

INTERESTING MUSINGS

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..."

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. 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

The May 2021 **Funding Round for the Diocese** of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open
Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group. The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation, and aligned with the diocesan goals. We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria. Applications are now open and are due on Wednesday 31 March 2021. Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Catholic-Charities-Application-form-2020.pdf> or please contact Wendy Silver at wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 833.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy
Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Je-

sus 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



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 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
2nd Reading Romans 8:31-38
Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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

21st Hui-tanguru , 2021

1st Sunday in Lent



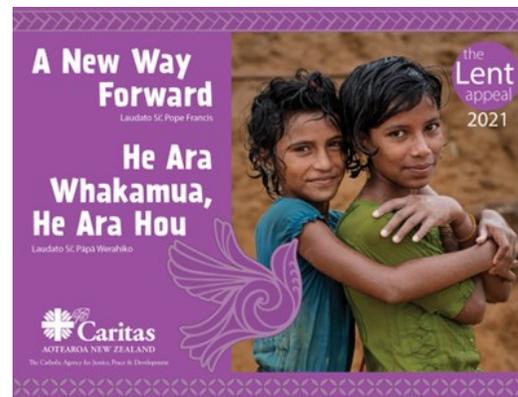
Give up gossip, take up gratitude for Lent

If we're looking for something to do for Lent, we could do as Pope Francis suggests and take up gratitude, says Auckland's Catholic bishop, Patrick Dunn. And if we're looking for something to give up, the pope suggests the Lenten season could be a time to give up gossip, Dunn added, in an on-line address on Ash Wednesday.

Dunn is calling on Christians to "pull out all stops" and to live their faith as fully as possible and in reminding them to do so he suggests they draw on the great scriptural aids of prayer, fasting and alms-giving.

He said the 40 days of Lent give us an opportunity to reflect on where we have come from and what we are called to be. Italian theologian Father Ermes Ronchi also picked up on the pope's recommendations for the new season. Pope Francis has asked people to do for Lent, they should be directing their attention to the real people around them, Ronchi said. Instead of being "glued" to the internet, "what if we were to look people in the eye the way we look at our phones, 50 times a day, looking at them with the same attentiveness and intensity, how many things would change? How many things would we discover?" he asked. Speaking of how to understand Lent and Ash Wednesday during a global pandemic, particularly

when many people have already lost so much, Ronchi recalled the natural cycles of life and death, ashes and rebirth. "Ashes are what is left when nothing is left, it is the bare minimum, the almost-nothing. And it is from here that one can and must begin again, rather than stopping in despair" he said. Ashes smudged or sprinkled on the faithful are then "not so much about 'remember you must die,' but 'remember you must be simple and fruitful.'" "We are living in a time that can bring us back to the essential, rediscovering what is permanent in our lives and what is fleeting. Therefore, this moment is a gift to be more fruitful, not to castigate." No matter what measures or restrictions may be in place due to the pandemic, people still have all the tools they need, which no virus can take away: charity, tenderness and forgiveness, and especially opportunities to give up gossip and take up gratitude, he said.. *Catholicnews.co.nz*



Pro-Life Facts

An Abortion Safe Areas Amendment Bill is being introduced into Parliament this year to prevent pro-lifers praying, having vigils, or offering help and counselling outside abortion clinics. This week the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists expressed their support for the move.

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

Congratulations—To Eleanor and John Graham who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this weekend. Enjoy your celebrations! The February 21 – March 6 issue of **NZ Catholic** is out now. Some headlines are: NZ mental health journeys of a priest and a lay woman. Alert level shift changes Ash Wednesday plans. Cardinal preaches on Waitangi Day. Historic organ retrieved from Chch cathedral.

Children of the Desert

Some years ago on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a group of others to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We visited Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem; climbed the Mount of the Beatitudes and swam in the Sea of Galilee and even in the Dead Sea (not a pleasant experience!). We walked from Jerusalem to Jericho, looked into Jacob's Well, stood on the place in Cana where Jesus changed the water into wine and even knelt at the place where he was crucified. Everywhere we went, we took our gospel with us and read the appropriate passage. It was a moving experience all the way. But the strongest impression I have retained is that of the desert where Christ spent forty days before starting his public life. During our pilgrimage, we spent a day and a night in the desert. It is not surprising that the three great world religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, were all born in the desert. It was through the desert that Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It was from that desert that John the Baptist came to herald the Messiah and soon after Jesus followed to pro-

claim himself Messiah. After my visit there, I came to realise the significance of the desert. The desert is a purgatory man must pass through to reach paradise. What is impressive about the desert is its sheer aridness. There is no vegetation, no bird life and, apart from the odd tiny lizard, almost no animals. The silence is almost total. In that bleak landscape, nothing comes between man and his God. One either discovers God or succumbs to despair. It is no wonder that those Bedouins who ply the salt trade following their caravans across the desert are deeply religious. No life thrives here except the inner life. It is not surprising that it was the Desert Fathers who created that great institution dedicated to fostering the inner life, Western monasticism. It has so profoundly marked Christianity that we are all now, in a sense, children of the desert. Living now as many of us do, in built-up areas, piled high on top of each other in high-rise apartments, bombarded day and night with the roar of city traffic and the blare of electronic music, we are in danger of losing our desert roots. And with that our inner life. We need to create a time and a space to nurture our spiritual lives. Lent is such a time. The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert and he remained there for forty days. Like Jesus, we should let the Holy Spirit lead us out into the desert this Lent where we can confront the devils that haunt our lives, and like him too, triumph over them. That is the freedom, dignity, and gift that is offered in today's gospel. associationofcatholicpriests.ie

There are so many great reasons to fast and Lent is an ideal time to begin this regular practice of self-denial. The elderly and those who cannot fast from food can fast from TV, social networking, eating out, treats, or coffee. Lent is a time for change and sacrifice. If you can do penitential acts during Lent, then you can do them all year round!



St Johns College—Last week we celebrated our Commissioning Mass and announced our Prefects. **Head Boy** is Jonty Unwin, **Deputy Head Boys**, Jaden Murphy and James Barr. **Prefects:** Jamie Chamberlain, Ayden Wilson, Lochlan Stent, Joel McIlvenny, Joseph Mooney, Louis Gaffaney, Alex Finlayson, Hugh Mackintosh, Ishan Parmer, Isaac Pilcher, Sam Thompson, Parnil Naiker Bradley Campbell, Josiah McFarland, Oliver Gardiner, Liam Halpin. This week we have held our Athletics Sports day. Great to be back into Level 1.

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

Bishops Lent Appeal

For this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, Caritas is making available our Lent Reflection booklets which include the Gospel readings for each week of Lent.

E te Atua o te aroha, God of love, we see that now is te wā – the time – to answer your call. You know our paths and the obstacles we face; you know our hearts and you invite us to entrust them to you.

Give us the grace to follow a new way forward, to be transformed and to transform our world, to help bring your kingdom into being on earth as it is in heaven.



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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These can be reflected on or prayed with on an individual or small group basis in compliance with Covid restrictions. They can be viewed and printed from our website here: https://caritas.org.nz/system/files/resources/2021%20LRP%20English_web.pdf