

## Anniversaries in November

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**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](mailto:synod@pndiocese.org.nz) Stay tuned for more updates!

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Synod Assembly: For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission – Cardinal John Dew; updates from Synod

teams for Wellington and Palmerston North dioceses.  
Ordination to priesthood – Fr Hayden Powick sm.  
End of Life Choice Act – New Zealand Catholic Bishops' pastoral statement on spiritual and pastoral care of persons contemplating assisted dying in Aotearoa New Zealand.  
Government's emissions reduction plan – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand urges Catholic to respond to consultation.  
Enduring Irish influence – interview with Irish Ambassador to New Zealand, Peter Ryan.  
Feast of Christ the King 21 November – reflection by Fr James Lyons.  
The Season of Advent – WelCom calendar. Plus, more features, local and international news and views.

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## Vax to the max



Māngere mahi  
to get people  
vaccinated  
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Church facing tough  
choice over

Synod local  
phase opens  
in NZ dioceses 4

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



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**Fr Paul Kerridge** (Parish Priest)

**7th November 2021**

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## Rātini Kupu

**7th Whiringa-ā-rangi , 2021  
32nd Week of Ordinary Time**

## 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.*

## Covid-19 Q & A

It usually takes years to produce new vaccines. Has safety been compromised?

No, safety has not been compromised. The approved COVID-19 vaccine has undergone the normal safety trials. The process has been accelerated by governments and companies sharing the financial risk of developing the vaccine and a level of global collaboration between researchers that has never happened previously. In some countries, including New Zealand, the medicines regulators have allowed the vaccine manufacturer to submit its data on a rolling basis rather than in fixed stages, which has also sped up the approval process. What about adverse effects? As with all medicines, vaccines are not completely riskfree.

The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has a safety record comparable with other (non-COVID-19) vaccines in use. The data collected to date shows that most adverse reactions to the COVID-19 vaccine are 'minor' – similar to what some people experience when taking the flu vaccine. While the possibility of developing a more serious reaction exists, the risk of developing a serious and even fatal illness from COVID-19 is many times greater than the risk of developing a rare disorder after vaccination. Anyone with concerns about being vaccinated should discuss them with their healthcare practitioner.

Is there a moral duty to be vaccinated? Vaccination for COVID-19 will not be mandatory in New Zealand. However, as noted by the Vatican COVID-19 Commission, refusal of the vaccine may constitute a risk to others. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has stated in its recent document on COVID-19 vaccines that, "from the ethical point of view, the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good ... especially to protect the weakest and most exposed." See: [http://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20201221\\_notavaccini-anticovid\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_notavaccini-anticovid_en.html)

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

**Global Catholic charity, Caritas,** joined other Catholic agencies and faith community pilgrims heading to Glasgow this week. Caritas NZ says the pilgrims are in Glasgow to pray and to press world leaders for strong action at COP26 – the 26th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Religious leaders representing Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, Hindu, Buddhist and Baha’i traditions are offering prayers and calls for concrete actions. The 31 October to 12 November conference is the first requiring countries to honour their Paris accord commitment to submit new, more ambitious plans to environmentally-damaging emissions. Caritas NZ says the global Catholic charity has three critical targets it wants to see COP26 progressing: Strong emissions cuts to keep the 1.5C target alive. More climate finance that is targeted and more readily accessible to the most vulnerable communities, equally shared between mitigation (cutting emissions) and adaptation. Finance to address Loss and Damage already incurred by the poor must be stepped up, recognising the ecological debt owed by richer countries to poorer ones. Tackling climate change in an integrated way, including protection and restoration of ecosystems and prioritising the needs of the poor in a just transition, in line with Laudato Si’. During the conference, Caritas will hand over its “Healthy Planet, Healthy People” [petition](#) along with other messages from faith-filled activists and leaders from around the world. Several hundred people gathered in the vicinity of the Scottish Events Centre when the conference opened, to pray for world leaders at the conference. “We remind governments of their commitments made in Paris in 2015 to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees,” says a multifaith declaration read at

the event and signed by more than 50 religious leaders from Scotland and the United Kingdom. Another multifaith statement asks “governments to swiftly and justly transition the global economy from fossil fuels toward renewables and compensate communities already affected by climate change.” “Across our doctrinal and political differences, we know that we must change our ways to ensure a quality of life which all can share, and we need to provide hope for people of all ages, everywhere, including future generations. To offer hope in the world we need to have confidence that those in power understand the vital role they have to play at the Glasgow COP26.” Scottish Catholic Bishop Brian McGee says the interfaith group is offering prayers for world leaders. It also expects to exert pressure on them to deliver on public demands for an urgent response to the climate crisis. “Certainly that’s what a lot of people have been doing. That is contacting the politicians and explaining to them that this is really, really important and we have to do something here,” he says. McGee says Catholic action at the climate summit shows love of God’s creation and those suffering the impacts of global warming. Pope Francis’s “extraordinary leadership” in widening the ecological question beyond conservation has widened the way we look at creation and people suffering the impacts of global warming, McGee says. “It’s about how we treat people. It’s about justice in all its forms.” [cath-news.co.nz](#)

**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*

Another busy week at St. John’s College. On Wednesday our Y10 Economic students held their Market day. Students are busy playing SJC Rules. Thursday and Friday our Yr 12 student attended their Retreat. Next week will be the last week for our Seniors.

### **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.

### **Christian mercy**

In the upcoming Year of Mercy we could look at how we are practising the Christian virtue of



mercy? Statistics can first be quoted about trends in the Church: about the drop-off in sacramental practice and Mass attendance, about vocations to priesthood and religious life, and the difficulty of involving young people in Church-based activities. And then comes the question: Is Catholicism in decline in the developed world? If we define “decline” by irregular attendance in Church and the ignoring of hierarchical authority, the answer must be Yes, we seem to be in serious decline. This challenges all of us, priests and people alike: How to make our Church a more welcoming place, where people who have drifted away would feel more cherished, cared for and understood. But there is another side to practising the faith, as alive today as at any time in the past. Today’s Scripture tells of a poor widow who showed mercy in the form of practical compassion, by sharing her last crust with the prophet Elijah. Was she practising the faith? Very much so, yes, because she did what Jesus expects of us. I was hungry and you.. If you give a cup of water in my name .. Then that other poor woman in the Temple, who quietly put in her last savings so that God would be properly worshipped, was she practising the faith, through a work of mercy? Yes, she followed the generous impulse of her heart Whoever gives whole-heartedly of himself/herself to a worthy cause is following the example of Je-

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sus, whether they are aware of it or not. They have the blessing of God and are promised their reward. We need to make sure that our idea of “practising Catholic” includes these vital qualities of compassion and generosity. Indeed, sharing in the Mass and the sacraments is only genuine if it prompts us to loving mercy of this kind. We also need our Church leaders to engage with us in open dialogue on sensitive points of sacramental discipline which many church members perceive as arbitrary impositions by authority, rather than as life-values arising from the spirit of the Gospel. Today in this Eucharist we re-commit ourselves to practice the faith in the way that really counts: by giving of ourselves as Jesus did. [asscoiationofcatholicpriests.ie](#)

### **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 Matthes. 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)