

INTERESTING MUSINGS

Notice from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. 4 Mondays in March, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone. Start: 01 March

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-passion-of-jesus-christ-with-kieran-fenn-fms/>

For more information

and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Have you listened to the interviews on Muffin Talk?

They are available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

NEVER TOO LATE – Training assistance still available for Caritas Lenten Program (CLP).

The Diocesan Justice Peace and Development Commission organised a Caritas Zoom training session that was held recently for those in any parish throughout the diocese who wished to lead a CLP in their own parish. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding, the advertisement went only to city parishes. However, Caritas has kindly offered to assist anyone from any parish wanting assistance with running a CLP in their parish and invite you to contact Roger Ellis directly at RogerE@caritas.org.nz and every assistance will be given.

CARITAS CASE STUDY For the last several years, Caritas has partnered with locally operated Rural Training Centres (RTCs) in the Solomon Islands for the Strengthening Technical and Agricultural Rural Training (START) programme. Through 8 this programme, RTC instructors and administrators gain the upskilling and support they need to respond to growing demand for training in fields such as information technology, business development, resource management, waste management, forestry and fishery. The support and preparation of those people managing and teaching at the RTCs also benefits the students, who receive improved preparation for opportunities after their studies. Since the START programme began, RTCs have seen a 15% increase in graduate employment and the doubling of students continuing to further education. The reputation of RTCs has been improved through these devel-

opments, which increases the opportunities available for rural youth. We are hopeful that the next phase of the START programme will continue to provide more communities in the Solomon Islands with the skills and tools they need to grow and achieve their potential.



Anniversaries in January/February

William Martin, Fay Orgar
Terrance Loughan
Trevor Hulena, Brett Gray
Clarice Barclay, Constance Fraiser
Timothy Carpenter
Alan Cameron, Daniel Taylor
Margaret Parsons
Fred Allen
Mary Butler (Molly)
Peter Robinson (Skip)
Vera Lawrence, Jack Moran
Bernard Skidmore, Malcolm Wenzlick

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

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

Next Sunday Readings

1st Reading	Genesis 9-8-15
2nd Reading	1Peter 3:18-22
Gospel:	Mark 1:12-15

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

14th Hui-tanguru , 2021

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Kindness

In March 2020, Lockdown happened so fast, it felt like an emotional earthquake. Nothing like it had happened to this country. We didn't know how to react. Understanding this, our leaders knew they needed to give daily broadcasts. Those updates held us together. We tuned in each day to Covid news that finished with a personal message, the words 'Be kind.' A direction to kindness! That was so powerful! It was also new, not the sort of instruction that came from political leaders. But we recognised it as something that belonged in this country. Generally, kindness is the way we respond to need. It is the way Aroha works in our island country. How can we describe the effect of kindness? Let us reflect on that. Kindness is active. It moves us from concern with self to concern for others. In lockdown, it created connection in separation. Kindness is transformative. It changes the way society works by letting go of judgemental thinking. Us and them become simply us. Kindness is a two-way gift. It benefits the giver as it does the receiver. An act of loving-kindness brings the feeling that this is how life should be lived. Kindness is healing. In some way, it lubricates the dry parts of our lives. It is a balm to chafed areas of consciousness, and it mends all those little wounds caused by anxiety and distrust. This works for both giver and receiver. I am not a fan of atonement theology that focuses on sin and guilt. The writers of the gospels were still entrenched in Mosaic laws, but Jesus' was, above all, a healer. He showed a new way to wholeness. He was the Way, the Truth and the life. He demonstrated the way of loving-

kindness, the truth of loving-kindness, and his life was lived in loving kindness. In that life of giving, the Word made Flesh did not recognise a hierarchical society. All people were equal. When he talked about giving, he said, "Inasmuch as you do it to the least of these, my children, you do it unto me." I remembered those words during Lockdown because that seemed to be the way our little country was operating. I want that to continue, that feeling of togetherness that reminds us we are all waves on the ocean of God. There are times when we need to give money to worthy causes. There are also times when we need to stand up in support of someone who has been wronged. But if these actions don't come from loving kindness, they are, as St Paul says, "The sounding of brass." I'm trying to remember that. *Joy Cowley is a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and retreat facilitator. cathnews.co.nz*

Ash Wednesday—17th February.

Mass times –9.15am @ St Joseph's, 11am at Woburn Home and 5.30pm at St Patrick's.

A New Way Forward

Laudato Si, Pope Francis

He Ara Whakamua, He Ara Hou

Laudato Si, Papa Werahiko

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the Lent appeal 2021

Pro-Life Facts

Mary Cooney blogs at Mercy for Marthas. In a recent blog she explains how reading Heather Avis' autobiography "The Lucky Few" gave her insight into the love and pain of mothers who go through 9 months of pregnancy and make the difficult decision to give up their child for adoption. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org

Greetings to all with the first edition of **WelCom for 2021**. February WelCom is being distributed to parishes and schools this week for Sunday, 7 February.

