

## Commissioning Mass 2017

**Wellington - 5.30pm Tuesday 21 February 2017**

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington

**Nelson - 5.30pm Friday 24 February 2017**

St Mary's Church, Manuka Street, Nelson

Tēnā Koutou!

I've been the Consultant in Religious Education for Primary Schools for 2 months now and what a fantastic 2 months it's been! I've been so very warmly welcomed at every turn - thank you all so much for your generous hospitality and for your sincere warmth - our Catholic Schools are very special places and your kindness and stewardship are such an integral component of that!

I've visited 17 schools so far of the 38 (5 out of 8 in the South Island and 12 out of 30 in the North Island) in the Archdiocese and I intend to visit more in the next 2 months in the lead up to the end of the year. I've attended staff meetings, cluster meetings, a Principals' Association meeting, a consultation meeting, Curriculum workshops, professional development planning meetings, a Powhiri and a Mass. It's been amazing! Thank you!

Remember that CSES exists "to provide assistance and support in all aspects of Catholic Education" so please do make contact if there is anything that we can do to support your ministry as leaders in our Catholic communities.

*Alan Grant*

**Certification:** the dates for the 2017 Commissioning Mass are reasonably early in the school year so if you have any accreditation queries please give me a call/email. Whilst it would be great to have all application forms in by the end of this term, the final deadline is **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.

**CSES 2017 PD workshops and dates:** The Primary and Secondary PD brochures for 2017 will be finalised shortly and I will email/post them out to you asap.

**Emmaus Liturgy Planning website:** subscriptions will be due again in December/January – keep an eye out for my email. I don't have full details as yet but I believe that as a result of Monica Brown's NZ visit and her realisation that we have some very small schools, they are going to reduce the subscription costs for 2017.

*Sue Davis*

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**ADW Attendance Dues** – contact details email: [dues@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:dues@wn.catholic.org.nz) or Phone: 0800 462 725

**Correct wording for S65/S66 Tagged vacancy advertisements:**  
<http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/schools/school-resources>



Extra copies of the **Prayer Companion** are available from TCI for \$25. An order form is available on their website: <http://www.tci.ac.nz/ncrs/prayer-companion>. The web page also includes free downloads of the: Beatitude Prayer Cards, Psalm Cards, Scripture Cards and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These can be printed on card and cut to size.

**Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre:** Deirdre Hanlon, the Visitor Experience Manager for Our Lady's Home of Compassion has invited all ADW teachers to an afternoon tea/tour on Tuesday 15th November 3.45pm-5pm. For more info or to RSVP (by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>) please contact Deirdre: [heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz](mailto:heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz) or phone 282 1943.

