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED SHEPHERD, ANGEL, JOSEPH, OR MARY!  
 COFFEE CART AND HEAPS MORE!

**6:30PM SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER**  
 ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FIELD  
 41 VICTORIA ST, RANGIORA  
 BYO RUG OR PICNIC CHAIR

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## CHRISTMAS FEST

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Christmas Fest - Sunday 18th December on St Joseph's school field at 6.30pm**

Only 10 days to go until our Christmas Fest Celebration! This is going to be a wonderful opportunity to share the Christmas message with our community. We encourage you to invite friends, work colleagues, family members and neighbours.

Can you spare a couple of hours on Sunday (18th Dec) afternoon to help us set up? We would greatly appreciate some extra hands to prepare for our celebration. Please text or email if you are able to help - Jacinta - 0226774249 or Brendan - 021 054 0762/ [brendan@lifenet.co.nz](mailto:brendan@lifenet.co.nz)

feel connected and supported

## CHANEL OPEN SPACE

Tuesday 13th December  
 (last meeting of the year)  
 1pm-3pm @Chervier Centre, Rangiora

-come along and meet others - all welcome-  
 -afternoon tea - chat - games - puzzles-  
 -art - or bring an activity

for more information or if you need a ride ring Jenny 027 408 8535

Low sensory Christmas Mass,  
 Friday 23rd of December 4pm  
 at St Patrick's Church, Kaiapoi.

This Mass is specially for people with autism, social anxiety or anyone else who would like to attend and their families.

There will be dim lights, no incense or music.

**Oxford Church History Book**

Follow the fascinating stories of the Early Settlers who turned the first sods under the guidance of Fr Nicholas Binsfield in 1878, through the trials and tribulations of the centuries, inspired by faith and friendships. You'll be taken right through the centuries to Father John Adams and October 2022. **All this for just \$10. (Soft cover, 36-A4 pages) at the parish office**

**Proceeds to Oxford Church maintenance.**

### Wednesday evening Adoration and Confession

**When:** Wednesday 14 December

(runs every 2nd Wednesday of the month)



**Where:** Rangiora church

7:00pm

Catechesis by Fr Tien.

7:10pm

Adoration

(Confession available).

8:00pm Benediction.

8:05pm Finish

## THE JESSE TREE SYMBOLS WEEK 3



Ruth 2:1-14, 4:13-17

Ruth Meets Boaz in the Grain Field

1 Samuel 16:1-13

God Chooses David to be King



1 Kings 5:5, 6:1, 6:11-38

Solomon Builds God's Temple

Esther 4:7-17, 7:1-6

Esther Saves her people



Isaiah 9:2-7

Isaiah's Prophecy of a Saviour

Isaiah 11:1-9

Isaiah's Prophecy of the  
Second coming



Jonah 2:1-10, 3:1-5

Jonah and the Whale



THE  
BISHOP'S  
CARE APPEAL 2022

*"To live charitably means...  
carrying the burdens of the  
weakest and poorest among us."*

- Pope Francis



PLEASE GET AN ENVELOPE AND DONATE GENEROUSLY

# WORLD YOUTH DAY



## SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM NOW OPEN!

Please make your kind donations to this parish bank acc number:

**Account name:** Catholic Parish of Waimakariri

**Account number:** 03 1592 0522551 25

**Reference:** WYD

SVdP Kaiapoi has a Christmas Tree in the church foyer for parishioners who may be able to assist in purchasing a small gift for a child this Christmas. If these could be returned by Tuesday 20 December it would be appreciated as we will be delivering them with our Christmas food parcels on Thursday 22nd.

Thank you for your generosity during the Advent season.

Columban Calendars will also be on sale (\$14 ea), along with succulent plants available for purchase, and raffle tickets (\$2 ea or 3 for \$5) - so be in with a chance to win one of the two Christmas goodie hamper baskets.

