Anniversaries in May

Hannah Moran, Terry Coyle, Deidre Wedd, Denis Farrell
Fr Robert Francis Ryan, George Kura
Imelda Ewen, John (Merv) Maggin
Kathleen Butler, Kathrin De Fresne
Patrick Mullens, Marie Chote, Petrus Pepping (Pe)

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

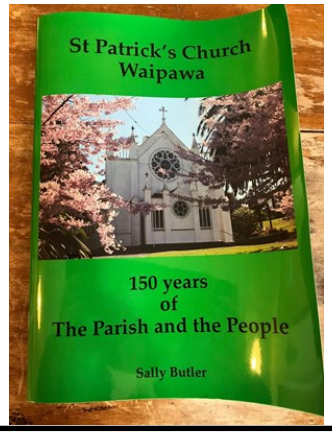
The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has awarded the title Knight of the Order of Saint Gregory the Great to Tony Murphy in recognition of his outstanding service to the church in the Diocese of Palmerston North. Our congratulations and blessings go to Tony on receiving this much deserved honour. Well done, and many thanks for your service of eighteen years as our Diocesan manager! Everyone is invited to the presentation of this Papal Award on Tuesday 11 May, 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North. Afternoon Tea in the Diocesan Rooms will follow the ceremony. No RSVP is required.

St Johns College—
Enrolments are now open for Year 8 students for 2021. Please phone the office to make an enrolment interview.
We are holding our **Prospectus Evening on Thursday 13th May at 7pm.** We welcome families with Year 8 boys to come along and learn about St. John's College.

Pro-Life Facts
In 2016, abortion "exclusion zones", also known as "Safe Access Zones" were enacted in the State of Victoria, meaning that pro-life people could not gather outside abortion facilities. Similar powers to establish "safe areas" around NZ abortion facilities would be provided by Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion (Safe Areas) Amendment Bill. For more info on pro-life issues, visit www.righttolife.org.nz

Confirmation 2021—please register if you or anyone in your family are interested in making the Sacrament of Confirmation. There will be some registration forms in the foyers or email the office or speak to Fr Paul.

$35 a copy –available at the Parish Office



Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest) **2nd May2021**
15 St Joseph Street, Waipukurau, Phone- 858-9383, office number- 8586416,
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Rātini Kupu
2nd Haratua , 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples. Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfilment of God's promises to Israel. In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began. Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name. We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbour. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name . *https://www.loyolapress.com/*

The latest issue in your church Sunday May 2

May Wel*Com* is being distributed this week for Easter Sunday, 2 May. 2021.
Contents include:

- Catholic Filipino community – 500-year anniversary Mass in Wellington
- Cardinal John's column – Being part of a faith community.
- Archdiocesan Clergy Assembly – includes visit to Pukekaraka Marae, Ōtaki.
- Covid-19 vaccination and immunisation programme - information from The Nathaniel Centre for bioethics, a NZ Catholic Bishops' agency.
- Ascension Sunday – reflection from Fr James Lyons.
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 16-23 May 2021.

Local and international news and views.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Br Kieran Fenn.
Monday 03, 10, 17, 24 May, 7-8.30pm. Fee: $25/session. ZOOM.
All sessions are connected but also stand alone.
https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-5/
Onsite Event: Ancient rock-hewn churches in Ethiopia. A presentation by Nic Birt in St Mark's Coptic Orthodox church, Birkdale. Saturday, 29 May, 7-9pm. Free. (only if Auckland is in Level 1).
https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/exploring-ancient-rock-hewn-churches-in-ethiopia-2/
For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Some of the displays of both memorabilia and floral that we have been blessed with over the very successful Jubilee last weekend. A huge congratulations to all who were involved!

Dear Parishioners of The Holy Trinity Parish,

The management of St. John Paul II Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy (Tahanan ng Damayang Kristiyano, TDK), home for the homeless elderly and Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy (Tahanan ng Banal na Awa, TBA), home for the homeless children wants to expressed our deepest gratitude for the financial assistant and prayers as well that you extend for us here in the Philippines amidst of this Pandemic virus that affects the whole world. That through your help and generosity you were able to raise this amount that would greatly help the management to continuously provide the basic needs of this homeless elderly and children in our society. Please extend also our deepest gratitude to all your parishioners and donor/benefactors who have shared their blessings to make this mission a mission of all. May you continue to extend more help to our least fortunate brother and sister who are in need most. Once again thank you very much for your prayers, support, love and generosity. Rest assured also our prayers for you Rev. Father, all the staff and your community parishioners.
God Bless us all! Respectfully yours,
Sr .CATHERINE D. BA-A,SCMM, Residential Social Worker
Interviews on Muffin Talk with Br Kieran Fenn, Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and others are available at:
https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/

What is a Mary Garden? Creating them is a very old tradition. Strictly speaking, a Mary Garden is an enclosed garden filled with flowers and herbs whose names all speak of Our Lady, planted around a statue of the Holy Virgin. However, our contest will open the field a bit. We want to encourage the creation of all sorts gardens and even places of plants and flowers on porches or inside apartments: sacred spaces for you and your family to care for and to go to with our Mother Mary, for prayer, peace, and beauty that grace your hearts and your home with God's presence.
This list of flowers and their meanings may help you get started
Rose – Roses have been associated with Mary since the earliest days. They are a symbol of her glory and sorrow. Roses are often known as the queen of flowers. As such, they are also a sign of Mary's queenship of heaven.
Lily of the Valley - Mary's Tears – Legend holds that when Mary wept at the foot of the cross, her tears fell to the ground and these flowers blossomed. With its pure white flowers, it has also been associated with her Immaculate Conception.
Ox-Eye Daisy - Mary's Star – This flower is associated with the Star of Bethlehem which led the Magi to the Christ child.
Fleur-de-lis - Yellow flag iris – A symbol of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel came to Mary to ask her to be the mother of God's son.
Chrysanthemum – All Saint's Flower – This flower is believed to have been present when Christ was laid in the tomb.

Snowdrop - Candlemas Bells – These are said to have bloomed at Candlemas, when Mary brought Jesus to the temple for his presentation.
Gladiolus – the name of this flower comes from the Latin word for "sword" and stands for the sword that would pierce Mary's heart.
Violet – a symbol of Mary's constancy, humility, and innocence.
Marigold – Mary's Gold – a symbol of Mary's simplicity and domesticity. Sometimes also associated with her sorrows.
Carnations – their name reminds one of the Incarnation of Christ. They also are a symbol of the Crucifixion.
For more information on flowers and herbs associated with Mary, please visit: http://www.fisheaters.com/marygardens.html