### **Upcoming Term 4 CSES Courses 2016 (Secondary and Primary):**

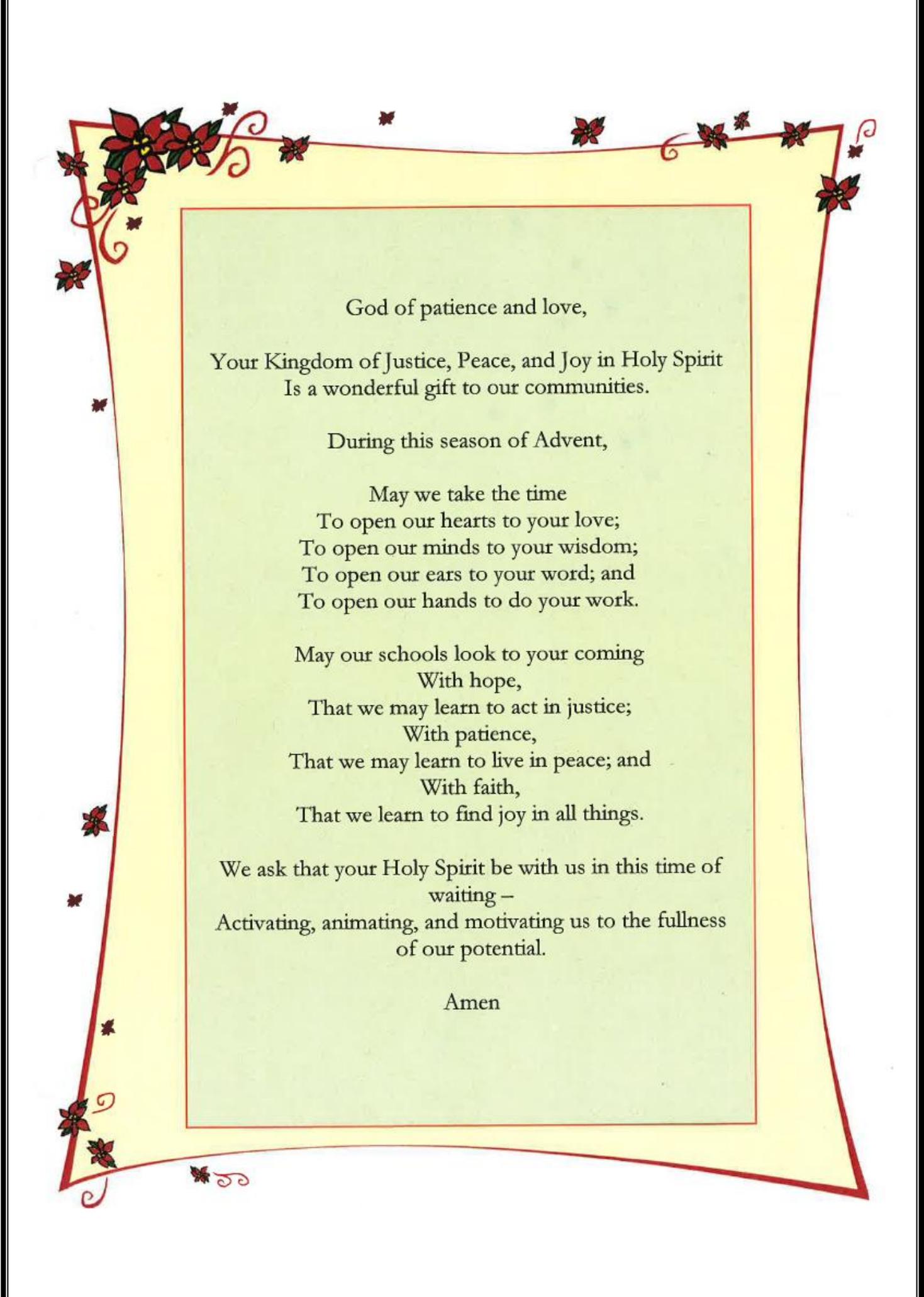
Date	Time	Name of Course	Location	Venue	Cost
18 November	10am start	Secondary DRS Cluster	Masterton	Chanel College	\$50
18 November	9am-4pm	Primary DRS Day South Island	Nelson	17 Park Drive Richmond	\$50
28 November	9am-4pm	Primary DRS Day Wellington	Wellington	Home of Compassion	\$50

At this time of the year we are looking forward to Christmas and we are normally asked to think of the less fortunate. The following Advent prayer simply asks that we approach the birth of Christ with an open mind and heart and see where the Spirit takes us. May God hold you and your school in the palm of his hand.

Best wishes

*Frank*





God of patience and love,  
Your Kingdom of Justice, Peace, and Joy in Holy Spirit  
Is a wonderful gift to our communities.

During this season of Advent,

May we take the time  
To open our hearts to your love;  
To open our minds to your wisdom;  
To open our ears to your word; and  
To open our hands to do your work.

May our schools look to your coming  
With hope,  
That we may learn to act in justice;  
With patience,  
That we may learn to live in peace; and  
With faith,  
That we learn to find joy in all things.

We ask that your Holy Spirit be with us in this time of  
waiting –  
Activating, animating, and motivating us to the fullness  
of our potential.

Amen