

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday	29 November	5.00pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting.
		6.00pm	Filipino Mass
Monday	30 November	7.30pm	Westland cake decorators
Tuesday	1 December	7.00pm	Safeguarding Workshop
Wednesday	2 December	10.30am	W. C Dementia -Cares Support group
		6.00pm	C.W.L Christmas Dinner at The Ashley
		7.00pm	Christmas Carols at Regent Theatre.
Thursday	3 December	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Parish Drinks and Nibbles.
Friday	4 December	9.00am - 12.00pm	First Friday Adoration



WE REMEMBER

Masses have been requested and offered for:

ANNIVERSARY: Scott Brownlee, Barry Atkinson,
Margaret Anton, Archie McBride, Sr Aloysia Williams

MASS OFFERED: Deceased members of the Williams
and Sullivan families

PLANNED GIVING

Parish	\$1824.60
Clergy Trust Fund	\$ 912.20
Building & Maint Fund	\$ ----
Mission	\$ 10.00

Today's Counting Team M Curragh

Next Week's Counting Team B Molloy

4th SUNDAY CUPPA

2020

HOSTS:



All welcome!

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Parish Priest: Fr Mathew Siji MCBS Ph 022 3017976

Fr Tang Phan Ph 027 9201720

Parish Secretary: Margaret Curragh Parish Treasurer: Denise Coll-Dwyer

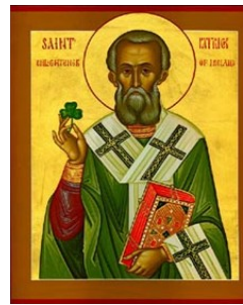
Youth Group Leader:

Chairperson Parish Council: Kevin Boddy

Chairperson Parish Finance Committee: Michael Curragh

St Patrick's Primary School: Acting Principal - Mrs Carmel Kelly Ph 7687830

John Paul II High School: Principal - Dave Sullivan Ph 7684166



Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil
6pm Greymouth
(every Saturday)

Sunday Mass
8am Cobden
(every Sunday)

9.30am Greymouth
(every Sunday)

11am Ngahere
(1st & 3rd Sundays)

11am Kumara
(4th Sunday)

Weekday Masses

All Greymouth

5.30pm Tuesday

9am Wednesday

9am Thursday

12.10pm Friday

9am Saturday

Adoration

All Fridays
11:30am - 12pm

First Fridays
9:00am - 12pm

Reconciliation

9.30am - 10am
Saturday
or by appointment

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1st Sunday of Advent | Year B | 29 November 2020

ADVENT – THE TIME OF WAITING

What an extraordinary year that we have nearly been through, especially with effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. During these times, we are waiting for the vaccine to end this deadly virus. People all over the world, more or less, are being affected by this virus. Shop owners and business people are waiting for a time when they are able to function fully. And all of us are waiting for a time to be back to all formalities of life.

Beginning of the month of December is also a time for us to prepare for the end-of-year events, especially with the celebrations of Christmas and New Year. Many families are waiting for these times for family reunions. We do all sorts of things for these events. However, we Christians do not simply stop at mere celebrations, but consciously and seriously take a further step as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into our homes, our lives and our hearts.

For us, a joyful time of Advent begins today. Advent is the time for us to welcome our Lord Jesus Christ. It is he who comes to meet us. He will verify our desire for God and prepare ourselves for his Second Coming in glory.

As we await the coming of our Lord, may we be heedful and vigilant, so that we will enable God to break into our existence, to restore its meaning to its fullness with his presence and peace!

Fr. Tang Phan.

Next Week's Readings 2nd Sunday of Advent 6 Dec 2020

1st Reading: ISAIAH 40: 1-5, 9-11 Isaiah speaks to the Israelites who are taken captives by Babylon and promise them that their suffering will come to an end.

2nd Reading: PETER 3: 8-14 God's way of reckoning time cannot be compared to ours. God wishes to save all and urges everyone to repent.

Gospel: MARK 1: 1-8 In accordance with the prophecy of Isaiah, John the Baptist prepares the people for the coming of the Messiah.

