

Anniversaries in November

Eric Du Fresne, Dianne Atkins, Phil McElhinney
Peter McConville, Raymond Stowers, Wendy Fraser, Kirstie Grevatt, Norah Quinn,
Denise Reid, Patricia Minehan, Samuel Fletcher, Mike Alexander

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. **Con-**

sultation 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!

The Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection - Sunday 28 November 2021

The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciative especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps. Mons Brian Walsh, Vicar General.

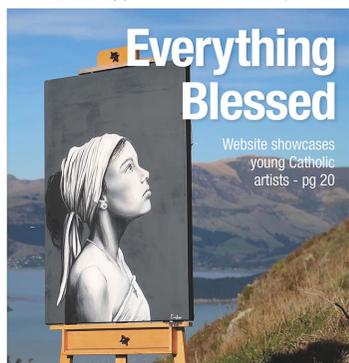


Love your neighbour as yourself, get vaccinated
Arohaina koe ki tōu hoa tata, ānō ko koe

Support the Covid-19 vaccination programme

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**14th Whiringa-ā-rangi , 2021
33rd Week of Ordinary Time**

Confirmation

Congratulations to **Jude Kynoch** and **Hayley Webster** who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today at St Joseph's church. Although the Holy Spirit is received at Baptism, Confirmation focuses on this gift by recalling the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit. In the case of youth, Confirmation is often regarded as a sign of maturity in Christ. Having been baptised as a baby and raised in the Christian life, the youth is now called upon to make a more mature commitment to the Gospel.

In particular, Confirmation underlines our commissioning to be bold, apostle-like witnesses to the Gospel. The use of Chrism (olive oil mixed with balsam) is an ancient biblical custom. It was used to anoint people and objects set aside for service to God and a life of holiness. The word 'chrism' is directly related to the Greek word 'Christos' which means 'the Anointed One'. In Baptism and Confirmation we too become 'anointed ones', set aside for a holy purpose.



“Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable.”

— Pope Francis



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*

This week was the last week for our senior students. We had our final assembly and senior prize giving on Tuesday. Sadly, due to the covid rules, no family members were able to be at the prize giving. Jonty Unwin was Proxime Accessit and Kyle Groner was Dux. On Wednesday our Y13 students were out on retreat which was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church hall. This was followed by a Leavers lunch. Again, the traditional leavers' dinner with parents and family could not be held because of the current Covid restrictions. The final day for our seniors was Thursday. There was a leavers' liturgy (no leavers' mass) to farewell our Y13 students, after which our students left for study leave and their NCEA external examinations. Friday saw the start of our junior exams, so overall a very busy week at the College.

Stone. Tree. Mountain lion. Eagle.

Sometimes, an author of children's books is invited into schools far beyond the tourist's world. The richness of such an experience can be life-changing. The would-be teacher becomes a learner as an understanding of God grows beyond cultural boundaries. I've learned that other cultures do not have a different understanding of God: they simply use different parables, to express God-given wisdom. On a Native American reservation near the Mexican border, I was introduced to some wise words that were instantly familiar. Why were they familiar? Because they described for me Jesus' life and teaching. I'd like to share those words with you. When we have a problem, it is sometimes good to be like a stone, saying nothing, doing nothing. Sometimes we need to be like a tree, standing tall, looking all ways at once. Sometimes we have to be the mountain lion, fierce and ready to fight for what is right. Sometimes it is best to be an eagle. When the eagle flies high, it

sees how small a problem is, and it laughs and laughs. So when was Jesus like a stone, saying nothing, doing nothing? When he was in front of his accusers, knowing he had to fulfil what had been "written" for him. When was Jesus like a tall tree, looking everywhere at once? That describes the times when he was far beyond the disciples in his long-range spiritual vision. He knew the condition of human hearts, and he could see words before they were spoken. Was Jesus ever like the mountain lion? Yes, he was. When he saw the poor made the victims of those who had power and greed, his words were fierce, even though he knew this put him in danger. He had to fight for what was right. And the eagle? What about flying high like the eagle? I'm sure there were times when his spirit soared high and saw adults as mere children. But for me, his big "eagle" moment was on the Mount of Transfiguration. That was when Jesus knew exactly who he was and what the world was. But while I reflect on the stone, the tree, the lion and the eagle in my own life, I realise the importance of discernment. To react with the wrong one, can cause evil. It may be right to be a stone to gossip and thoughtless criticism. But to deliberately ignore someone in need is a different matter. If I'm in the position of the tall tree and use the gifts of seeing for selfish competition, I am less than a blade of grass. And how often have I been a mountain lion when I should have been a stone? Discernment is so necessary. But I find this true. When the old eagle spreads its wings in the sky and looks down at its youth, it sees anxiety, error, tears, guilt, fear, and rejection as part of learning to fly. And it laughs and laughs. *Joy Cowley is a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and retreat facilitator.*

Shipping Container –wanted for St Vincent de Paul. If anyone knows of one for sale please contact Dave Cullen or Fred Dyer.

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.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (DayTime):
Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Praying with Imagination with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Thursday, 25 November, 2-3,30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation-3/>

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

Rite of Election – 13 March 2022 - 9.30am - Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Please join our Diocese of Palmerston North catechumens as they are called forward for anointing and the signing of the Book of the Elect as they are recognised for their continuing journey towards Full Communion. Hospitality is provided and we look forward to welcoming you on the 13 March 2022.

Jubilees of Ordination 2021

The annual diocesan Mass to celebrate the priestly ordinations will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, on Tuesday 30th November at 12.05 pm. The Jubilarians this year are Bishop Peter Cullinane (60 years, 23/12/1961), Fr. David Moore SM (60 years, 6/7/1961), Fr. Marcus Francis (20years, 24/2/2001), Fr. Manoj Mathew IC (10 years, 6/10/2011). Parishioners, guests, and friends are welcome to attend. Besides the 100 allowed in the Cathedral there will be provision for overflow. Because of

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
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Reference -	Planned Giving number or Surname
Code	First Name

Covid 19 restrictions this year we are not able to have hospitality in the Cathedral gathering area after the Jubilee Mass.

Masses at Christmas

I am expecting that we will be able to celebrate Christmas Masses with full churches. I expect that the restrictions on the numbers that are allowed to gather in our Churches at the moment, will be eased during December. I anticipate that the danger to the health of parishioners and myself will not then be as great as at the present time. While parishioners have an obligation to attend Mass, I take seriously my obligation to safeguard your attendance at Mass. That is why I envision that to fulfill my obligation, we should implement a Vaccination Entry Requirement when we are able. This means that those coming to our Christmas celebrations will need to be double vaccinated. Things will be made clear in a few weeks. *Fr Paul.*

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