

## INTERESTING MUSINGS

**Pro-Life Facts**—Right to Life has commended the Gore Health Community Trust for publicly refusing to provide patients with euthanasia by lethal injection; or assisting their suicide. Gore health chief executive Karl Metzler told Stuff (6th November) that the vast majority of doctors are opposed to the End of Life Choice Act. For more information on pro-life issues, visit [www.voiceforlife.org](http://www.voiceforlife.org)

**Young Catholic Leader** is still taking registrations for the upcoming programme from December 14-18, 2020. This programme is for Year 12 students preparing for Year 13 who will have a leadership role in 2020 or are wanting to better develop their leadership skills. Students from Catholic and state schools throughout the Diocese of Palmerston North are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Nick Wilson on 021822814 or [nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz)

**NZ Catholic** has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The November 15-28 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Priests and bishop at pro-life street vigil. Nuncio speaks on youth, laity and Pope's vision. Memorial for young Christchurch priest killed in accident. Tauranga couple die on same day after 66 years married.

**November WelCom** is being distributed to parishes and schools this week for Sunday, 1 November. Pope Francis' new encyclical - Fratelli Tutti, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's 2020 Oceania Report on the state of the environment - Towards New Horizons Cardinal John Dew - reflection on 'The call to Mission'. Feast of Christ the King - Fr James Lyons. Catholics Thinking - 'Thinking after Covid-19', Professor Thomas O'Loughlin, UK Local and international news and views. If you don't receive your copies of WelCom newspaper at your parish or school by this Friday 30 October, please let us know at: [welcom@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:welcom@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**'LIGHT IN THE LOCKDOWN'** Fr Chris Skinner SM

**Composer and Singer**

Sunday 22nd November 2020 at 2pm. Our Lady of Lourdes church 85 Te Mata Road, Havelock North. Tickets \$20 available from the Catholic

Parish of Hastings office, 509 Heretaunga St East, Hastings or Eileen von Dadelsen: [emvond@outlook.com](mailto:emvond@outlook.com) or 0276000987 **Profits to:** Society of St Vincent de Paul, Hastings area CC34870

**National March for Life.** You're invited to love them both by attending the fourth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 5 December. Join pro-life Kiwis from all over NZ in a family-friendly celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: [www.marchforlife.nz](http://www.marchforlife.nz)

**Dove Catholic Fellowship** for Women final meeting for 2020 will be held at St Peter Chanel Parish Centre, Gordon Rd Hastings, on Saturday November 21st from 1-3pm. Our theme is Emanuel, God with us. The meeting will be a celebration of Jesus' presence in our lives.

### Anniversaries in November

Eric Du Fresne, Dianne Atkins  
Phil McElhinney, Peter McConville  
Raymond Stowers, Wendy Fraser  
Kirstie Grevatt, Norah Quinn  
Denise Reid, Patricia Minehan  
Samuel Fletcher, Mike Alexander

### Mass Times

#### Sunday Masses

St Patrick's .....Saturday (vigil) 5.30pm

St Joseph's.....9.30am

#### Weekday Masses

Monday.....St Patrick's...9.00am

Thursday.....St Patrick's...9.00am

Friday.....St Joseph's...9.15am

Saturday.....St Joseph's...9.00am

### Next Sunday Readings

1st Reading Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17  
2nd Reading 1Corinth 15:20-26,28  
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

**Fr Paul Kerridge** (Parish Priest)

15 St Joseph Street, Waipukurau, Phone- 858-9383, Fax - 858-9349, office number- 8586416, Hours Mon- 7.30-12.00pm, Thursday- 12.15-2.20pm and Friday -7.30-3pm E-mail - [cat.chb@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cat.chb@xtra.co.nz) [www.holytrinitychb.com](http://www.holytrinitychb.com)

