

Anniversaries in May

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Pro –Life Facts- The sponsors of the Safe Areas Amendment Bill claim that women going for an abortion, are being intimidated and harassed by the protesters. However using the Official Information Act, Ken Orr of Right to Life has learned that there have been no complaints for the period 2019 to 31st January 2021. For more information on prolife issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz

There are days when it feels that the whole world is against us. Stressful work with unreasonable deadlines. Kids pulling on our last nerve. Our spouses don't understand what we're feeling. Despite our constant effort, the living space is one big pile of miscellaneous stuff, toys, paper, and laundry. And what do you mean it's time to eat and clean up the kitchen again? With so many things going on we begin to feel weighed down by our worries and needs and before we know it, our thoughts turn inward, hyper-focused on ourselves and our problems. When this happens, intentional prayer for others is a pathway to regain clarity, perspective, and peace of mind. Intentional Rosary - You may be familiar with praying a scriptural Rosary, but have you prayed an Intentional Rosary? Simply put, before each Hail Mary state a petition for another person. If you're in the habit of keeping a running prayer list for friends and loved ones during the day or week, the intentional Rosary is a great opportunity to pray for them each by name. Perhaps you're thinking that you don't have fifty people to pray for to complete a rosary, but you'd be surprised how once you get started intentionally praying for someone else, more names immediately rise to the surface even as you're working your way through the very first Hail Mary. Tip: the easiest way to get started is to pray for your family members by name and then it usually starts to flow. If you pray a family Rosary, go around the room asking

Mass Times

Sunday Masses

St Patrick'sSaturday (vigil)5.30pm

St Joseph's.....9.30am

Weekday Masses

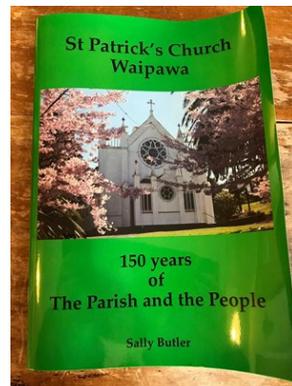
Monday.....St Patrick's...9.00am

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

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

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

each family member to put forward their special intention for someone else before praying the Hail Mary. You might be surprised to hear who your children are thinking about and praying for in their lives. Maybe a family rosary is still a bit ambitious; however, this could be a subtle practice in that general direction by inviting an intentional prayer once or twice around the room until you complete one decade of Hail Mary praying for others. The intentional rosary also works in any small group, mom's group, book club, or bible study when you need more focused prayer. Praying for others takes our mind off our own personal worries. If we are truly trusting God, we know that serving Him in prayer refocuses our thoughts, our priorities, and our hearts. Depending on our circumstances, sometimes intentional prayer is the only opportunity we have to serve others. *Copyright 2021 Sheri Wohlert*



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Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning '50th') was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the opening of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people. In today's first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into 70 tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue. For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: 'Peace be with you', the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will 'retain' or 'seize hold of' the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they 'retain'. To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence.

Veronica Lawson RSM



The NZ Catholic Medical Association is holding a Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3pm Friday 28 May to 3pm Saturday 29 May. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and Reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event. Registration and details: www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

St John's College- A big congratulations to St Joseph's Maori Girls for winning the O'Shea Shield last week-end. St John's College came second with two other schools, 1 point behind. Congratulations to all the students, teachers and parents involved from our three Catholic secondary schools. Much effort went into preparing and presenting. A great week-end was had by all our students as they came together in community, friendship and competition. This week the college held a grandfather/father/son breakfast; the first in many years. The breakfast was well attended and everyone enjoyed a good feed to start the day. Thanks to Peter Connell, our deputy principal, for organising it. We also held our first promotion Evening - Prospectus Evening last Thursday night. This was enjoyed by Yr8 families. Our next promotional event will be our "Taste of St. John's Day" for Year 8 students to come to the College for the day - please phone the office for more information. Open Evening will be held on Sunday 8th August at 2pm. Enrolments are now open for Year 8 students for 2021. Please phone the office to make an enrolment interview.

