

Anniversaries in September

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Following the most recent changes to Alert Level II restrictions, and in conversations with both Cardinal John and the Council of Priests we will open our churches for the celebration of public Masses, beginning tomorrow. The only real change announced on Monday is the increase of gatherings from 50 to 100 people, which means we need to be just as vigilant in terms of keeping our people and the wider community safe. To be clear, everyone is obliged to follow the public health requirements, because public safety comes before personal rights and personal opinions.

Our diocesan requirements for church use during Alert Level II include the following: - *Masks must be worn by everyone while in church. Each church should have a supply of masks (for those who forget)*

People entering the church must sign in using the COVID-19 tracer app (or sign in manually) and use hand sanitizer. Signing in must now involve privacy, with separate slips to be completed and deposited in a record box.

Children over 12 must sign in-

There must be someone appointed to oversee this process, firstly by welcoming people and then ensuring that everyone signs in, is wearing a mask and a reminding people to keep 2m spacing. These people may need some training. Eg when dealing with someone who chooses not to wear a mask. The 100 person limit does not include the presider, musicians, readers, coordinator and eucharistic ministers. Church seating must be clearly marked allowing 2m spacing in each direction (not including people from the same family/bubble) This limit may mean you cannot have the maximum 100 people present. Holy Communion is to be distributed, only on the hand. Ministers and priests are not free to place the host on people's tongues. Holy Water fonts are to remain empty. No Altar Servers. The priest is to wear a mask, except when praying from the Presider's Chair, reading the Gospel, giving the homily and praying the

Eucharistic Prayer. During the Eucharistic Prayer the hosts are to be covered with a corporal. When distributing Holy Communion, the priest and Eucharistic Ministers must keep their masks on. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are to keep 2m away from others, keep their masks on when receiving the host (on the hand) step to one side remove their mask to receive the host and then replace it as they make their way back to their seat. (In the case of those who use walking aids, those ministering Holy Communion can use their discretion)

Churches must be cleaned after each Mass
To conclude, I have enclosed a quote from Cardinal John's letter to his priests. "Bishops sometimes have a responsibility to issue directives during pandemics such as the one caused by Covid-19 especially in regard to the health and welfare of other people. Jesus told us that we have to love our neighbour as ourselves. Love of neighbour obviously includes doing our best to protect others from infections that threaten their health or even their lives. For reasons such as these the final Canon (223) in the section of rights reminds all the faithful that their rights are not absolute, and they must consider the common good of the Church and all other members of Christ's faithful. Lastly, these restrictions are intended to keep people safe. At the same time, we need to be unified in our approach. The increased virulency of the Delta Strain and the government's response proves to me that we are not out of the woods - we are in this for the long game. Thank you for your understanding and your care for our people during this extraordinary time. Our diocesan situation will be reviewed sometime in October.

With every good wish and blessing, Fr Craig Butler— Local Administrator



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Rātini Kupu

26th Mahuru , 2021

26th Week of Ordinary Time

Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul –27th September

Twenty-year-old student Frederic Ozanam and a few friends (The Founders) started the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) in Paris on April 23, 1833. It was a time when the Catholic Church in France was the object of bitter hostility following the French Revolutions of 1789 and 1830. It is a tribute to youth and a remarkable example which can be followed by young people today that, well aware of the very difficult political, social and economic problems of their times, those young men, students starting out on their future lives, all in their teens or early 20s, did not waste time or energy, but preferred to commit themselves to an active, moral and material service to the Church and to the most deprived. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is a direct service non-profit organisation whose work primarily involves person-to-person contact with people who have a variety of needs. As well as direct assistance, we try to promote self-sufficiency, enabling people to help themselves. Any assistance offered by the Society is given in a non-judgemental spirit of compassion, based on the need of the individual or family. We accept people as they are and try to create a caring, non-threatening environment, respecting the dignity of those who seek our help. We only offer advice when it is asked for, and do not believe in telling people what they should do. Our aim is to maintain the dignity of the individual and to promote long-term self-sufficiency. We do so by treating people with respect, while endeavouring to build a relationship of friendship, trust and confidentiality.

Is membership for Catholics only? - No. The Society follows the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church, but Christians of other denominations who respect and accept the Society's identity and its principles are welcome to become members. While the Society will always have the utmost respect for the faith and conscience of such members, it will also always preserve those prayers and other spiritual practices that are fundamental to the Catholic tradition of the Society.

Who do you help? Anyone who has a genuine need for assistance, no matter what their race, religious or political beliefs or social standing.

What kind of help can you give? The wording in the Society's Rule is "No work of charity is foreign to the Society." Any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity is considered, within the means available to the Society.