## The Holy Trinity Parish Voice

**15th Whiringa-ā-rangi, 2020**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### Talented but..

The basic message of today's Gospel is that we all have talents. Maybe not spectacular or dramatic like other people who get national or international acclaim; just ordinary, but nevertheless important. Experts say that the average person uses only a fraction of their talents. Here are three statements to think about:

1. "I weep that there are so many missed opportunities for comforting, so many smiles withheld, hands untouched, kind words unspoken." (from Sheila Cassidy's Sharing the Darkness)
2. "They also serve who only stand and wait." (John Milton: On His Blindness \*\*)
3. "Take the talent from him and give it to the one with five." In other words "use it or lose it." (Jesus)

One of the main reasons why people do not use their talents is because they have been belittled in the past. To belittle is to put someone down, to make them feel small, lessen their sense of self worth.

There are many ways of demeaning another person: cynicism, sarcasm, non-appreciation, taking for granted. The antidote to belittle is to lift people up, to encourage them to value themselves. (homily notes from Mgr. John O'Connell)

On His Blindness

WHEN I consider how my light is spent  
E're half my days, in this dark world and wide,  
And that one Talent which 'tis death to hide,  
Lodg'd with me useless, though my soul more bent  
To serve therewith my Maker, and present  
My true account, least he returning chide,  
"Doth God exact day-labour, light deny'd?"

I fondly ask. But patience to prevent

that murmur, soon replies, "God doth not need  
Either man's work or his own gifts.  
Who best bear his mild yoke, they serve  
him best, his State is Kingly. Thousands at  
his bidding speed and post o'er Land and  
Ocean without rest. They also serve who  
only stand and wait." *association-ofcatholicpriests.ie*

### DIOCESAN UPDATE

All parishioners, parish staff, clergy, pastoral leaders, finance committee and parish council members are invited to attend the Diocese of Palmerston North '2020 Update'. Four sessions are being held around the Diocese in November to provide an update about the current areas of focus for diocesan staff, the status of the diocesan property portfolio and of schools and finances and where our mission is calling us into the future. Short presentations delivered by the newly appointed General Manager, Liam Greer along with Diocesan Accountant, Mary Sutton and Pastoral Coordinator, Isabella McCafferty. 'St. Mary's, Taradale': Monday 23rd November, 5:00pm - 6:00pm

### Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards are now for sale.

Calendars are \$12 each and cards are \$2.50 a packet. Please contact the office or Fr Paul.



## All Souls Day

Last week we celebrated All Souls Day by visiting a cemetery with some friends from our parish. We gathered, spoke the names of loved ones who had died, prayed a few simple prayers together, and then spent some time walking around, praying for the souls whose names were listed on the markers. It was simple and short, and yet so very profound. The events of the year have given us many opportunities to talk with our kids about death, the sacredness and fragility of human life, and our responsibilities to others. But somehow, when we visited the cemetery, these truths became more real, more tangible, for all of us. During the spring quarantine my grandmother died and we weren't to travel home for her funeral and burial. And even though the cemetery we visited here in Kansas isn't where her body is laid to rest, it was still deeply moving to pray for her in that spot. To remember the Hope we have in Jesus Christ, not just for those we love who have died, but for ourselves someday, too. The Hope of the Resurrection was renewed in us that day. If you've not yet taken your family to visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, I encourage you to find some time yet this November and do that. The Holy Father has offered us a gift in extending the plenary indulgence for the dead for the whole month of November (it is usually just during the Octave of All Saints, November 1-8). And for anyone who must remain at home for health reasons and cannot visit a cemetery in person, they may still obtain a plenary indulgence for the poor souls in purgatory by praying for the dead or offering up their pain and suffering. What a beautiful gift we have this November to pray, fast, and do penance for all the souls who have died this year, for those in our families, for those in most need of our prayers!

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**North Korea** has set up "quarantine camps" for Covid-19 patients, where they are deprived of food and medicine, causing many to die of starvation, according to Christians working in the area.

