

## Anniversaries in October

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

**PROLIFE FACTS** The Ministry of Health recently released the abortion statistics for the year 2020-21, indicating a three percent rise in the number to 13,246 abortions, compared to 12,857 in the previous year. Further, 18.6% of known pregnancies ended in an abortion for the year 2020-21, compared with 17.7% the previous year (this percentage excludes miscarried pregnancies). These increases are not unexpected because the new abortion legislation enacted in March 2020, enables women to self-refer to the clinics. Also, Early Medical Abortions have become more accessible as GPs, midwives and nurses are permitted to administer the first of 2 tablets lethal to the unborn baby. These sad statistics call not for "Abortion-care" as it is officially termed, but for real options to be made available for mothers, fathers and families considering abortion, including practical and emotional support, and opportunities to investigate options such as adoption and whāngai, so that mothers feel empowered and supported in choosing life for their babies. For more pro-life information, visit [voiceforlife.org.nz](http://voiceforlife.org.nz).

**We are currently** accepting enrolments for the academic year 2022 for the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Graduate Diploma in Theology degree which starts on the 21st of February 2022. Enrolments for the Certificate and Diploma courses in Christian Studies can be availed anytime during the year. There is an option to do on-campus face-to-face classes or online.

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teaching Religious Education in New Zealand Catholic schools

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teachers and leaders in Catholic schools  
student teachers at University Colleges of Education  
people preparing to work in parish/diocesan ministry and parish/diocesan leadership  
those working in various chaplaincy areas: youth, prison, hospital, and the armed forces.

In addition, CTC delivers the Level 5, New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies (strands in Religious Education and Christian Ministry) and the Level 6, New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (strands in Christian Leadership, Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry). The degrees, certificates and diplomas are all NZQA registered. please email us at [office@tekupenga.org.nz](mailto:office@tekupenga.org.nz) or [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz)



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## Rātini Kupu

**24th Whiringa-ā-nuku , 2021  
30th Week of Ordinary Time**

### An Unlikely Optimist

There are other stories in the gospel about blind people being healed, but the one about Bartimaeus is told in the liveliest way, and it has a nice lesson for us. The poor man had lost his sight, and when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he had to make a choice, quickly. He could just sit there and let Jesus pass him by, or he could grab the moment, and ask to be healed. Jesus was said to have the power to heal, but you had to get his attention and ask to be healed. In an American cartoon by Schultz, a sharp-tongued little girl called Lucy was trying to reform her schoolmate Charlie Browne. She glared at him critically. "Do you know what's wrong with you, Charlie Browne?" she said. "What?" he asked nervously. Lucy fumed at him and said, "What's really wrong with you is that, well, you don't want to know what's wrong with you!" Bartimaeus was not like that, for he knew quite well what was wrong with him, and was determined to have it cured! When he called out to Jesus, people around him tried to get him to shut up, and stay quiet. But he just shouted louder, and kept shouting until Jesus stopped and called him over. Although Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus stayed where he was and let the blind man come to him. If he really wanted to be cured, he would find a way to get to Jesus. It was obvious that the man was blind, and yet Jesus asked him "What do you want me to do for you?" The man had to clearly name his problem, and do so himself. If one of us needs to be cured of something, whether blindness, alcoholism, depression or any addiction, then we need to come to Jesus and tell him what's wrong. We need to NAME it. Of course he knows our needs, and yet he says "Ask and you will receive." "Your heavenly Father will surely give to those who ask." Bartimaeus's words were simple and uncomplicated. There was no long speech, no haggling or wheedling. "I want to see" was his direct reply. And Jesus told him that his faith had healed him. Rightly, this blind man knew that Jesus would not turn away from the cry of the poor. Just think of what he did: he threw aside his old cloak, got up, and ran to Jesus. The old cloak may be a symbol for his past, his darkness, his despair. He made an act of hope-filled faith, and Jesus did not disappoint him. All attempts of the bystanders to silence him made him more determined. He was clear about what he wanted, and knew who could help him. That's why Bartimaeus has a lesson for us all, here and now.

