

INTERESTING MUSINGS

Notice from Titipounamu Study & Joy

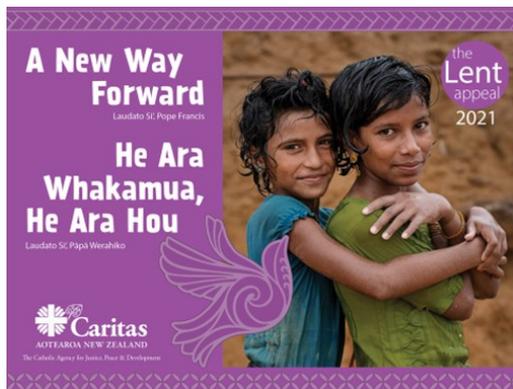
Online Sessions (Evening): The Passion of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive.

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



Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme

The Lenten season provides an opportunity each year to deepen our understanding of our faith by reflecting on the Gospels. During Lent we are called both to turn away from those things that encumber our faith journey with God and to turn towards God. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to open ourselves to changes that God wants to make in us so that we can truly flourish. DISCUSSION SHARING AND FAITH IN ACTION Through the discussion, sharing and the Faith in Action sections we are invited to deepen our understanding of the Gospels, and to allow God to transform us. A significant aim of our Lenten practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving is, by God's grace, to change our patterns of behaviour and to respond with love to our neighbours. Each session ends with an invitation and an opportunity to make a commitment to put our faith into action. **If you are**

Lenten Reflection Programme

interested in being part of a group please let Fr Paul or the office know.

For reflection and discussion of the Lenten Gospels by groups in parishes, families, rest homes, communities, and chaplaincies and for personal reflection.



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 Leviticus 13:1-2,45-46
2nd Reading 1Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Gospel: Mark 8:11-13

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

7th Hui-tanguru, 2021

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Bishop Pompallier wasn't necessarily expected, or even perhaps wanted 180 years ago, not so much because he was Catholic, but because he was French. However, he was welcomed, and he made an important contribution to the day. Bishop Pompallier addressed Governor Hobson, asking that religious freedom be respected. In response, Hobson affirmed "Ko ngā whakapono katoa i Ingarani, o ngā Weteriana, o Roma, me te ritenga Māori, e tikanga ngatahitia e ia - the several faiths of England, of the Wesleyans, of Rome and also Māori custom shall alike be protected." At Waitangi – on 6th February 1840 there was a Hope, wishes, a vision of what Aotearoa New Zealand could be.

Those gathered in 1840 perhaps did not, and could not, have anticipated all the faiths that would be represented in Aotearoa New Zealand 180 years later. In the spirit of te Tiriti o Waitangi, in the shoes of Bishop Pompallier, I believe it is time to recommit ourselves to protecting the faiths of all who live here: of Māori custom and spirituality, of the different Christian denominations, of Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Bahai'i and many other faiths; and also the freedom of religion and conscience of those who profess no faith. We are all brothers and sisters, made by God. We thank God for our diversity. We thank God for New Zealand's tradition of religious freedom and equality. However, as we stand here and reflect on religious diversity and religious freedom, we do so in the context of Aotearoa today.....remembering that less than a year ago there was horror and outrage at the deaths of 51 of our Muslim brothers and sisters killed as they were at prayer in their mosques, places which should have been places of sanctuary for them. A couple of

days later I was honoured to stand alongside Islamic and other religious leaders when we used interfaith prayer to open a session of Parliament on 19 March last year. There has been much discussion in recent years, which has often focused around two questions as if they were the only options – are we a secular country, in which religion is not part of the public sphere? Or are we a Christian country in which only one form of public prayer should be privileged? Our New Zealand tradition, since 1840 and since the first Parliamentary debate in 1854 is of religious diversity and religious freedom. I find it very moving that at a time when Christian denominations in other parts of the world were still learning to live and work with each other, at least three members of the House of Representatives in 1854 spoke of the need to ensure inclusion of people of Jewish faith. The first motion passed by the House of Representatives was to recognise "perfect political equality in all religious denominations." This is a heritage that is worth remembering. It is religious tolerance, religious inclusion and religious acceptance that is our heritage. We honour and celebrate that today. I am a Christian, I preach Christ, who offers and brings salvation to all humanity. Christians do not want to be less than we are, we do not want to be silenced or marginalised, to be told that the faith that gives us life is just a private matter. Neither do we want any other religious group, or people of goodwill who do not identify with any religion, to be marginalised, silenced or told their beliefs are only private matters. *Waitangi, 6 February 2020 Homily of Cardinal John Dew - Interdenominational church service at Te Whare Rūnanga - edited*

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.

