

Anniversaries in October

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Caritas says recent government announcements on climate recognise the urgency of making deep far-reaching changes across all sectors of New Zealand society, and the need to provide climate

finance for the poor; but do not go far enough in aiming to cut New Zealand's emissions sooner. The New Zealand government recently put out a discussion document for its Emissions Reduction Plan to get to net zero carbon-equivalent emissions by 2050, and announced a four-fold increase in climate finance to poor nations over 2022-2025. In addition, Climate Minister James Shaw is expected to update its overall climate action pledge (Nationally Determined Contribution) for the United Nations conference on climate change in Glasgow (COP26) in early November. Caritas welcomed the increase in climate finance as long overdue, and rightly prioritises adaptation action and the Pacific.

'However, the government must ensure this finance is used well to make a difference to the most vulnerable communities in the region and actively involves local communities and civil society in identifying needs, and in planning, implementing and monitoring for

good, climate-related action," says Caritas Director Julianne Hickey. A preliminary view of the consultation documents for the Emissions Reduction Plan provides a positive vision for 2050, and recognises the need to tackle climate change in an integrated way, addressing issues such as poverty and biodiversity loss, rebuilding from the COVID crisis in a sustainable way, and working in partnership with Maori. However, to meet our responsibilities as a developed nation which has benefited from fossil fuels, we should be trying to become carbon neutral by 2040. "Covid has exposed vulnerabilities in existing economic arrangements. For example, long supply lines mean delays in housing construction and rising prices for low-income households. We should seek to rebuild a more sustainable, localised economy providing for food, energy and housing through local and community-based mechanisms, as well as strengthening local resilience in the face of increasingly severe weather events and sea level rise" says Julianne Hickey. "We need Catholics from all walks of life to get involved in this government consultation, and ongoing work to get New Zealand to a fair and just, carbon neutral future: farmers, transport workers, managers, office workers, homemakers, parents, students, health care workers and cleaners. In our modern interconnected way of life, all our activities impact to some extent on climate and the environment. Each of us has a part to play and can help find solutions and urge our politicians to work for a healthy climate, healthy lifestyles and communities, and ultimately restoring a healthy planet." For more information, please

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31st October 2021

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Rātini Kupu

31st Whiringa-ā-nuku , 2021
31st Week of Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio-NZ, the Pope's charity for world mission in NZ, you will help missionaries share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call (09) 489 6549 (office hours) or visit Missio-NZ's website www.missio.nz/donate to give a single gift. If you want to set up a regular weekly/monthly donation, please use MISSIO-NZ Account ANZ 06 0411 0021447 30
'Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion'



Dear friends, Ngā manaakitanga o te wā. As you will no doubt be aware, Pope Francis has called for a global consultation of all the people of God in an event called a synod. **A synod is about listening and journeying with.** This is an extraordinarily massive undertaking by Pope Francis and we are excited about it, because the voice of the laity (regular Catholic like you and me) has not been asked for on such a scale before. **So, what is your job as young people?** First, to go to this website. <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2021/10/synod-2021-2023/> You will see links for the participation booklet and the Supplementary Resource for Parish and Group Facilitators. There are some questions that **Pope Francis wants your answers** to, and indeed the voices of all the young people. If you have not already signed up to Tumanako, there is the opportunity to sign up to it at the bottom of the webpage. It will keep you informed of what is happening. No one in our Diocese should be ignorant of the significance of this event nor claim they know nothing about it! So tell everyone! Share it around! We have a short introduction to the Synod that can be accessed here that happened last week. **Consultation is happening in the month of November ONLY.** If you have any questions, please be in touch at synod@pndiocese.org.nz Stay tuned for more updates!

Mass for All Saints Day—1st November at 5.30pm @ St Joseph's
Mass for All Souls Day –2nd November at 9am @ St Joseph's

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>

How is the Mass a Sacrifice?

Sacrifice is a common notion in everyday existence. We speak of people sacrificing themselves, their time, their energy, their lives. Wherever such sacrifice obtains it is always the source of new life, the mother who stays up all night to care for her ailing child. The sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary was like that. This is the point that is being driven home in the continuous readings from Hebrews over the past and coming Sundays. The sacrifice of Jesus was all-sufficient and complete because of him who offered it, the perfect priest and at the same time the perfect victim, perfectly human and humanly perfect. The Son of God and the Son of Mary. His sacrifice on Calvary and its acknowledgement by the Father in raising his Son from the dead to his right hand in heaven makes him a priest for ever. His sacrifice endures forever, He lives on in the heavenly sanctuary to make intercession for us. The sacrifice and the intercession are symbolically represented on the altar in bread and in wine. Because we say a thing is symbolic it doesn't mean that it isn't real.

