

Anniversaries December

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

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



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

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

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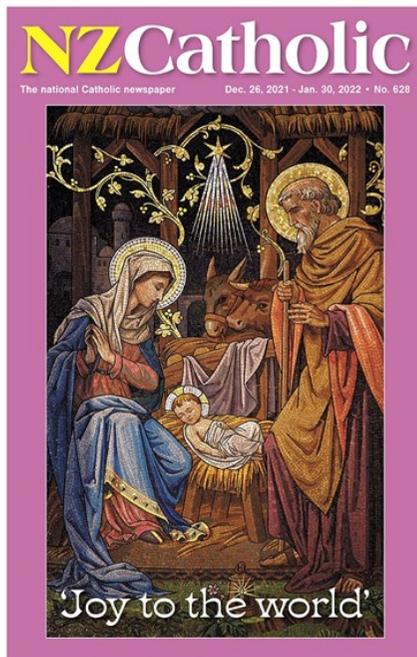
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**25th Hakihea , 2021
Christmas Day**



**Meri Kirihimete
Maligayang Pasko
Merry Christmas**

Dear Catholic Sisters and Brothers, For our Buddhist communities we write to wish you an auspicious Christmas season. Even as we collectively transition through a period of societal difficulty, our hope is that the wonderful Advent themes of love, hope, joy and peace will be strengthened for all. We appreciate deeply the teachings that Jesus of Nazareth as bringing forth in the world universal loving regard for others, compassion and the spreading of peace. In spiritual friendship we encourage in each other the cultivation of goodness, and do our best to show ourselves as we are - so in that way we share with you for this season, from our Buddhist style of prayer: May all your good deeds now and to come, accord you and your families harmony and well-being over Christmas and throughout the coming year. May you all be happy. May you all be free from suffering. As mutual participants in Inter-faith it is our wish that we continue to work together for the realisation of understanding in the world around us. With aroha, *Robert Hunt, Chair For Executive Committee of NZ Buddhist Council*



Merry Christmas

God of each breath God of this next breath: may this moment we're in be a moment now filled with reassurance and grace: with kindness and patience for ourselves and for others. May it be marked by hope and compassion by learning and unlearning may it be a moment unencumbered by mistakes we've made or results we fear may it be a moment of peace and renewal a breath of new life. Amen

The above prayer, God of each Breath, is by the Corrymeela Community in Ireland. This prayer was used when the archdiocesan Launch Out candidates presented their Pastoral Projects last month, to me and several others gathered at the Catholic Centre in Wellington in person or by Zoom. Every year, this is a particular Saturday in November that I really look forward to and this year was no exception. Launch Out is the Archdiocese's formation programme for our Lay Pastoral Leaders. However, it is not the Launch Out candidates or their projects I am writing about in this column for this edition of Well-Com. Rather, it is the above prayer, which was actually only a small part of the Opening Prayer we all shared together. This prayer appealed to me at this time of Covid-19 when there are all the challenges and questions about vaccinations and vaccine certificates, about how many people can attend Mass, borders open or closed, and the endless other decisions, anxieties and uncertainties the pandemic has forced upon us. This prayer also meant something to me at this time of the year when the pace of life seems to increase and almost rob me of any quiet time and when I seem to hurtle from one task to another. I am writing this column on 27 November – the day before Advent 2021 begins. For me Advent is the loveliest of liturgical seasons, the Scriptures are powerful and give us so much material for reflection and prayer. But this year I haven't had the time to prepare well for Advent and I don't want to lose the opportunities these Advent days offer. I don't want to miss the Advent 'moment'. That is why this prayer touched me deeply. I hope it does the same for all Well-Com readers. Please use this and pray with it well. Take your time and enjoy the

moment God gives you. God of each breath God of this next breath: may this moment we're in be a moment now filled with reassurance and grace:... Recently, I read something else I thought was valuable, and which was certainly helpful for me. It was in an article about 'Prayer in Chaos, Commotion and Clutter'. The writer was reflecting on Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, and she quoted John's Gospel: 'Jesus, knowing that the Father had put all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.' The writer went on to write that what is true for Jesus is true for us too – if we know we have come from God and are going to God, our lives are bracketed in security. What more do we need? Our lives are bracketed in security. Therefore, this moment and the next moment, this breath and the next breath can be: "...a moment of peace and renewal a breath of new life." May this Christmas and 2022 be full of moments, which are a breath of new life for you all. **Cardinal John Dew**
The post A breath of new life for you all first appeared on Archdiocese of Wellington.

