

## Anniversaries December

Johannes Hoogenboom, Claire Weir, Pauline Gordon, Angela Fleming, Kevin Stowe, Bridget Cameron Charles McCloskey (Mac), Mick O'Sullivan, Mollie Saxon Molly Fergusson,

**Storage shed/spare garage** –St Vincent de Paul are looking for some space to store furniture from time to time If you can help please contact Dave Cullen or Fred Dyer.

### Catholic Church leaders welcome Royal Commission Redress Report

The bishops and congregational leaders of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand will closely study the interim Redress report of the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care and look at how they can implement the recommendations. The report — He Purapura Ora, he Māra Tipu; from Redress to Puretumu — was tabled in Parliament today and makes recommendations on how survivors of abuse in state and faith-based care should be heard and get redress for the harm suffered. It has been welcomed by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference (representing the country's Catholic bishops), the Congregational Leaders Conference of Aotearoa New Zealand (representing Catholic religious orders and similar entities) and Te Rōpū Tautoko (the group formed to coordinate Catholic engagement with the royal commission). Sister Margaret Anne Mills, president of the Congregational Leaders Conference, says: "I welcome this report and acknowledge the harm suffered by survivors of abuse and proposed actions to address and provide redress. We see the report as part of the vision to transform what we are doing today and into the future." Cardinal John Dew, president of the NZCBC, says: "We have been listening closely to what survivors have been telling the royal commission. We have previously indicated our support for the establishment of an independent redress scheme. This report gives a series of recommendations we can study to help us as we walk alongside survivors of abuse." Catherine Fyfe, Chair of Te Rōpū Tautoko, says: "Te Rōpū Tautoko members thank the commissioners for their work in preparing this report and look forward

ward to helping Church leaders along the journey of reviewing and implementing the recommendations." The Church has been working proactively while waiting for the commission's report. Te Rōpū Tautoko has created a roadmap of work that needs doing across all areas of the Church to make improvements in response to reports or disclosures of abuse in the care of the Catholic Church.

"Setting it out in the Roadmap makes it clear to everyone the work that is needed and the progress being made," says Catherine Fyfe. "This provides a sense of transparency and accountability."

The Roadmap is here: <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/roadmap/>

The Royal Commission report is here: [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/papers-presented/current-papers/document/PAP\\_118258/abuse-in-care-royal-commission-of-inquiry-he-purapura](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/papers-presented/current-papers/document/PAP_118258/abuse-in-care-royal-commission-of-inquiry-he-purapura)

### Notices rom Titipounamu Study & Joy

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

Interview with Pat Lythe on Synods: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/09/pat-lythe-on-muffin-talk/>

**Parish Office**—will be shut from 24th December until the 18th January, 2022. Have a wonderful Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

### Mass Times

Tuesday	St Joseph's @ 9am
Thursday	St Patricks @ 9am
Friday	St Joseph's @9.15am
Saturday	St Joseph's @ 9am
Saturday	St Patricks@5.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday	St Joseph's@9.30am

**Fr Paul Kerridge** (Parish Priest)

**19th December 2021**

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## Rātini Kupu

**19th Hakihea , 2021  
4th Sunday of Advent**

### Honouring the Madonna

When a mother is expecting, all the focus is on her health. She gets loads of advice — 'be careful,' 'don't lift that' and 'don't forget your afternoon nap.' Once the baby is born the main attention moves to the baby — 'who does she look like?' 'what name will you give him?' ...and so on. So on this last Sunday before Christmas the Gospel is focussed on Mary, the expectant mother, and in particular, on her visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. One could say that Mary is even more honoured in the Eastern Church than she is in the West. In the West, after the 16th century reformation, many Protestants stopped honouring Mary. Many shrines were levelled, stained glass windows were broken, statues of Mary shattered, pictures of the Madonna burnt. Still, not all Protestants disowned Mary. A frequently quoted line about her is where William Wordsworth refers to her as 'our tainted nature's solitary boast.' Martin Luther had a lifelong devotion to Mary and even kept a picture of her on his desk, though many Lutherans seem unaware of this. All Christians, whether Catholic or Protestant, like to meditate on the Magnificat, that prayerful song brimming over with anger at the way the world is tilted against the poor. It is Mary's cry for justice: He has filled the hungry with good things/ And sent the rich away empty. This is Mary who inspires all followers of her son to challenge injustice also in our own time and place. [associatonofcatholicpriests.ie](http://associatonofcatholicpriests.ie)

### Christmas Mass Times

St Joseph's—24th December

5.30pm—Carols

6.00pm—Mass

St Patrick's—25th December

9.00am—Carols

9.30am—Mass

*A vaccine pass is required for both Masses*



**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*

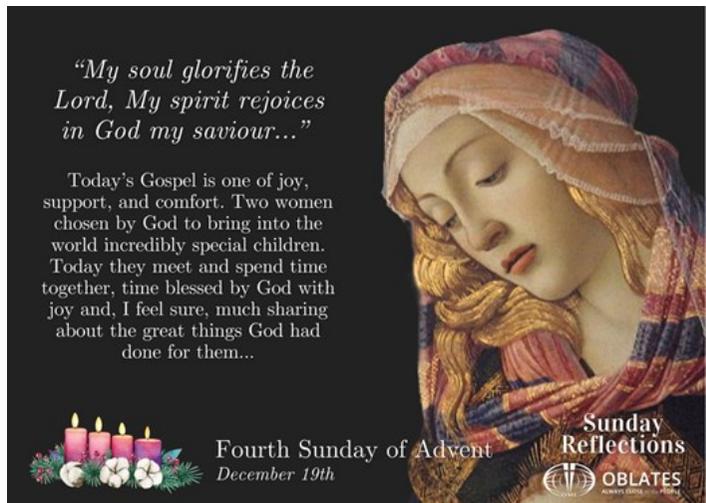
**Crib Appeal**—this year our Crib appeal will stay local. We have decided that our recipient is the CHB Foodbank. Its been a very hard couple of years for our community with the Foodbank having tripled its parcel requests. Our funding is running out and the demand for food is still very high. We appreciate any donations.

