Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 21st Dec



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10am Advent 4 Holy Communion Service

Homily: "Joseph the Righteous" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Trish

This Sunday's gospel we find that Mary was pregnant, and we see that Joseph is a righteous man, and could not take a wife who he thought could be seen as unfaithful. As a righteous man, Joseph had no choice but to divorce Mary. Joseph was also a merciful, caring, and compassionate man. He did not want to shame her in front of all the world. He did not want to publicly accuse her of a serious sin. What to do..?

God bless, David



+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- For a Holy Advent as we prepare for the arrival of our Lord
- For families under stress and pressure as Christmas approaches



Readings & Intercessor for 21 Dec

OT: Isaiah 7:10-16 (page 752)NT: Romans 1:1-7 (p 1247)Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

<u>Reader:</u> Charles <u>Intercessor:</u> Trish

Foodbank: Resumes next year for items such as Biscuits, Pasta Sauces, Milo and Drinking Chocolate, Toiletry items, Soup, Rice, Milk Powder, Sugar, Baby Food and Nappies. Keep them coming ©





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