Pro-Life Facts

For many pro-life people, the issue of abortion seldom touches them personally, but there may be times when a friend, relative or acquaintance approaches you for help simply because they know you are pro-life. Or there may be times when you become aware of someone who is struggling with a difficult pregnancy and who may need support. In those situations, we encourage you to contact Voice for Life for suggestions of organisations you can refer your friend or relative to for help, organisations that we know from experience will do everything they can to support mothers in overcoming the different challenges they may face, enabling them choose life for their baby. **For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.**

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:

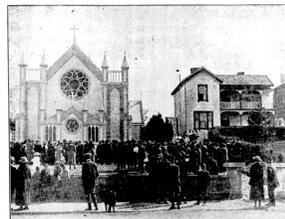
Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin SM talks to WelCom. Cardinal John's column – New year, new beginnings. Two prominent Māori leaders remembered: Kaumatua Tuki Takiwa and Dr Mānuka Henare – RIP. Bishop Owen Dolan's 25th anniversary celebrated in Palmerston North. Hikoi Whakapono: A Journey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

Fr James Lyons.

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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Or Jo McGowan
0211713189
Email: jomacg2@gmail.com



Ash Wednesday—17th February.

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

St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Monday 8th February at 4pm in the parish office. New members are always welcome.



St Johns College—This week saw the beginning of the school year for St John's students. Monday was for Y9 and Y13 students only. Our Y9 students and new staff were welcomed with a powhiri. We would like to welcome Peter Connell (Deputy Principal - pastoral), Glenn Hutcheson (HOD Commerce) and Jo Gibson (TIC Digital Technology) to our staff. Tuesday was the first day the whole school was together again and we started the day with a liturgy followed by assembly. We ask for your prayers that our students and teachers will have a fruitful 2021.

"If you want to serve in the parish community, become a catechist, Christian or youth leader, or want to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, come and register at Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College. We offer programmes that will help you build intellectual faith as you build faith communities. For more information, please visit our website at www.ctc.ac.nz, email us at of-fic@ctc.ac.nz or call (04) 8198380. Scholarships and online options available."

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.

Signs of God's Healing

There is a debate about whether the people whom Jesus healed were really possessed by the devil or were just mentally disturbed. That debate is utterly besides the point. These individuals were deeply troubled and Jesus healed them. His intent was to heal people both in body and soul. Most scripture scholars now agree that miracles were an important part of Our Lord's ministry and of the memory of that ministry in the early church. We simply cannot abandon them to please

those who say miracles are impossible. The precise explanation of how these healings were accomplished is another matter and perhaps one that is also besides the point. Jesus did not work miracles to prove anything. Rather they were signs that God's healing love is at work in the world. Once upon a time some doctors discussing whether prayer helped their patients. "Does it do any good," they asked, "for people to pray for those who are sick?" One group said "Well, it helps those who pray to feel that they're doing something for the sick person. But it really doesn't help the sick person at all." The other group said that they had the impression that prayer really had a positive effect on sick people. The first group said "That's scientifically impossible!" So they decided to try a "double blind" experiment on those who were recovering from heart problems. They would have prayers said for some and not for the others to see what happened. The doctors didn't know who was chosen to be prayed for and the subjects of the prayers didn't know either. However a list of first names were given to those who were to do the praying. So neither the "pray-ers" nor the "pray-ees" nor the researchers knew who had been chosen to be the target of prayer. What happened? Those for whom prayers were said recovered more quickly. "See!" said those who had argued that prayer worked, "there's more things under heaven than science dreams of." (This story of research was reported in the Archives of Internal Medicine.)

More than ever we should be humble and patient, charitable and forgiving.
Mary MacKillop 1884

