

Monday 29 Jan	<i>Robin's Day off</i>	
Tuesday 30 Jan	9.15am 7pm	Guild of St Raphael at 27 Shakespeare St Samara's Home Group
Wednesday 31 Jan	7.30pm	Robin's Home Group in Parish Centre
Thursday 1 Feb	<i>Robin in Nelson for BTC Foundation discussions with Bishop</i> 5.30pm	Music Practice in the church
Friday 2 Feb	3pm 5.30pm	Wedding rehearsal in church <b>Crusaders vs Hurricanes at Rugby Park- see below for details</b> <b>Men's Monteith's</b> gathering postponed to next Friday 9 Feb.
Saturday 3 Feb	2pm	Wedding in Church (Tim Mora)
Sunday 4 Feb	1.30pm	Walking group meet at church

**Services Next Weekend 3 & 4 February 2018**

**SATURDAY:**  
6pm Communion (Prayer Book, Hymns, Reflective)

**SUNDAY :**  
8am Holy Communion (Quiet & reflective, no music. Finishes by 8.50am)  
10am Family Communion (Songs and hymns)  
2pm Worship Service  
6.30pm The Way Youth Service at The Shed 186 Main South Rd

**KUMARA: 10am Extended Holy Communion**

**The Beautiful World of Baroque Music - CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S**

***Music and Dance with international guests.***


Instrument Music from Vivaldi, Corelli, Telemann and others with solo dance performance


**WHERE:** St Patrick's Church, **WHEN:** Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm  
**COST :** Adults \$45.00, Senior \$35.00, Student \$20.00, children under 14 years age free.  
Door sales are available, but cash only or online tickets at [www.barquemusic.co.nz](http://www.barquemusic.co.nz)  
*See poster in church foyer for more information.*


**FRIDAY NIGHT AT RUGBY PARK**


This Friday men meet near the halfway line, on the embankment, East side.

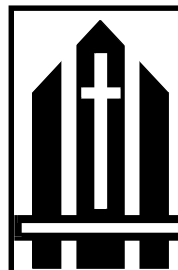
**Prayer Requests to:** Ngaire Fisher 768 6505

**MOWING**  
 Lewis Bell

**CLEANING**  
 Elaine Knowles & Jeanette Oliver

**FLOWERS**  
 Helen

**CRÈCHE**  
 Parents



**Anglican Parish of Greymouth & Kumara  
27 & 28 January 2018**

***Blessed to be a Blessing  
Growing Disciples of Jesus***

**Theme for this weekend:** Lessons from Philippians Part 2:  
How to live in harmony.

**Readings for this weekend:**  
Philippians 2:1-4 (P.1525); John 17:20-21 (P.1394)

**Prayer for the Day: Heavenly Father, in your word you have taught us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Break down the barriers of pride and misunderstanding which keep us and our fellow Christians apart. Make us more humble and deepen our love for one another. Show us how we can more closely worship and work together as members of the one Body of Christ our Lord. Amen**

Theme for next weekend: Humility of Jesus  
Readings for next weekend: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:24-27

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES**

About 10 days ago Archdeacon Tim Mora's mother passed away after a time in the hospice in Timaru. Thankfully Tim was able to spend some quality time with her over the last 5 weeks or so. Our parish has sent a card offering our sympathies and prayers to Tim and Nicki.

is available in the foyer. Please help yourself. A gold coin donation in the offering would be appreciated to help cover costs

**DAVID AND HENRY SHAW**

A couple of weeks ago Dave and Henry were with us for our 10am Sunday worship. They currently live in Blenheim. At the service I mentioned about all his fundraising efforts through sausage sizzles over the last 30 to 40 years, both here in Greymouth and particularly in Blenheim.

**They are likely to appear at the end of TV ONE 6pm news this very Sunday 28 January towards the end in their focus "Good Sorts".**

Those who have been in the parish prior to 2002 will surely remember Dave, Henry and Amber.

**UNAVAILABLE DATES - SERVICES ROSTER**

Would all those on the services roster please send their **unavailable dates for the period 1 March to 30 June**, to Nicky in the Parish Office as soon as possible? These can be emailed, phoned in or handwritten. Thank you.

**WORD FOR TODAY**

The latest edition of this devotional booklet

Last Week: Attendance: 109 Offertory: \$ 2,995 (Total needed: \$3700)  
Total Earthquake funds received up to end of December 2017: \$179,395  
Earthquake donations received in December 2017: \$2,940  
Note: Earthquake Funds received in January will be reported by mid February

## EUTHANASIA BILL

At our 2017 Synod, a motion was unanimously passed that highlighted concerns about legislation to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. It included the following:

- Affirm that every human being is created in the image of God and that every human life is of intrinsic value to God regardless of abilities or situation;
  - Affirm that Christ's unconditional love calls for the dying to be cared for with deep compassion; where compassion includes doing good without doing harm.
  - Support the holistic care of the dying and the provision of effective pain relief and adequate symptom control;
  - Expresses concern that the **End of Life Choice** bill before Parliament will place the lives of vulnerable people in our society at risk;
- Calls on the Government of New Zealand to investigate the full funding of Hospice Care for the dying, and effective training for palliative care specialists.