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS. – Who is to attend:

Safeguard Workshop 1 – 1 hour

Any volunteer who did not attend the Safeguard Workshop last year or any new volunteer.
Tuesday 1st December - 1.00pm or Wednesday 2nd December Parish Centre.

Safeguard Workshop 2 – 2 hours

This workshop is for Parish Priests, Parish Council, Parish secretaries, Parish Volunteers, members of a Catholic Organisation in our parish, anyone considering being a volunteer.

All parishioners very welcome. It takes a community to create a culture of Safeguarding for the best outcomes for all.

Tuesday, 1st December - 7.00pm

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS, Regent Theatre, Greymouth 7:00pm on Wed **2nd December.** Come along and join with others in the spirit of Christmas.

PARISH DRINKS AND NIBBLES



We invite you to 'Christmas Drinks & Nibbles' between **5.00pm and 7.00pm on Thursday 3rd December** at the Presbytery. Drinks and Nibbles will be supplied, so please drop in for some hospitality with the priests and parish staff.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 4 DECEMBER

9.00AM - 12.00PM Adoration and Benediction Mass at 12.10pm

Adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament helps people to grow closer and deeper in their relationship with him. In his presence Jesus listens, speaks, heals and grants abundant grace and peace. It is an oasis of peace.

As Advent begins, take a short time out of your busy life to sit with him.



ADVENT ANOINTING MASS - 1.30pm, Wednesday 9th December,

St Patrick's Church, Greymouth. Everyone is welcome to attend with special emphasis being placed on the elderly, housebound, infirm and sick. Who can you bring along to receive this special Sacrament? Cup of tea to follow, Parishioners a plate please.

This replaces our usual Parish Mass

PARISH CHRISTMAS CULTURAL EVENING:

The Parish Council are organising a Christmas Celebration. Join in with Christmas songs, dance, food and clothes from your culture. ***Please bring a plate of food to share.***

WHEN: After 6.00pm Mass, **Saturday, 12 December**

WHERE: Marist Rugby League Rooms, 86 Shakespeare Street

For more information please ring Jackie 732 4403 or 022 1664744



**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - RITE II THURSDAY
 17TH DECEMBER 7.00PM ST PATRICK'S CHURCH GREYMOUTH**

Advent is a penitential season, a time for repentance and conversion, an opportunity to reflect, examine our conscience and seek out the mercy and forgiveness of Christ.

Why not take the opportunity for this special Sacrament?

JESSE TREE During Advent the Jesse Tree reminds us of the story of our salvation. Symbols are added each week to trace the story.

- GENESIS 3 **The Apple** – Humankind falls from grace.
- GENESIS 7, 8, 9 **The Flood** - God saves his faithful people.
- GENESIS 22 **Abraham** - is asked to sacrifice his son - he trusts God completely



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY If you would like your child to participate in the Christmas Play at the 7.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass on Thursday 24th December 2020 please contact Therese Gibbens ph 021 467 042 and leave a message.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Parcels: If you would like to assist those in need at Christmas, please leave a parcel in the basket by the Christmas Tree in the foyer of St Patrick's Church. It would help if you put an age and gender on the parcel. Last day for parcels Sunday **13th December.**

Please note early closing date. Thank you

FOR SALE for sale FOR SALE for sale FOR SALE

- 2021 Columban Calendars \$12.00 each
 - St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards \$2.50 pack of 5
- Available at the Parish Office*



C.W.L BONUS BALL LOTTO DRAW:
21st November Week 6 : No: 37 Shirley Fahey



Congratulations and Thank You for supporting us and our Mission Station

**CWL INVITE THE WOMEN OF OUR PARISH
 TO OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

WHERE: Ashley Motor Inn **COST:** \$59.80 for two courses
WHEN: Wednesday, 2 December **TIME:** 6.00pm
 Please ring Mary Sullivan ph 7626882 if you are able to attend,
 or see Margaret in the Parish Office.

BISHOP PAUL MARTIN'S S.M ADVENT CARE APPEAL providing for those in need in the lead up to Christmas. Appeal envelopes are in church porches. Please read insert for more information.