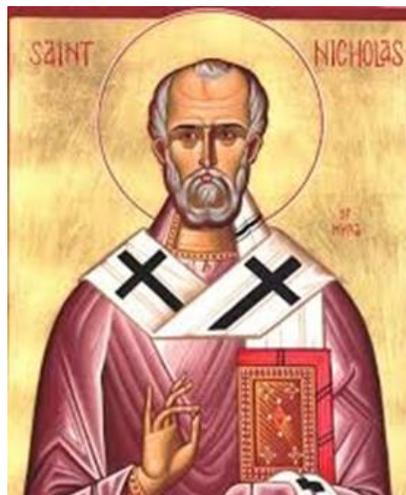


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Sunday 4th December 2022 St Nicholas' Patronal Festival

Readings

Isaiah 55: 1 -3
Psalm 72: 1-4, 12-20
1 Timothy 6: 6-11
Luke 10: 21-24

Sentence

Find your delight in the Lord, and the
Lord will give you your heart's desire.
Psalm 37: 4

Collect

Loving God, the giver of all good,
we thank you for Nicholas and for
the generosity he has symbolised
from generation to generation;
may we always be mindful of
those in need and generous with
what we have received;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday 5th December – Sunday 11th December

Wednesday: 10.00am - Midweek Eucharist at St Michael's

Thursday: 10.00am - Playgroup's final session for the year

6.45pm - Vestry at 21a Tainui Road - please note the venue and earlier starting time

Sunday: 10.00am - Holy Communion at St Michael's

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Begin with 1 candle lit.

Today we already have the first candle of the advent wreath lit for HOPE. Today we light the second candle PEACE."

The second candle is lit.

Scripture: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace." Colossians 3:15 –

Prayer: Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

Song

He came singing hope and He lived singing hope.
He died singing hope. He arose in silence.
For the hope to go on we must make it our song;
You and I be the singers.

He came singing peace and He lived singing peace.
He died singing peace. He arose in silence.
For the peace to go on we must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.

Notices

Covid Precautions

With a recent upsurge in daily Covid cases, although masks are no longer required in church you are strongly encouraged to continue to wear them. Please continue to use the sanitiser on entering and leaving. Spaced seating is now not required, but please be considerate of others' need to have space

around them. Likewise in greeting one another at the Peace, please take a cue from others and respect their wishes. We can now have Communion in both kinds, the wine and the wafers. However parishioners may still prefer not to share the common cup and to take Communion in one kind only. As Bishop Steven has reassured us, you still receive Communion in full if you take only one kind. Most important, don't come to church if you are at all unwell. By taking careful steps forward, we protect ourselves, our families, and those around us who are especially vulnerable.

Macandrew Bay Community Carols

Sunday 11th December. More details will be provided next week.

A Reminder about the Bishop's Companions Programme for 2023

Final date for registration is 30th November.

<https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/publication/pD7m0Pi/article/418QyXe>

Support for the Red Cross resettling former refugee families

The Red Cross would welcome contributions of single duvet inners, warm blankets, towels, new pillows, and kitchen equipment for newly arrived families. Also needed is sports equipment for teenagers (eg bike helmets, skateboards, footballs, and other sports gear). Also potted-up vegetable and herb plants (especially mint, cucumber and tomato) for their gardens would be very welcome. If you can offer any of these things please bring them to church. Or if you need someone to pick them up and deliver them to the Red Cross, please contact Elizabeth (phone 476 1650).

Online Services

A reminder of the monthly on-line Service. There is no online Service in December. The next one is 22nd January 2023.

To find Sunday church services that are held online, go to the Diocesan website at <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/on-line-worship/>

December/January hours for the Diocesan Office

The Diocesan Office will be closed from midday on Thursday 22 December 2022 and re-open on Monday 9 January 2023.

Prayers

The Wider Church

Today we pray for the Diocese of Polynesia and the Water For All project.

In the Diocese

Today we pray for the Parish of Balclutha - St Mark and the Parish of Clinton – St Peter and the Rev'd Brett Roberts. We also pray for the Parish of Balfour – St Alban and St John's Theological College, Auckland.

From the Parish Roll

This Sunday we pray for Alison Latton, Mary Lovell, Val McCauley

Those who have asked for prayer

Gwen and Peter

David Horne

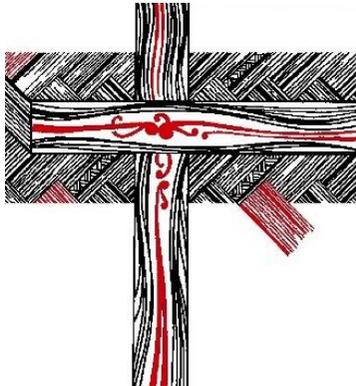
Barbara Gillies

In the Community

We pray today for households under stress at this time, whether through unavailability of affordable housing, cost of living increases, family disharmony, or the impact of Covid on lives and livelihoods. We give thanks for the work of community organisations supporting those struggling with such difficulties, especially Christians Against Poverty, Anglican Family Care, the Salvation Army, and agencies that provide budget advice. We pray that with compassion and kindness and sharing what we have, we may help to ease these burdens and bring about a more equitable and caring society.

St Michael and All

Angels: Elliot Street,
Andersons Bay



Next week's readings:

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalm 146: 5-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11