

INTERESTING MUSINGS

Pro-Life Facts

Abortions have increased in NZ by 9% since the radical new abortion law was enacted in March. The March for Life in Wellington on December 5th is a sign of the ongoing commitment of pro-life people to seek protection for pre-born babies in NZ. **For**

more information on pro-life issues, visit
www.voiceforlife.org

'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

Studying Theology at the University of Otago

The Theology Programme at the University of Otago offers many opportunities for the study of Theology, Church History, Ministry, Biblical Studies, and Pastoral Theology, both on-campus and to many students across Aotearoa New Zealand through its successful distance study programme. We are committed to serving Christian communities throughout the country. New enrolments for 2021 are due by December 10th. For details of papers go to: <https://www.otago.ac.nz/theology/study/papers/> or see the attached poster.

To enrol go to <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/enrolment/>

Bishop Owen Dolan Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination (10/12/95-10/12/20)

Everyone is invited to a celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Owen Dolan. Jubilee Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit, Palmerston North,



Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

— Pope Francis —

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on Thursday December 10th at 12.05pm. Luncheon to follow in the Diocesan rooms, all welcome. No RSVP required.

"A FREE BUS will run from Napier to Wellington for the MARCH FOR LIFE on 5 Dec. The contact to book a seat is: Kelly Durston : 0221660908; Email: kellydurston@hotmail.com Anyone who would like to join us MUST ring or email to book a seat."

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'sSaturday (vigil) 5.30pm

St Joseph's.....9.30am

Weekday Masses

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

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

Friday.....School Mass..

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

Next Sunday Readings

1st Reading	Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
2nd Reading	2Peter 3:8-14
Gospel:	Mark 1:1-8

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 www.holytrinitychb.com

The Holy Trinity Parish Voice

29th Whiringa-ā-rangi, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent



Margaret Mary Ruffell

Margaret passed away on the 16th November, 2020. She was born in County Wexford in a small town called Ballycullane in Ireland. She was a registered nurse who nursed in England, Canada and the USA. When she arrived in New Zealand she worked at Nelson Hospital where she met her husband to be Ian. In 1961 she moved to Hawkes Bay. She moved to Central Hawkes Bay and was a very active member of the parish. She was a kind, generous family woman who was a keen knitter and sewer. She was a volunteer for both St Vincent de Paul and Pregnancy Help. She also had a Bachelor of History and studied for this while working and raising a family. Margaret went into Woburn home after suffering a stroke and eventually moved to Hastings. She was loved very much by those who knew her. Rest in peace Margaret.



The Archdiocese of Wellington is currently advertising two senior roles, Director, Development, Investment and Finance; and Director, Church Mission. These leadership roles report to the General Manager and further details can be found on the OCG and Seek websites.

Director, Development, Investment and Finance
<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50868580?type=standout#searchRequestToken=2b8ddbfc-f89e-4b94-ba75-ef317d7b256d>
<https://www.ocg.co.nz/resources/jobs/director-development-investment-and-finance/SMA68485OCG>

Director, Church Mission
<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50860461?type=standout#searchRequestToken=2b8ddbfc-f89e-4b94-ba75-ef317d7b256d>

<https://www.ocg.co.nz/resources/jobs/director-church-mission/SMA68375OCG>

NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The November 29-December 12 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Delight as Timaru basilica reopens. Palmerston North diocese in “really good stead” for 2021. Troubled lay movements need outside oversight. Schools collect thousands of cans for Christmas

Parish Christmas party

When -13th December

Where—Presbytery

Time -4pm

What to Bring –a plate to share



In these days of uncertainty, frustration, division and all around craziness we have a job to do. Our job is to be grateful! Yup ... you read that right! Gratitude is a powerful thing and I for one need to give it more of my attention. If you're wondering why the need for gratitude, read the words by C.S. Lewis again. They stopped me in my tracks because I realized all I was focusing on was the craziness of the world and I needed to shift my thinking and be grateful for the blessings and the trials of the day because they are the things that will help me grow in holiness and get ready for the world I was really created for. I quickly came to discover I was going to have to begin with my perspective and this little story helped me do just that.

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read, “I am blind, please help.” There were only a few coins in the hat – spare change from folks as they hurried past. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. Then he put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon, the man who had changed the sign returned to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, “Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?” The man said, “I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way.” I wrote, “Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.” Both signs spoke the truth. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind, while the second sign conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see.

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Notices from Titipounamu

Online Session (Evening): Christmas “Self Care Nibbles” with Clare Barnett. Tuesday, 15 December, 7.15-8.45pm. Fee: \$30. ZOOM <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/christmas-self-care-nibbles/>

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I ? – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 30 January, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60, ZOOM <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

For more information and registration: [in-fo@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

Like people at airports

There are various themes to explore as Advent begins. Isaiah calls us to confess our sins and hope for better days. Paul's thanksgiving to God is upbeat about the future. Jesus warns us against complacency, for the end is coming sooner than we expect. We might go mainly with the first and third readings, about being prepared for the day of the Lord. Advent invites reassessment of where our ways are leading us. This annual reminder that the world as we know it will one day end, sounds more appropriate in the northern Wintry season, when daylight is short and darkness seems to be winning over the light. But the positive side of this is that a new Spring day is dawning over the horizon, when Christ will come again into our lives with power to save us.

Do you ever watch people at airports, waiting for loved ones to arrive from a flight? They often seem excited, eager for the first appearance of the familiar face, ready with the broad smile of greeting to embrace the returning traveller. We too wait for the Lord's coming with eagerness, because we long for his presence. The waiting is important because, during our life's pilgrimage, we are incomplete. As Augustine once said, “You have made us for Yourself, o Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” At some deep level of our personhood we are in need, a need that only God can fill. This is a time to open our

hearts and invite the Lord to bring us to completion. We begin Advent, yearning for his coming. Today's first reading puts this yearning into an image, that

“We have all withered like leaves... blown by the wind.” The whirling, withered leaves of autumn are a familiar scene these past few weeks. Isaiah proposes the dead leaves as symbols of all that is dried up and withered in our lives. But he also calls us to look for a better day. God is still in charge of creation, and our personal lives are under his loving care. We pray this Advent, “Come, Lord Jesus,” and make our own the words of the psalm, “Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has chosen.” It is a central plank of our faith that the Lord never abandons His people. Back to the people at airports waiting for loved ones to arrive. It is an alert, active waiting – keeping an eye on the time. In today's gospel Jesus says, “Be on your guard, stay awake.” He wants us to focus on our task here and now. We are to grow more mature in our relationship with others and with him, paying attention to prayer, and living with his message in our hearts. That's what waiting for him should be like. And while we wait, we can enjoy his gifts, as promised, for as Paul assures us: “You will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ.” *associationofcatholicpriests.ie*



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.