In New Zealand terms types of help can vary in different parts of the country, according to the needs of those places and the resources available. They include food, clothing, assistance with such expenses as rent, electricity and educational costs, medical expenses, firewood, essential vehicle costs and many others



Biblical Hospitality

Traditionally, hospitality has had a high profile in the Middle East. Even to the present day, travellers testify to this and its commendation in the Bible in passim rather than passing. One only has to recall — in the context of the allusion to the drink of water in today's Gospel — the delightful story of Eleazer and Rebekah (Gen 24:15-26) and, of course, the meeting of Jesus with the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well. As a Christian virtue, hospitality received a new element from Jesus when he linked the guests with the home-base, or with those who sent them. Whoever receives one sent by Christ receives Christ himself and will be repaid accordingly. There is to be a sense in which God is in his Son and his Son is in the apostles and they, in turn, are in the Christians who are received — because of those who receive them. When this link is recognized, Jesus promises this particular kind or reward even to those who act without any thought of reward, such as those who give as little as a cup of water. One great difficulty with this brand of hospitality is that it cannot be practised on a pick-and-choose basis. Most people find it relatively easy to be good hosts when they are safely on their own territory and are called upon to entertain a friend or, at least, a guest who enjoys some sort of entitlement to special consideration. It can be an entirely different matter to deal, for example, with people outside one's own circle, even those engaged in good work of one kind or another. We can get so wrapped up in our own organization or

Church that a certain dynamic takes over, leading to a building up of barriers rather than bridges between ourselves and those seen to be a rival

groupings, just as happened to Eldad and Medad or the freelance exorcist in today's readings. All of this can occur because we tend to have an unbalanced view of your own importance, or of the importance of being one of us, and forget that it is not just we who are involved in the serving of others or in being received by them; what is paramount is Christ's presence acting in us and being received by others in and through us. Those who cultivate a proper outlook in this regard are less likely to fall into the habit of always waiting for the big heroic occasion while neglecting the little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love, such as giving somebody a drink of water.

As members of our Church, we Catholics are not always enthusiastic about acknowledging the spread of God's Spirit in other Churches, in non-Christian Religions and, indeed, in every creature. It came as a shock to some of us when the Second Vatican Council recognized the presence of the Holy Spirit in the development of the Ecumenical Movement among the non-Roman Catholics. But, here again, there is a relevance for would-be-ecumenists, as well as others, in Christ's uncompromising stand vis-à-vis scandal, described in today's Gospel. The recognition of the presence of the Holy Spirit outside the Church does not mean we have to neglect it inside the Church or compromise on the doctrines taught by the Church under the guidance of that same Spirit. *Association-of-catholicpriests.ie*



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Celebration Sunday October 3 Update



As you know, the first Sunday in October is the national celebration day for Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa. In previous years parishes have included special intercessory prayers and an informative video at the Sunday Mass. With many churches closed around the country and Sunday Masses not possible under current Covid-19 restrictions, I am delighted to tell you that we have two special virtual celebrations planned for October 3, and we have also prepared some material for your private home devotional time.

- Mass from Island Bay with Cardinal John Dew - The Cardinal has agreed to celebrate a special Mass in the Chapel beside the crypt at Island Bay where Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa lies. This Mass will be broadcast at 2:00 PM on Shine TV on Sunday October 3. It will also be available to view later in the day on YouTube and Facebook.
- Live Facebook Liturgy - In addition to the Mass, we are holding a special liturgy from the crypt at 5pm. This will include karakia and material written and presented by the Sisters.
- At home resource kit - For those who would like something special to use at home on Celebration Sunday, we have prepared some devotional material. This will be available next week. Please register your interest with Sr Josephine if you would like to receive this.
- Invitation for Prayer requests: If you have a special prayer request, or there is someone in your parish who would like to be remembered at either of these events, please send confidential details to Sister Josephine Gorman via email: sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz.
- Cardinal John will offer this special Mass for the intentions of all those who ask him to do so. Please do contact Sister Josephine.
- At the conclusion of the Mass, all prayer requests will be placed on the tombstone of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa and the Sisters will

Planned Giving - With cheques now being phased out you may wish to make a donation by direct payment to the Parish via internet banking. The bank account details are:

<u>Bank</u>	BNZ
<u>Account -</u>	02-0630-0288045-013
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<u>Reference</u>	- Planned Giving number or Surname
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continue to pray for e during October. To view the 'Journeying with Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa' booklet which is just is one of them, please click below.

<https://www.suzanneaubert.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Journeying-with-Suzanne-Aubert-Booklet-1.pdf>

God Bless

Sister Margaret Anne Mills
Congregational Leader
Sisters of Compassion

St Johns College

Winter sport has all but finished. Our 1st XV rugby played a final on Wednesday and 1st XI football had their last game on Thursday. Our senior students are studying hard as they prepare for and complete their practice exams and also final internal assessments. Please keep our young men in your prayers as they complete important assessments after having to also deal with being in lockdown for over two weeks.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION: Enrolments are open. Please phone the College to make an enrolment interview with our Principal, Rob Ferreira. Ph 878 6853

SCHOLARSHIPS – Yr 9 – 2022: We have a number of Scholarships available for Year 9 – 2022 students. The information in our webpage or available through the office. Scholarships close on Friday 24th September. We also have **ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS** – The Yr 8 boys will sit a Maths and English Exam. These take place on Wednesday 20th August at 4pm. Please phone the office if your son would like to sit the exam.