Enclosed with this newsletter are some comments from an inter church committee that has looked at the issue in detail. If you want a copy of their full 8 page findings, email Robin for a copy.

Robin also has a suggested format for those who are willing to send in a submission. He can email this to you as well if you ask. **Submissions have to be received by 20 February 2018.**

## HOW'S IT GOING?

"Is it better to live or to die", asked Paul.

Paul had been through enormous pressures as a missionary for many years, forming new Christian groups in at least 12 cities around the world, and encouraging many other Christians in churches that had already been formed.

The mental pressures that he bore as a result were huge. It was like having a very large extended family for which he felt personally responsible. They had their squabbles and misunderstandings about the faith.

Paul often wrote letters to try and help sort out particular issues. It was a very stressful and responsible role he had. In addition to that he had many really tough physical challenges too.

If ever a person would want to get out of this life as soon as possible, Paul would be a top contender. However, he said, as a first choice, he would prefer to be with the Lord. He knew he was accepted into God's family and hence would be with Jesus when he died. Dying was the best of all possible options.

However, he loved, cared for and was concerned for the people he worked with so much that he said his purpose here on earth had top priority. He would work and bear the physical pains and all the hassles of life as long as the Lord left him here. That is the key for us. We are here for a purpose, and fulfilling that purpose is our God given responsibility, but if we die, that is **SPECIAL!**

So how are you doing?

## MOTION 29

Bishop Richard has asked each parish to facilitate respectful conversations regarding a proposal coming before General Synod in May 2018. The proposal is the result of Motion 29 at General Synod 2016 that established a working group to explore a structure that would allow those who believed it was right to bless couples in same sex relationships and those who believed it was not right, to remain united in the same current Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Vestry decided that the best way was to hold these discussions within home groups and other gatherings for those not in home groups.

**IN EACH CASE BOTH MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT. We hope folk can attend both.**

**12 Feb & 26 Feb at 7.30pm**  
Trevor's Group at the **Parish Centre**

**13 Feb & 27 Feb at 7.30pm**  
Samara's, Marjorie's, Hawes' & Young Adults in the **Church Lounge**

**14 Feb & 28 Feb at 7.30pm**  
Lavers' Group, Menz Group and Robin's Group in the **Parish Centre**

**16 Feb & 23 Feb at 11am**  
Dot & Dave's Group at **17 Westvale Drive**

**19 Feb & 5 March at 7.30pm**  
David & Tricia's Group and Listers' Group in the **Parish Centre**

**20 Feb & 6 March at 10.30am**  
Joyce's Group in the **Parish Centre**

**21 Feb & 28 Feb at 10am**  
Diana's Group in the **Parish Centre**

**An Open Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 15 February and 1 March in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm**

**This meeting is for anyone who is not in a Home Group, so that everyone has an opportunity to be involved in these discussions.**

## 2018 PARISH CALENDAR

These dates are worth noting in your diaries if they might affect you:

### **Tuesday 6 Feb**

Waitangi Day Community Picnic

### **Wednesday 14 Feb Ash Wednesday**

12.10pm Ecumenical service at St Patrick's Church

7pm Service in Holy Trinity Church

### **Saturday 10 March**

Special one day Nelson Synod to discuss Motion 29

### **Thursday 29 March**

Maundy Thursday Reflection at 7:30pm

### **Friday 30 March**

Good Friday Services at 10am & 2pm

### **Saturday/Sunday 31 March - 1 April**

Easter Services at normal service times

### **Saturday 7 April at 9:30am**

Ladies Guild mini-fair and garage sale

### **Thursday 12 April**

Parish AGM at 7.30pm

### **Wednesday 2 May**

Alpha Dessert Evening at 7.30pm

### **Wednesday 16 May**

Alpha Begins

### **Saturday 7 July**

Men's Quiz Night 7:30pm

### **Friday & Saturday 3/4 August**

Promise Keepers in Christchurch

### **Thursday-Saturday 9-11 August**

Nelson Diocesan Synod

### **Friday 14 September**

Ladies Guild Fun Night

### **Saturday 10 November**

Parish FAIR

### **Wednesday 5 December 7pm**

Community Carols in the Regent Theatre

### **Saturday & Sunday 8/9 December**

Bishop Richard at all services

### **Sunday 16 December**

10am Children's Nativity Play

10am 5 Lessons & Carols at Kumara

7pm Nine Lessons and Carols

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