Kiwi Catholics hungering for inspiration after the long pandemic are invited to join the *Alive in the Spirit* online conference from 8-10 July. The innovative conference offers a variety of keynote speakers, home-grown workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. It will inspire and support lay people and clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, pastoral councils, pastoral

ministers and volunteers, those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care and chaplaincies and anyone who wants to be Alive in the Spirit. For full details, go to www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/aliveinspirit/

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening): The Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John with Br Kieran Fenn.

Monday 24 - and additionally 31 May, 7-8.30pm. Fee: \$25/session. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-resurrection-of-jesus-christ-with-br-kieran-fenn-8/>

For more information and registration:

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Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

Next Sunday—Sunday 30th
May there will be only **ONE**
Mass as it is our Feast day—
The Most Holy Trinity @ St
Joseph's. (No Vigil Mass)
There will be a shared morning
tea in the church foyer after
Mass. See you there!



Over Anzac weekend I returned to the parish in which I was born and grew up, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of St Patrick's Church, Waipawa. The current St Patrick's Church is the third church on the site, with the first being dedicated by Bishop Phillipe Viard on 16 April 1871. When the first church was built there was a flourishing Catholic community in Waipawa, looked after by Fr Reignier who for 20 years had travelled from his Meaneer Mission station [south of Napier] to minister to settlers and Māori in central Hawke's Bay. A larger church was built around 1890, which was sadly destroyed by fire in 1920. The whole community – not just Catholics – raised the money to build the current church, which survived the 1931 earthquake and was the focus of the 150th anniversary celebrations over Anzac weekend. In preparing for the Anniversary Mass and for a speech at the dinner, I found myself reflecting on growing up in Waipukerau and being part of the faith community of Waipawa, where we came to Mass every Sunday, as the two towns were part of the one parish. I was born in the hospital just around the corner from St Patrick's Church, so the parish has been very much a part of my faith journey. We learned so much about the faith as children without realising it. One of the things I learned very early on was that being a Catholic could be fun; there were jokes and funny incidents, there was the tennis club, the parish picnics at the Patangata River, and in later years there was the Patangata Pub. Yes, we were something of a Catholic ghetto as many Catholic communities were in those days, but that also meant there were many family friends and people who looked out for you, and who participated in lots of informal ways in your education. I believe there are some real blessings growing up in a small-town community, and I am grateful for that experience. There are the blessings of knowing just about everyone in town and a sense that the well-known saying, 'It takes a village to raise a child' is actually true. A very clear memory I have is of coming

to Waipawa for the opening of the then new bridge over the river. Why as children we were brought to the opening of a new bridge I don't know. The official who was doing the opening was making a speech and I heard someone say something about how he wished the person would fall into the river. I laughed, and a woman close to me looked at me and said, 'Never ever wish another person any harm!' I have never forgotten that. It does take a village to raise a child, and that may have been even more accentuated in the smaller Catholic communities we belonged to in earlier years especially those outside the cities. Our Catholic communities are called to be the 'cornerstones' of our society, and to make a difference in the lives of others. Many of our parish communities in the Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North are well past their first 100 years of doing just that, helping people to know who Jesus is and what he asks of us. Yes, much has changed, and there will always be change. A great saint, St Irenaeus once said, 'In a higher world it is otherwise, but here below to live is to change, to be perfect is to have changed often.' Don't ever be afraid of change, it is part of life, it is part of who we are, even in the Church. It is on occasions such as anniversaries we realise how much things change. Years ago – when I was probably 11 or 12 years old – the bishop was coming to town for some reason and Fr Jansen asked my mother to provide a meal. She was a good cook and a good hostess. There was a lot of time and effort, a lot of planning and panic that went into that meal. Years later, I came home one time when I was teaching at the National Seminary in Mosgiel. I had heard that Bishop Peter Cullinane was visiting the parish for an event, so I asked Mum if she was going. Her response was, 'Bishops, they are a dime a dozen these days, no I'm not going.' That's change – I would like to have a word with her now! - **Cardinal John Dew**

