



4th Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel tells the Visit of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth.

I suggest you might ponder this Poem.

As we prepare for Christmas, we can recognise all the saving events were hidden from the high and mighty. Strangely God still works that way.

The Visitation

*Here is a meeting made of hidden joys
Of lightnings cloistered in a narrow place
From quiet hearts the sudden flame of praise
And in the womb the quickening kick of grace.
Two women on the very edge of things
Unnoticed and unknown to men of power
But in their flesh the hidden Spirit sings
And in their lives the buds of blessing flower.
And Mary stands with all we call 'too young',
Elizabeth with all called 'past their prime'
They sing today for all the great unsung
Women who turned eternity to time
Favoured of heaven, outcast on the earth
Prophets who bring the best in us to birth.
Malcolm Guite*

Please Note:

Three Days of Christmas

This year Christmas is celebrated over three Days!

Please choose one Mass over the weekend.

Book online for **one** of the Masses over Friday Eve, Saturday or Sunday.

They are all Christmas Masses

We are limited to 100 at Pass Masses and 25 at Open Masses.

If booked, please arrive before Mass begins. Otherwise, we will give your spot to someone else waiting.

We need helpers for welcoming and registering at Masses

These teams need back up support. Without them we cannot have mass!
Please give your name to the welcome group for the Mass you attend.

On line bookings close 11:00 p.m. Wednesday 22 December.

Easy Steps to Register for Mass Online

Go to www.whangareicatholic.org.nz

Click on the Header **Mass Registration**

Scroll to the Mass you want to attend.

Click on the **VIEW DETAILS** button (on right).

In the box under **QTY** (quantity) click the down arrow then select the total number of your family attending.

Click **REGISTER NOW** button

Fill out your details then click on PROCEED TO FINALIZE REGISTRATION

Wait for the Congratulations message then exit.

If you are unsure ask a person with an email to book for you.

Note there are options for Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in Parish Hall for Christmas. Be clear and read information before you book.

Please do not ring and ask Janet to Book for you (she is very busy)

Recently Deceased:

Ivan Silich (Brother of Maria Norman); Barry Thomson.

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