Contents include:

Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin SM talks to WelCom. Cardinal John's column – New year, new beginnings. Two prominent Māori leaders remembered: Kaumatua Tuki Takiwa and Dr Mānuka Henare – RIP. Bishop Owen Dolan's 25th anniversary celebrated in Palmerston North. Hīkoi Whakapono: A Journey of Faith – St Mary's Parish in Palmerston North and Ashurst. Pope proclaims Year of St Joseph for 2021. The Season of Lent – reflection from Fr James Lyons.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for

Women, will meet on Saturday 27th February at St Mary's Parish Centre, Taradale. 2-4pm. If you are interested in deepening your relationship with Jesus, please come and step out with us. Our theme this year is The Word of the Lord. Our speaker this month is Gloria Stafford. She will share the Lord's invitation, "Come, let us go..."

Shrove Tuesday—From 7-8.30am you are welcome to share some pancakes and hospitality at St Andrews church in preparation for Lent.—16th February

Congratulations—To Eleanor and John Graham who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this weekend. Enjoy your celebrations!

The Parish to Parish bed and breakfast book is available with nearly 200 homes in NZ and Australia for catholic hospitality, \$35 a night for one person or \$30 each for 2 or more persons this includes continental breakfast, I would welcome new hosts to join us.

Celebration of the first Catholic Church in Central Hawkes Bay – 150 years

Where - St Patrick's Waipawa
Friday 23 April, Saturday 24 April 2021.

Itinerary

Friday 5:30 – 7:30pm: Waipawa town Hall.

- Mix n mingle

Book launch: History of the church; families; anecdotal comments

Saturday: morning tea, cemetery walk
Mass at St Patricks 4.30pm. celebrated by Cardinal John Dew.

Dinner 7.30pm. at Waipawa town hall.

Registration costs for all events: costs/choice

Friday pm \$20.00

Saturday Dinner \$40.00

Book \$35.00

Total per person \$95.00

Needed—volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Jo or Sue for details.

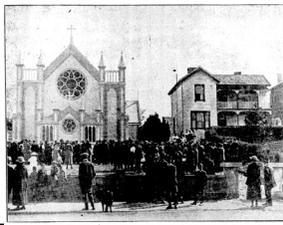
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For information or to purchase a book (\$15 includes postage) contact Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, Ph. 359 5541, or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards. The February 7-20 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Eminent Catholic Māori scholar dies. Kiwi Columban's mission in Pakistan. Low sensory Mass near Christchurch. Faith alive at Hearts Aflame.

St Johns College—This week we had our commissioning mass which was concelebrated by Fr Marcus, Fr Trung and Fr Barry. Being our first mass of the year, and a celebration of our student leadership, it was good to have an Old Boy (Fr Marcus) and one of our Marist priests (Fr Barry) saying mass. Our Commissioning Mass is where we announce our Prefects and Senior Leaders for the year. Congratulations to Jonty Unwin who is Head Prefect and to James Barr and Jayden Murphy who are the Deputy Head Prefects for 2021. We pray that our Lord will bless their leadership of our young men this year and will look over them in their studies.

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are in the Church foyer. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. **NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.**

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2021 will be sent receipts for the 2020/2021 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2021/2022 tax year. Thank you for your generous support

A Word of Thanks

Today's story may be an early version of the story of the ten lepers. However the point is quite different. In this version the leper, far from not thanking Jesus, goes about shouting his gratitude to all who would listen. The passage is made more obscure by Mark's literary device of the "Messianic Secret" his recurring claim that Jesus was trying to keep who he was a secret, which today's scholars regard as just an odd, narrative form. Surely, however, Jesus did not want to be known as the kind of military messiah that so many people in his time wanted and expected. The predicament of the leper in the time of Jesus was truly pathetic. Those unfortunates were debarred from all social life, both religious and commercial. We might try to explain their plight with ex-

amples from one's local surroundings, although it is difficult to find such an all-embracing boycott, in modern cultures. Jesus crosses social and religious boundaries in order to cure the leper. But before this could happen, the leper had the courage to break the Law of the Old Testament and approach Jesus. The outcast had such a high opinion of this holy man that he risked a rebuke from him for ignoring the normal prohibitions. At the heart of the encounter, compassion moves Jesus not only to respond with a word of encouragement, but also to reach out and touch him. Here Jesus shows us God's attitude to human disability. He wishes to reach us in our weakness and restore us to fullness of life. It is not enough that the outcast is restored to health. Without the permission of the priest he could not regain his place in society and would remain an outcast. Jesus wants to reestablish communion in a broken human family. Leprosy drove people away from others through the fear of the healthy that they would contract the dread disease Jesus wants to remove these barriers between human beings and set up a communion that is free and harmonious. We might apply this to our own community by instancing types of bias and prejudice that exist locally and invite people to ask the Lord to heal whatever keeps them at a distance from certain others. Continuing reconciliation is necessary as we go through life and receive various types of hurts, which could make us withdraw from others as the leper did. It requires the courage of the leper to bring these hurts and fears to the Lord for healing. A different homily could be built on the second reading. Paul's emphasis on thought for the other's good is a reminder that none of us can ignore. He does not pander to the desires of others, but in a generous spirit thinks of how his actions might affect them. He wants to imitate the Lord, who loved his brethren even unto death. Paul wants to love them in their weakness and to work for their advantage. This type of attitude is unto the glory of God in ordinary things, such as eating and drinking. It resembles the practical advice given by Matthew in 18:10 that no one can ignore anyone else, even the least. *Association-ofcatholicpriests.ie*