

Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 15th Dec



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10:00 am Advent 3 Family Communion Service

Homily: "The Power of Patience" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Majella Heaton

It's often said that "patience is a virtue". We need patience during advent – especially with the increased traffic during the silly season! This Sunday we look at James 5:7-10. James is a practical man who offers good advice on having patience during hardships, and this is a good reminder that Advent is looking forward to Christ's return and the hardships we endure while waiting. Keep close to God, and remember that Jesus is the reason for the Season! God bless, David.



Readings for 15th Dec:

OT: Isaiah 35:1-10

NT: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Reader: Majella Heaton

Intercessor: Majella Heaton

Children: Cool Advent activity packs with a chocolate treat!



Foodbank: The current need through to the end of Dec is: baby food, milk powder, sugar, flour, baked beans and spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned fish, tinned stews, tinned tomatoes, tinned cream corn, pasta, rice, biscuits, and of course Christmas treats! Items can be placed in the basket located in the church porch.



+ Prayer Points +

- For those families affected by the White Island volcano tragedy
- For our persecuted brothers and sisters in Bhutan



In case of a fire during a church service, please note the nearest exit: Front porch entrance and the side door to the vestry office. Fire extinguishers are also located near these two doorways.