

# Saint Mary's Church, Gordonton. Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec



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## 10am Advent 3 Holy Communion Service

**Homily:** "The Big Picture: Trust the Who not the Why" Rev David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Melanie Holdsworth

This Sunday we re-visit the prophet John the Baptist, who prepared the hearts and minds of the people, in readiness and repentance for the Messiah. John was adamant that Jesus was the one whom he had to prepare people for. John though, was only human, and when things got tough he lost sight of the big picture that God has planned. Sometimes the big picture is just too big to see, no matter how far we step back or zoom out. In Advent, we are reminded of John's message, and we too, prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord, and await, ever watchful with expectant hearts.

God bless, David.



*"how can you claim to have faith  
in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ*

**IF YOU FAVOR SOME  
PEOPLE OVER OTHERS?"**

JAMES 2:1-5

## Readings & Intercessor for 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:

**OT:** Zephaniah 3:14-20

**NT:** Philippians 4:4-7

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

**Reader:** Melanie Holdsworth

**Intercessor:** Melanie Holdsworth

**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!



## + Prayer & Praise Points +

- For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit onto New Zealand: for hearts, minds, and eyes be to be opened
- That as we enter fully into the Christmas season, may we fully enter into Christ in our lives



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