**MASS TIMES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

6:00pm - St Mary and St Francis de Sales (Chervier Centre) Rangiora

**SUNDAY MASSES**

8:30am - Sacred Heart of Jesus Oxford  
9:00am - St Patrick's Kaiapoi  
10:30am - St Mary and St Francis de Sales (Chervier Centre) Rangiora

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday @9:00am in Rangiora  
Wednesday @9:00am in Rangiora  
@12:00pm in Kaiapoi  
@7:00pm in Oxford  
(1st & 3rd Wednesdays)  
Thursday @9:00am in Rangiora  
Friday @ 9:30am in Kaiapoi  
@12:00pm in Rangiora  
Saturday @9:30am in Kaiapoi

**ADORATION  
RANGIORA**

8:00-8:45am Tues, Wed, Thurs  
7:00-8:00pm Wednesday  
11:00-11:45am Friday

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday @9:00am in Kaiapoi  
Saturday @5:15-5:45pm in Rangiora  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at anytime by approaching the priest.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

5pm Carols/Nativity play Kai  
5:30pm Family Mass Kai  
7:30pm Carols Rangiora  
8:00pm Mass Rangiora

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:30am Oxford  
9am Kaiapoi  
10:30am Rangiora

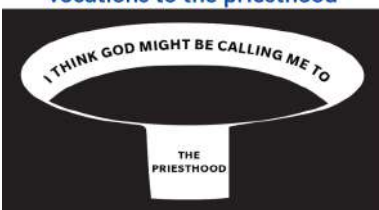
**NEW YEAR EVE**

10:30pm Adoration Rangiora  
10:30pm Mass Rangiora

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

8:30am Oxford  
9am Kaiapoi  
10:30am Rangiora

We pray for our priests and vocations to the priesthood



**Next Sunday's Readings: 18 December**  
First reading : Isaiah 7:10—14  
Second reading: Romans 1:1-7

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Psalm: 23:1-6  
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

**PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Parish Account details for donations or Holy Stall payments:**

Account name: Catholic Parish of Waimakariri

Account Number: for donations 03 1592 0522551 20 Reference: Name, Surname

**Account Number for Holy Stall: 03 1592 0522551 25 Reference: Name, Surname**

**ROSTER FOR THE RANGIORA CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES!**

**PLEASE SIGN UP ...thank you**

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

The suggested holy land pilgrimage in May 2023 has been deferred because of high costings. The pilgrimage will be reviewed with possible dates September 2023, May 2024.

**Next Week's Roster: 17/18 December 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent YEAR A**

	Rangiora Saturday 6:00pm	Rangiora Sunday 10:30am	Kaiapoi Sun 9:00am	Oxford Sunday 8:30am
<b>Mass C</b>	Lynda Sale	Carly Mulqueen		
<b>Greeters</b>	Denyse H-Styles Tricia de Haan	Michael Hickland Genevieve Shaw	Trish Purtle Jo Powers	Amanda Scott- Richards
<b>Welcome</b>	Francine Turner	Bruce Houghton	Maryanne Brown	Wendy Wiseman
<b>POF</b>	Francine Turner	Bruce Houghton	Maryanne Brown	Olivia Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Lawrence G Marianne D'Cunha	Mark Russell Alma Russell	Matt O'Connell Jeanette Dobbs	Keith Harris
<b>Gifts</b>	Kearns family	Grafton family	Kerry & Angela Fordham	Wendy Wiseman
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Thomas Malin Ollie Kearns Jorge Kearns Nathaniel Malone	Alex Milnes Aidan Cheong Connor Milnes	Joshua Pickering Patrick Woodnutt	Matilda Burns Enzo & Poppy Scott-Richards
<b>EMHC</b>	Annie Barwell Paul Williams Tony Mullally	Kevin Cheong Donna Newman Matt Blair	David Harrison Liz Power Myrna Burroughs	Dawn Thompson
<b>Counters</b>		Peter & Nan Wright	<b>Projector:</b> Collette McGregor	<b>Projector:</b> Josie Trolove
<b>Linen</b>	Mary Anderson		Margaret Glintmeyer	Marie Thom
<b>Cleaners</b>	Lesley Wedlake Imogen Monaghan Carol Walsh		Margaret Glintmeyer Analyn Woodsford	Josie Trolove Marlene Griffiths
<b>Music</b>	Brendan Malone	Aaron Milnes	Helen Caldwell	Fiona McAlpine
<b>Holy Stall</b>	Doreen Lau Jan Harris	Genevieve Shaw Cheryl Reed	<b>Morning Tea:</b> Maryanne Brown Sandra McCormick	<b>Mowing:</b> Nigel Trolove
<b>Flowers</b>	Pauline Riddell			Novella Frahm
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lynda sale	Alphie Marcelino	Myrna Burroughs	