

# Rotary Club of Christchurch South



## Joy Reid - TVNZ Foreign Correspondent - Europe

Joy is a firm favourite of the club, with a strong existing relationship from her “other hat” From One Mother to Another charity which we love to support in a number of ways.

Joy and her family have just returned from an action-packed 2 years in Europe, covering everything from Brexit to Royal Weddings to riots in Paris and rowing in Austria with the odd interview thrown in.

We were treated to several fascinating stories so I’ve chosen a few highlights from Joy’s time:

Favourite interview - 94 year old NZ war veteran at Montecasino graveyard where many of his comrades were buried. Joy only got 3 minutes with him but every second was gold and such an amazing connection with the past.

Surreal “pinch yourself” moment - there were many, but in particular being only metres from world leaders, for example Angela Merkel and Emmanuel Macron sharing an umbrella at the Armistice Day celebrations and realising only a short while ago these two countries had been trying to kill each other.

Cool experience - being allowed a preview of the decorations and flowers in the chapel before Harry and Megan got married—not allowed to report on it but still cool!

Hardest news to cover - the Christchurch Mosque shootings - initial response, especially from the Muslim community in London, was to vilify NZ and to think we were all racist but the combination of Jacinda’s actions plus footage of the outpouring of love from Cantabrians and NZers in general with our flower walls and scenes of hugging just totally turned the tide into a great appreciation of what a special and embracing culture NZers do have.

Biggest media frenzy - Harry and Megan’s wedding - adding in the American aspect just blew the whole thing into a literal media circus. There were 5,000 registered media in the Windsor area, with some paying 40,000 pounds per night for the privilege of renting a room with a view, turning toilets into sound-booths and in one instance paying a local accounting firm 140,000 pounds for the use of their building to get the “money” shot of H&S going past...



*Joy Reid - Guest Speaker, TVNZ Foreign Correspondent and Founder of From One Mother to Another Charity*

Joy had many Brexit moments, even though she was not there for the vote and left before a conclusion - whatever that may be! A quote that resonated with her is that Brexit is like trying to unscramble an egg and turn it back into its original form. A funny story she told, demonstrating the somewhat shoestring budget of a reporter overseas, was when she was filming a story in Austria and another Brexit moment blew up, so they had to find the most English looking thing (a tree?) and film the story in front of it as there was no time nor budget to suddenly get back to England. Another comment she had was that it was so unprecedented that the number of senior reporters and politicians coming up with a daily litany of “well I never thought THAT would ever happen” was just never-ending...

On the intrepid side of things, she was caught up in post-World-Cup looting and then Yellow Vest rioting in Paris, experiencing first-hand the debilitating effects of tear gas! Not a highlight...

Her duties for TVNZ included completing all her admin, budgeting and payments, completing all her applications for things such as 18 page several-months-in-advance requests to be media at events such as Wimbledon, being contracted to do interviews for other TVNZ programmes such as Sunday - where she interviewed the likes of Cher (scary! in a 20k pound per night hotel room), Neil Finn, Michael Caine and Boyzone (mocked her accent - pot calling the kettle black!).

In summary, Joy and her family had an amazing experience, with lots of sleep deprivation, crazy schedules, jam-packed events and a roller-coaster 2 years. As this was her dream role since she was at journalism school, she counted herself very fortunate that TVNZ looked at her qualifications rather than deciding on her behalf that as a young mum she wouldn't be able to cope. Now they are back in Christchurch, Joy's husband is settling back into his career with the police force and Joy is working part time for TVNZ while their children are still young. There are many opportunities ahead and I have no doubt that Joy will seize them with both hands and do an incredible job!

