

Otago Peninsula Anglican Parish

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St Nicholas' Patronal Festival 10am at St Nicholas', Waverley

Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-3

1 Timothy 6: 6-11

Mark 10: 13-16

Sentence

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good tidings, who publish salvation. Isaiah 52: 7

Collect

Almighty Father, lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace: make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

DIARY THIS WEEK: Monday, December 6th to Sunday, December 12th

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVELS ALLOWING THESE GATHERINGS TO TAKE PLACE SAFELY

- Tuesday:** 10am - Macandrew Bay House-group
Wednesday: 10am - Mid-week communion at St Michael's
Thursday: 10am - St Nicholas' Playgroup (on hold until Level 1)
7pm - Vestry Meeting at the Martin's home
Sunday: 10am - Holy Communion at St Michael's, Andersons Bay

Message from Tony

Saint Nicholas' Patronal Festival in Waverley has a very distinguished lineage and I am curious to know how the church received its patronal name. Very little is known about the historical Saint Nicholas. The earliest accounts of his life were written centuries after his death and contain many legendary elaborations. He is said to have been born in the Greek seaport of Patara, Lycia in Asia Minor to wealthy Christian parents. In one of the earliest attested and most famous incidents from his life, he is said to have rescued three girls from being forced into prostitution by dropping a sack of gold coins through the window of their house each night for three nights so their father could pay a dowry for each of them. Other early stories tell of him calming a storm at sea, saving three innocent soldiers from wrongful execution. In his youth, he is said to have made a pilgrimage to Egypt and Palestine. Shortly after his return, he became Bishop of Myra. On Sunday I should like to talk about the call of God on our lives and perhaps especially on your life being inspired by St Nicholas' quite remarkable life. St Nicholas knew that for God to redeem the world and to restore humanity to himself - in a living and vital relationship - God calls people to preach, to proclaim, to persuade women and men of all nations to turn to him in faith and repentance. And, of course, the divine imperative involves caring for human need. Now we can see this quite clearly in this morning's Old Testament lesson from Isaiah 61 where you will notice a twofold mission of proclamation and service: they are two sides of the one coin. See you Sunday. Tony

Notices

Details for Sunday Services during December

12th and 19th December at St Michael's

26th December – no service

Calendar Orders

If you have not yet paid for your calendar, please put your payment in an envelope marked "calendar" and write your name on the envelope. Envelope can be placed with the offerings. Thanks.

6 Day Silent Retreat to be held in Ranfurly from 20th -25th February 2022.

This ecumenical silent directed retreat is time out from the demands and expectations of daily life. More information and details regarding registration are available from Called South, 11th November.

Prayers

The Wider Church

We pray for all of the clergy within the Diocese of Polynesia.

In the Diocese

Our prayers this morning are for the Bluff Co-operating Parish. We also pray for the Forum of Co-operative Ventures, Joint Regional Committees and Commission on Ecumenism

In our Parish

Those who have asked for prayer - Natalie Ellis Wilson and H Robert Wilson

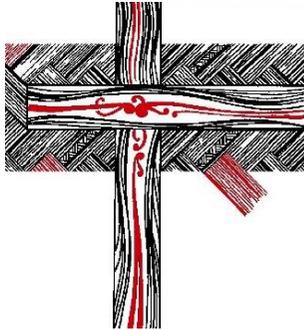
From the Parish Roll

This Sunday in our prayers we remember Marie-Louise and Les Neilsen, Edith and Tyrone Paulsen, Cody, Jesse, Sophie and Katie

In the Community

Today we pray for those who, due to the current outbreak of Covid-19 Delta in New Zealand, are finding life difficult and worrying in this time of uncertainty. May they be supported and reassured that whatever the future may bring, the love of God surrounds us all.

St Michael's:
Elliot Street,
Andersons Bay



St Nicholas':
Dunrobin Street,
Waverley

Next week's readings:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20
For the Psalm:
Isaiah 12: 26
Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 7-18

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Traffic Lights Information from the Diocesan Office

Bishop Steven has provided a comprehensive outline of how parishes are to proceed with arrangements for services and other gatherings under the new Covid-19 Protection Framework. It can be viewed on the Diocesan website at <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/> There will also be a copy in each church for reference.

Final Session of Synod which was to be held on 6th November 2021 is now being scheduled for February 2022.