In a sense it's more real than the real thing. A shy lover who gives a rose to the loved one is saying more by means of the rose than he ever could express by word of mouth. The rose expresses and contains the reality of his love. It becomes a symbol. The bread on the altar becomes the body broken for us, the blood poured out for us. The bread and the wine are symbols expressing and containing the reality of sacrifice. The reality is more than the reality of sacrifice. It's the whole reality of Christ, of his Paschal Mystery, of his passion, death, resurrection and glorification. The Christ who has come in the flesh, is coming now in bread and in wine and will come at the end of time in glory. The whole reality is made present by the power of God's Word. It wasn't just a man face "Superstar") who said, "this is my Body," "this is my Blood." It was the Word made flesh who said it, the Word through whom all things were made, through whom creation came into being. Neither are the words spoken out of the blue. They are spoken in the context of remembering, making the memorial. We remember and we ask God to remember. And in the Bible when God remembers, he does something. Mary in her Magnificat declares how God has chosen her his lowly servant, remembering his mercy. The element of sacrifice is mentioned in all the Eucharistic prayers. It comes with the prayer of remembering which is the first one after the supper narration. In Eucharistic Prayer II, the celebrant says "In memory of his death and resurrection," and then adds: "we offer you, Father, this life-giving bread, this saving cup." Watch out for it in the other Eucharistic prayers and make the offering of yourself, of your life, "the living sacrifice of praise" along with the offering of Christ himself. What the Mass is all about is summed up in a terse phrase contained in one of the documents which followed on the Vatican II Liturgy Constitution. The Mass is described as "a memorial sacrifice and a meal." *associationofcatholicpriests.ie*

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*

Well summer certainly arrived this week with some pretty warm weather and our students asking for the aircon to be on in the classroom. Our Year 10 students were on retreat on Tuesday and Friday. The basis for the retreat is the Amazing Race with the boys having the chance to combine activity with spirituality. On Thursday we had our sports prize giving. Under Covid restrictions we are not allowed to hold open prize givings, so this was done during school hours with only the prize winners and some teachers present. A rather sad state of affairs, but at least we still got to recognise the sporting achievements of our young men.

Mary Geisz of Unbound reflects on her growth in understanding the beauty of remembering and praying for the souls of our departed loved ones.

Commemorating the back-to-back celebrations of All Saints and All Souls always felt somber and sad to me growing up. I confess to not looking forward to these days dedicated solely to reflecting on departed saints and the souls of people I knew. Often the early days of November in the Midwest can be overcast with blustery rains, contributing to a generally gray mindset when thinking about Nov. 1 and 2. Maybe that was why I found it hard to appreciate All Saints and All Souls. More likely it was the unreflective nature of youth, never wanting to consciously acknowledge that one day I would not be able to speak with, touch or hug the people I love most. Of course, youth fades and yields (hopefully) a more evolved

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perspective. Ignoring and denial gave way to a more balanced focus on accepting God's will and celebrating life, while not denying the pain of loss. Among the things I value at Unbound is the purposeful recognition and reflection we devote to our founders. Bob, Bud and Jim Hentzen, their sister Nadine Hentzen Pearce and their friend Jerry Tolle co-founded Unbound in 1981. And while they have all passed on, their vision for a program that invites people to partner with families living in poverty to support, encourage and empower them thrives. Quite a remarkable contribution to our world. The Gospel Acclamation for the Solemnity of All Saints comes from Matthew 11:28; "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." Surely Unbound's founders are resting with the Lord. That same passage from Matthew was on a handwritten note we found after my dad passed away. It included the words, "Please put on my tombstone." We found it in time to honour his request. My dad's passing still elicits tears when reflecting on the loss. Yet one of his gifts to my siblings and me was his strong faith. Alleluia, alleluia! PLEASE PRAY: Dear Lord, we hope and pray for you to grant all the souls of the faithful departed your mercy and a place for us in your house. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