Tim Peters, who runs Seoul-based charity Helping Hands Korea, said sources in the

north had given information on the camps that had been set up in cities near the border with China where inmates are provided with "absolutely minimal or no food or medicine". "It is up to the families of the quarantined citizens to come to the edge of the camps and bring food to keep quarantined relatives alive along with whatever health-related aids that they can muster," he said in an interview. This included medicines "sold in the jangmadang [local] markets or even herbal home remedies gathered from mountainsides". "My sources indicate many in these camps have already died, not only from the pandemic but also from starvation and related causes," he said. Peters, whose NGO delivers medical and other supplies to the North, said the reported neglect matched the testimony of survivors of North Korea's political labour camps, where many thousands of Christians have been incarcerated. Providing an "absolute minimum amount of food" is routine and inmates often die of starvation without the support of their families, he explained. David Lee, a pastor who works with North Korean defectors in South Korea's capital Seoul, said refugees who kept in contact with relatives still in the country had reported cases of people with Covid symptoms being forced into isolation or "being boarded up in their homes without food or other support and left to die". North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un claims that the country is "coronavirus free" and said in a recent speech that he was grateful not a single person had tested positive for the disease. North Korea is routinely ranked as one of the most dangerous places in the world to be a Christian. Believers have been executed simply for owning a Bible. Tens of thousands of Christians – sometimes entire families – have been incarcerated in labour camps where they are abused, tortured and worked to death.

Article courtesy [Barnabas Fund](#)



**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy—Online Session (Evening):** The Gospel of Mark with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive.

Next session on 20 November, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions of this series are connected but also stand alone.

Topic: The Heart of the Gospel – from Blindness to Blindness to the Gospel according to Mark.

For more information and registration:

[info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

See also: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-mark-3/>

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 28 November, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60.

For more information and registration:

[info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

**Many Irish priests** are abandoning online broadcasts of masses due to anxiety created by digital reviews. As in many countries, churches and other places of worship in the Irish Republic have significant restrictions. Priests are required to say mass in empty or near-empty churches. To reach parishioners, masses have been broadcast online since restrictions on attendance were put in place to combat the pandemic. The Association of Catholic Priests (ACP) said the expectation among parishioners that mass will be said online had produced a slew of comments and reviews. This was putting its members under pressure to perform and causing a form of digital stage fright. Father Tim Hazelwood, a spokesman for the ACP, said a lot of priests had felt "forced" into putting their services online. A number had subsequently stopped because of "judgment" from viewers. "And there is a group of 'mass hoppers' who go from mass to mass, and unfortunately some of them pass comments that are very hurtful." Fr Gerry O'Connor from the

Scala Community in Cork city said priests can see how many views

they have received and comparisons are being made. "We are aware that people have their favourite online liturgies. They think some are better than others. There are reviews and analyses and comparisons being made," he said explaining why priests are abandoning online masses. "Like anyone else, priests can be sensitive." While the idea of priests suffering digital stage fright may sound like a Covid-compliant plotline from the television comedy Father Ted, the ACP said its members were dealing with multiple pressures caused by the pandemic. The average age for a priest in Ireland is 72. Many live alone as the Catholic Church copes with dwindling congregation sizes and an ageing priesthood. Father Hazelwood said his colleagues were facing issues such as reductions in church income of up to 60 per cent while also having to adjust to old age. He told the AGM: "Our energy levels are falling. Our health and our fitness isn't as good as it was. We have to recognise that what we could do before, we can't be expected to do now." *cathnews.co.nz*

## St John's College

Well, what a week of weather. Our prayers and thoughts are with the various Napier based communities as they deal with the consequences of the flooding. This week our Y10 students were on retreat (well half of them were). We had to postpone one of the retreat days with half the class due to the weather. On Friday the staff of St. Johns and Sacred Heart Colleges had a combined staff retreat at St Mary's in Taradale. It was wonderful to have the two schools come together in this way. The retreat was run by Murray Adams from Palmerston North and ended with a lovely mass presided over by Monsignor Brian Walsh