**A Christmas message** from Sr Margaret Anne As the year comes to a close, I would like to send prayerful greetings from the Sisters and thank you for your on-going prayer support, and for journeying with us in promoting the 'spirituality and good works' of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. In a particularly challenging year, I would like to leave you with a reflection from Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert that she wrote 100 years ago, but is still very relevant today:“

Let us pray today for the grace to see in others, a little of what God sees, and the grace to be able to treat them always with the respect they deserve”. God Bless you and your loved ones this Christmas. [www.suzanneaubert.co.nz](http://www.suzanneaubert.co.nz)

**This Sunday night** (19th December), John Cowan's guest will be restaurateur & broadcaster Ganesh Raj. Owner of The Tast-

ing Shed (the Cuisine Magazine's Best Restaurants of New Zealand and mentioned on Metro's Top 50 Restaurant list for the last five years), Ganesh has hosted his own television programmes on MTV Asia and ESPN for over a decade. He has also been featured on TVNZ's Good Morning, Family Recipes, and Neighbourhood. Ganesh was the recipient for two years running of Metro Magazine's Restaurant Personality of the Year, as well as live hosting renowned events like Taste of Auckland, Winetopia, and the Auckland Writers Festival. Ganesh is currently the co-host of TVNZ's Eat Well for Less NZ and host of his own channel The Humble Yum Yum on Youtube and TVNZ On Demand, and is all about serving Global Food that costs up to \$20 for 4 people.



**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

**The Easter resurrection** is the highest Holy Day of the entire year. However, Christmas has always been my favourite holiday because my parents made it special for us. They worked hard with never a spare dime to waste, but we could count on many gifts under the tree. School clothes, socks and even a few toys, plus a stocking full of candies! My mother was raised very poor in the 1920's Hungarian ghetto of Cleveland, and all they received for Christmas was nuts and a piece of fruit in their stocking. I think she enjoyed the giving of gifts even more than the receiving. From Thanksgiving through Christmas is an exciting time. Decorations, favourite recipes, and treats are reserved only for this time of year. Family traditions are passed down and, to some extent, we create our own additions to our heritage. There are many special days throughout the year in which we celebrate people--birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and wedding anniversaries. But no celebration compares to celebrating our God coming to live amongst us at Christmas. Like most folks I have enjoyed taking my family traditions forward into my adult life, especially to share with my daughter. But I also know that I and others have found that this season can grow a little tiring over time. Keeping Jesus as the reason for the season is important, along with tuning out the materialism and excesses in the world around us. Unfortunately, too much of my adult life has been lived keeping this idea front of mind, but not taking the steps to move it into my heart. It is in that space with God where we can all recover the innocent and exciting anticipation of a child awaiting her Saviour. It was in later years that I discovered Advent as a mini-Lent. It is an opportunity to begin giving to God those things that distract my attention from Him. Then there is room in my heart for God to give me His Only Begotten Son on December 25. Even though we are 12 days into Advent, it is good to reflect upon the season thus far, fine tuning lofty desires into actionable commitments. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that prayer should begin with asking for a specific grace from God, one that will build your relationship with Him. That request can be extended to the

entire season of Advent (just as we do for Lent). The grace I have requested this season is an increased spirit of thanksgiving, humility, and lived hope. Next comes those actionable commitments. Hopeful promises such as "I'm going to be nicer to people" ... "I won't lose my temper" ... "I will spend less time on the Internet" are great goals needing realistic actions that specifically bring God into our efforts. Otherwise, these are limited to our own abilities, which we already know are quite insufficient! Efficacious is a structured commitment such as "I will spend 15 minutes in silent prayer each day letting God show me why I get angry/am disinterested in others" or "Outside of Internet use required for work, I will only spend 15 minutes on the Internet for my own interests after first spending at least 15 minutes in silent prayer with God." Committing time for silent conversation with God is important, and even saints began with just 15 minutes daily. Begin each day asking God for the grace to keep your commitment to Him and end each day reviewing how it went. He will open your eyes to finding His presence in the smallest of moments as well as help you to understand how your own brokenness makes keeping these commitments difficult. Christmas is a time for families to be family. Yet our broken nature can make these times together difficult. We are not alone awaiting this Christ child; rather, we are carried through Advent with Holy Family. Mary and Joseph provide the model to imitate. They also desire to guide us in the most difficult of relational dynamics. Perhaps the best gift we can give to our extended family is to pray for each of them individually every day for the remainder of Advent. Each is God's gift to us, yet we are not humanly capable of seeing this. Only with God's love can we see the beauty in the souls which He has given to be part of our life. This Advent, reclaim the joy of giving by reclaiming God's love for yourself and your family. *Copyright 2021 Debra Black*

