

Anniversaries in October

Elaine O'Dowd, Fay Field, Gerard Minehan
Joan Brown, John (Ian) Duthie, Leonard Myers, Norris Durham
Maurice Reidy, Marion Brown (Twiggy)

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

Pro-Life Facts -The long struggle to protect preborn babies met major obstacles last year, with a majority of MPs voting for abortion on demand in March 2020. But there are signs of hope, as young pro-lifers from around New Zealand attended the ACTIV8 week-long pro-life training retreat held in Auckland this year. For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Prayers in the Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 11 October, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/ session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/09/02/the-gospel-of-luke/>

For more information and registration:

info@studyjoy.nz

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



Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

10th October 2021

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Rātini Kupu

10th Whiringa-ā-nuku , 2021
28th Week of Ordinary Time

Support Life Sunday 2021

SUPPORTING AND HONOURING HEALTH CARERS

Every day we witness the testimony of courage and sacrifice of healthcare workers.

Pope Francis: Message for International Nurses Day 2020

“Supporting and honouring health carers” is the theme of Support Life Sunday on 10 October. This year’s focus acknowledges the work of health carers, including family carers and health professionals, who are on the frontline in supporting and protecting life. The change of name and focus to Support Life Sunday recognises that we need to move beyond political debate or legal argument and extend to active, practical support for people facing a range of life challenges at the beginning of life, throughout life, and at the end of life. Health carers are currently under intense pressure because of the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as experiencing the impact of recent changes to New Zealand’s abortion and euthanasia legislation. Health carers are also witnesses to the ongoing impact on health and life of poverty, exclusion, attitudes towards disabilities, and addictions. Pope Francis has acknowledged and thanked health carers in many statements throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. This year’s Support Life Sunday resources share the stories of health carers who are examples of people who support life in their homes, jobs and careers. Each of our parishes and communities has many such examples. This is an opportunity to acknowledge and support those who support life.

Bijo John
Nurse

Being a young father, thinking about what's going to happen if I get Covid? But I took this career to take care of people. Whatever I can do, I do.



Principal—As you will likely now be aware the St Joseph's School Board of Trustees is in the first stage of the process of appointing a new principal. The BOT asks for your prayers as we journey toward appointing a new Principal and Faith leader for our Parish School. The BOT is currently engaged in community consultation and would welcome your feedback on some questions around direction and leadership in our school. If you did not receive this via email please contact Donna at the parish office.

Rosary in October. This month is traditionally a four-week time of focus on the beauty and power of the Rosary as a journey of faith, with Mary, through the central events of the life of Christ. Sign up to receive daily October reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary at

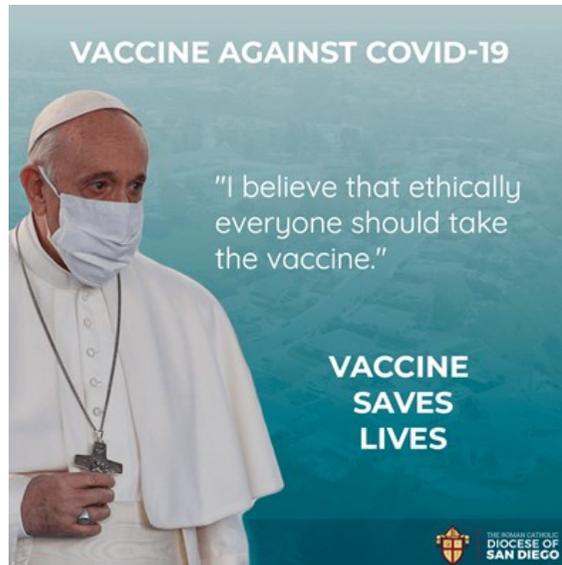
www.foodforfaith.org.nz/rosary

Owned by our "stuff"

At first sight the young man comes across as an exceptionally good person, deferential to Jesus and somehow searching for the way of eternal life. He had kept God's commands since his youth, and Jesus looked on him with love. An ideal person, you would think, to receive the gospel. And yet Jesus wanted to show him something about himself of which he was totally unaware. He was owned by his own wealth, and it had a stronger grip on him than he had on it. Jesus invited him to become free of it, but the cost seemed too just too high.

"Freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose." There is nothing wrong with money as such, or even with being wealthy. Some of the world's greatest people who did most for the welfare of humanity, have been wealthy people. But at a deeper level the fact is that I own nothing, absolutely. My hold on things is provisional, temporary. A sudden stroke, a brain haemorrhage or a heart attack, and I am separated forever from all my worldly belongings. "There are no pocket in the shroud." Apparently there was a narrow entrance at the side of the temple called

the "needle." It is wide enough for a camel to pass through, but only if the load was removed from the camel's back. With the panniers of goods the camel normally carried on either side, it would be impossible to pass through the Needle gate. How hard it is for people who are weighed down with money and ambitions to enter the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom belongs to children. It belongs to the poor in spirit; not so much economically poor, but detached from riches in their inmost spirit. For a worthy cause, they can part with their wealth. Then there are some who give up everything to follow Jesus. He doesn't call everybody to do this. He didn't ask Lazarus or his sisters to leave home and follow him. But being a follower of Jesus does mean having to leave something. It involves a change of priorities, a new way of valuing things, an interest in the riches that are stored in heaven, "where moth cannot consume, nor rust corrode." Those who leave everything to follow Jesus are among the most blessed of people, dedicated souls like Padre Pio, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, aid workers in places torn by war and disease, and many other unsung heroes. Such people are blessed with the riches of God's grace, and bring much blessing to the lives of others. *Associationofcatholicpriests.ie*



St Johns College

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

An Invitation to Pray for our Parish. On the first Friday of each month, commencing this Friday 1st October, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St Joseph's Church, from 10am until 3 pm. The intentions are for all the needs of our Holy Trinity Parish family. You are invited to come along during this time, and to pray for one hour before the most Blessed Sacrament.

It was one of those days when I was questioning God. Not in an angry, confrontational way, but rather a bit wistfully. I just wondered why a long-time, urgent prayer request had not been granted. It was like a Who-Done-It mystery that offered few clues for solving. I was the bumbling detective, chasing leads, only to find myself completely baffled. All this was going through my head as I approached the restaurant drive-thru. I placed my usual order, a creature of both habit and caffeine withdrawal. I could not wait to take that first sip of morning java. When I pulled up to the window to pay, the cashier grinned broadly. "This is your lucky day!" she enthused. She then proceeded to inform me that the kind woman in the vehicle before me had paid for my specialty coffee. "God bless her!" I exclaimed. It was like I had won the drive-thru lottery. In a world where constant news streams chronicled all manner of disasters, some good news had come my way. It was an unexpected answer to my prayer. Pope Francis has called for a "revolution of tenderness." For instance, in an address in 2015, the Holy Father defined tenderness in this way: It is the love that comes close and becomes real. It is a movement that starts from our heart and reaches the eyes, the ears and the hands. The woman ahead of me in the drive-thru had seen a way to extend kindness, and handed over cash to make the action official. It may have been a small act, but it had a big impact on my day — and a positive effect on those on social media with whom I shared the story. At a time when

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many of us may feel powerless in the face of enormous challenges in our country, Pope Francis has offered a blueprint for action which we can incorporate into our daily lives. The future of humankind isn't exclusively in the hands of politicians, of great leaders, of big companies. Yes, they do hold an enormous responsibility. But the future is, most of all, in the hands of those people who recognize the other as a 'you' and themselves as part of an 'us.' We all need each other. The fact that we all need each other is a thing of great, exquisite beauty. My hand can help yours — yours can help mine. It is in this sense of community that our society can be rebuilt — one good deed at a time. The tenderness revolution is profoundly personal and heaven-sent. As Pope Francis has exhorted us, Let us help each other, all together, to remember that the other is not a statistic or a number. The other has a face. The "you" is always a real presence, a person to take care of. I hope you will take up the "tenderness challenge" today. Can you find it in your heart to engage in an act of kindness in the next 24 hours? Even the simple act of buying a stranger a cup of coffee can pay enormous spiritual dividends. The tenderness revolution needs you!

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