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**Lost** -Left at St Patrick's Church, Wai-pawa - a pair of reading glasses, and a wicker basket, on the day of Patty Harker's Requiem Mass. Please contact the office or Clare Story you have any information. Thank you

### **Sunday 24 October 2021 - Next Sunday is Mission Sunday**

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio-NZ in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please call 09 489 6549 (office hours) or visit MissioNZ's website to give a single gift, [www.missio.nz/donate](http://www.missio.nz/donate). If you want to set up a regular weekly/monthly donation, please use MISSIO-NZ Account ANZ 06 0411 0021447 30

**The Catholic and Lutheran churches in Aotearoa New Zealand have approved a statement recognising the unity of each other's baptisms. The statement is called *Baptised Together in Christ*. It will be particularly helpful for families wanting to baptise their child where one parent is Lutheran and the other Catholic. The Statement is the result of work by the Roman Catholic-Lutheran Dialogue Commission, established in 2017 by Lutheran Bishop Mark Whitfield and Catholic Cardinal**

**Archbishop John Dew. Paper copies of the statement will be distributed to parishes as Covid-19 restrictions permit.**

Meanwhile, details of the Statement and a link to a PDF copy of the Statement are online here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/lutheran-catholic-baptisms/>

A PDF of the Statement is here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/1-Final-Baptised-in-Christ-web.pdf>

### **Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**

Online Sessions (DayTime):  
Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Praying with Imagination with Laetitia Puthenpadath.

Thursdays, 04 and 22 November, 2-3,30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation-2/>

Online Sessions (Evening):  
Infancy Narratives & Nativity Scenes with Kieran Fenn fms and Beate Matthies.  
Mondays, 22 November and 06 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/infancy-narratives/> and  
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/nativity-scenes/>

For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.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/>

Love your neighbour as yourself, get vaccinated  
Arohaina koe ki tōu hoa tata, ānō ko koe

Support the Covid-19 vaccination programme



### **An Invitation to Pray for our Parish.**

On the first Friday of each month, 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.

### **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*

The first day back to school started a bit cloudy but turned into a glorious Hawkes Bay day. Senior practice exams continued this week, with nothing else happening to allow our students time to focus on these important exams. Summer sport has started and our 1st XI cricket team was active in a week long cricket tournament held during the holidays at Cornwall Park. Our rugby players were also active during the holidays. Five of our senior rugby players started for the Hawkes Bay U18 rugby team against Wellington, with three of these players scoring tries in a well-deserved win for Hawkes Bay. There are only four school weeks left for our seniors before they head off for exams, so please

**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:

Bank	BNZ
Account -	02-0630-0288045-013
Account Name -	The Holy Trinity Parish
Reference -	Planned Giving number or Surname
Code	First Name

keep these young men and our teachers in your prayers as the pressure of exams comes on.

**The country's Catholic bishops** are strongly urging their faithful and everyone in Aotearoa New Zealand to get a Covid-19 vaccine. NZ Catholic Bishops Conference President, Cardinal John Dew, cited this country's 2019-20 measles epidemic and the endorsement of Covid-19 vaccines by Pope Francis as reasons the bishops are calling on everyone to get vaccinated. Pope Francis this week lamented that some people were saying they would refuse vaccination, adding: "I believe that morally, everyone must take the vaccine. It is the moral choice because it is about your life [and] the lives of others." Cardinal Dew said the Pope had made it clear there was no religious reason to reject vaccination, including that some vaccines were created with cell lines that originated from tissue from human fetuses aborted several decades ago. Catholic teaching opposes abortion, but the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith office has said the "grave danger" of spreading Covid-19 outweighs those concerns when "ethically irreproachable vaccines are not available." Pope Francis and his predecessor Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI were both vaccinated against Covid-19 at the Vatican. Cardinal Dew said the bishops took their advice about vaccines from reputable doctors, scientists and the bishops' own bioethics agency, the [Nathaniel Centre](http://Nathaniel Centre).