For those wanting to support From One Mother to Another, there is a cookbook which is a fundraiser for them, details at: <https://www.onemothertoanother.org.nz/cookbook/>

Thanks Chantal for this weeks report

## Next Week

Christmas Function

## Upcoming Rotary Events

### Wednesday 11 December

CHCH South Christmas Function

### Wednesday 18 December

Cake and Port

### Wednesday 15 January

Regular meetings resume

### Wednesday 20 May

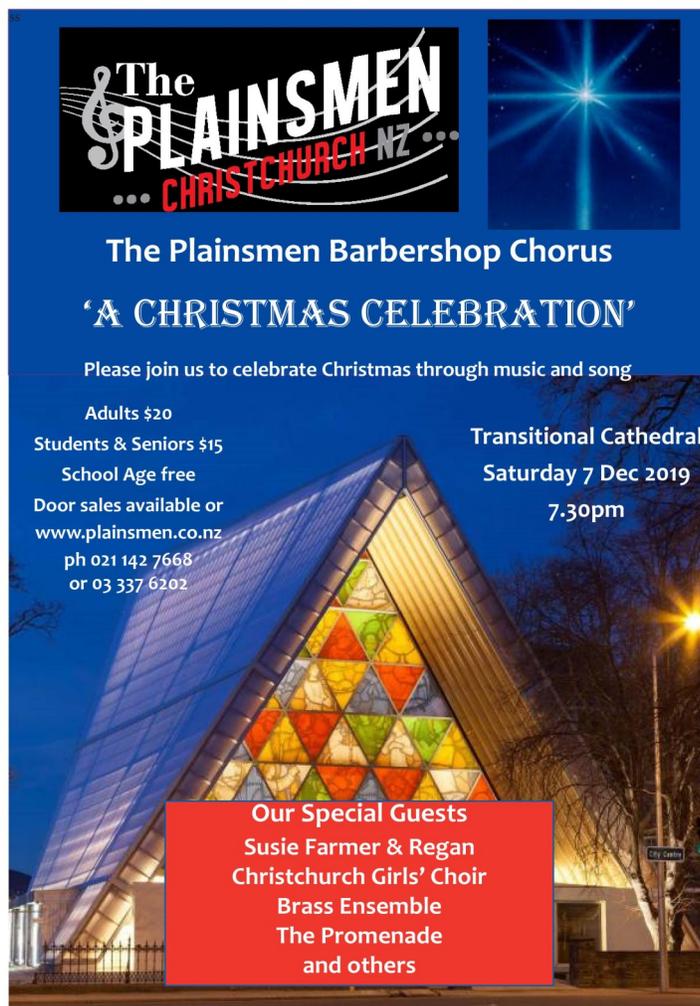
CHCH South Awards Evening

The Sign of the Takahe

## Notices

### Rotary 2020

Our final official meeting is our Christmas function on December 11th, followed by Cake and Port on December 18th. We will start our official meetings again on January 15th



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Translational Cathedral  
Saturday 7 Dec 2019  
7.30pm

**Our Special Guests**  
Susie Farmer & Regan  
Christchurch Girls' Choir  
Brass Ensemble  
The Promenade  
and others

## Duties

Duty	11 Dec	15 Jan
Cash Desk	C Ayrey	C McCarthy
Cash Desk	Viv Ellis	J Woodward
Reception	M Bruce	B McKessar
Speaker Host	Not Required	A McCully
Grace	A McKinnon	S Haye
International Toast	Not Required	H Garlick
Thanks to Speaker	Not Required	K Dalziel
Quote	Not Required	V Ellis
Speaker Reporter	M Opie	L Bermingham
Sergeant	G Dockrill	K Gunasekara
Deputy Sergeant	Not Required	S McLean

## Leave

Who	From	To
R Blyth	08/04/15	TBA
M Whitehead	09/09/15	TBA
V Nossiter		TBA
J Wylie		TBA
K Tanner	04/07/19	31/12/20
R McKinney	01/11/19	20/04/20
M Rickerby	01/01/19	01/01/20

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## Reminders

Record your apology by:

- Notifying the Reception Desk
- Email [chchsouthrotary@gmail.com](mailto:chchsouthrotary@gmail.com) before 11am on that Wednesday
- Emergency apologies to Mike Bruce on 022 540 1251
  
- You will receive an email reminder a couple of days before the meeting re apologising or bringing a guest
- If you are unable to do your allocated duty, it is your responsibility to arrange a substitute and advise the President
- Leave of absence requests (three weeks or more) must be in writing to the Secretary