



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

Today's liturgy begins on page 476 of the red New Zealand Prayer Book

### Our scripture sentence


In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

### Prayer of the Day

Lord of the wilderness way,  
whose word scours our smooth evasions:  
take us on the unbending road  
to the raw centre of our world  
with a cry of invitation  
and the call of sudden grace;  
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

<b>First Testament Reading</b>	Malachi 3:1-4
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	Phil 1:3-11
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 3:1-6

### Music for 10am service

	Processional	34	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
	Gospel	24	Come thou long expected Jesus
	Offertory	393	Brother, sister, let me serve you
	Recessional	58	Long ago, prophets knew


<b>Setting</b>	Byrd Mass for 4 voices
<b>Anthem</b>	Canite Tuba - Guerrero

*At communion, we do not intinct (dip the wafer in the chalice). Please receive bread alone or take the chalice. This is safer both for you and others.*

*Gluten free wafers are available from the person administering the bread every week at 10am. If needed at 8am please let us know before the service starts. Prayer ministry is available during 10am communion in the Resurrection Chapel.*

We invite you to stay for morning tea after the service and would love visitors to introduce yourselves to us.

## Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes ' of this ' people:  
it ' seemed • to us ' like a ' dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was ' filled with ' laughter:  
and our tongues ' uttered ' shouts of ' joy.
- 3 Then they said a'mong the ' nations:  
'The Lord has ' done great ' things for ' them.'
- 4 Great things indeed the Lord has ' done for ' us:  
and ' therefore ' we are ' glad.
- 5 Restore again our ' fortunes • O ' Lord:  
as when streams re'fresh the ' southern ' dry-lands.
- 6 Those who ' sow in ' tears:  
shall ' reap with ' shouts of ' joy.
- 7† Those who go out weeping with ' seed for ' sowing:  
shall come back in gladness '   
bringing • their ' sheaves ' with them.

## PRAYER AND WORSHIP THIS COMING WEEK

### Today, Blue Christmas

5-6pm For some, Christmas is a tough time. This service is a chance to acknowledge the many griefs we face in life, including a space to remember those who have died. Do invite your non-church friends, neighbours and colleagues.

### Tuesday to Friday

9am Morning prayer in the Resurrection Chapel

### Tuesday

10.30am Eucharist in the Resurrection Chapel, then morning tea

### Wednesday

12 noon Midday Prayer incorporating a time of thanksgiving for the lives of the late **Philip and Judy Lins** – followed by lunch at the Napier Club for those who knew them.

### Next Sunday 15 December

8am Eucharist in the Aotearoa Chapel

10am Choral Eucharist

7pm 9 Lessons and Carols – a Choral Feast!

**Calling all Cathedral Bakers!** Could you bake some star shaped cookies for our Family Christmas Eve Service on 24 Dec? These will be iced and packed by Pip. She is happy to provide a star-shaped cookie cutter if needed. For more information contact Pip Brooker.

### **OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARIES or CALENDAR**

- **Thursday 12 December** – Christmas Cheer gifts for Napier Family Centre to be delivered to the parish office by midday Thursday.
- **Saturday 14 December** – 8.30 am – 12 noon. Join in the fun with this extra working bee /spring clean /tidy up, to get the Cathedral and Ormond Chapel sparkling for Christmas. If you tidy up your own home for visitors, please come and help us to do the same – or help provide morning tea! Come when you can for as long as you can and bring your favourite cleaning gear or gadgets (steam mops especially welcome).
- **Sunday 15 December 7pm** – 9 Lessons and Carols.
- **Saturday 21 December 7pm** – Christmas Gala Concert.  
NB REVISED START TIME – no longer an afternoon concert!
- **Friday 20 December:** last day of parish office being open; reopens 6 Jan.
- **Wednesday 25 December 12pm - 2024 Napier Community Christmas Lunch** at Marist Old Boys Clubrooms, Clyde Jeffery Drive, Park Island. To book contact [jill.f@napierfamilycentre.org.nz](mailto:jill.f@napierfamilycentre.org.nz) before 18 December.

### **CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

<b>Tuesday 24 Dec</b>	6pm	All Age Christmas Play for families
<b>Tuesday 24 Dec</b>	11pm	Midnight Mass Service
<b>Wednesday 25 Dec</b>	8am	Christmas Day Eucharist with Carols
<b>Wednesday 25 Dec</b>	9am	Christmas Day Service at Ormond Chapel
<b>Wednesday 25 Dec</b>	10am	Christmas Day Choral Eucharist

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