

Anniversaries December

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Timeframe Extended

You may be aware that the deadline for the local phase for the Synod 2021-23 was extended by the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have indicated that the timeline for the synodal process in Aotearoa will also be extended. In response, we have been working on how this extension will impact on our own diocesan process. The Secretariat has 'listened' to our concerns about the short time frame for local discernment and we as a diocese are responding in kind. This is synodality in action and we are delighted, so: The previous deadline of 30 November 2021 has been extended and submissions can now be made up until 31 March 2022. At the same time, we want to maintain the momentum that has been gained thus far. Any groups or submissions that may already be organised for the rest of the month are strongly encouraged to continue as planned. Hopefully, this extra time will allow for input from people who we most need to hear from including those who are baptised but disengaged from our communities for a variety of reasons, our young people and groups from diverse cultural backgrounds. We are still working to confirm the finer details of how this extension will impact our diocesan process and will communicate more details over the course of the next two weeks. Thank you for all you have already done to invite, encourage and engage in this synodal process thus far. We look forward to seeing the opportunities that arise from this extension unfold over the coming months and continuing on this journey together. *Teresa Edwards, Isabella McCafferty, Fr Simon Story & Nick Wilson—Diocesan Synodal Team*

Shipping Container –wanted for St Vincent de Paul. If anyone knows of one for sale

please contact Dave Cullen or Fred Dyer.

FOOD FOR FAITH offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

This Sunday night (5th December), John Cowan's guest will be operatic tenor Simon O'Neill. Simon O'Neill has snagged two Grammy nominations this year for Best Choral Performance and Best Engineered Album in Classical. Hailing from Ashburton, Simon received his musical training at the University of Otago and Victoria University, graduating with an honours degree in music. He received scholarships to the Juilliard Opera Center and the Manhattan School of Music, earning a Master of Music degree in 2000. In late 2016 he was awarded Doctor of Music (Honoris Causa) from Victoria University. He went on to be appointed Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours.

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

Second Sunday of Advent
December 5th

Uncrowd my heart, O God,
until silence speaks in your
still, small voice; turn me from
the hearing of words, and the
making of words, and the
confusion of much speaking,
to listening, waiting, stillness,
silence.

— Esther de Waal, '
Lost in Wonder'.

Sunday
Reflections



OBLATES
ALWAYS CLOSE TO PEOPLE

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

5th December 2021

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Rātini Kupu

**5th Hakihea , 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent**

Covid-19 Protection Framework and us as a Parish

As at present because of the number of people who are gathering for our Sunday Masses are not over 50 people, Vaccine Passes are not require.. I hope our numbers over Christmas will increase significantly and then Vaccine Passes will be required. After the Leadership Meeting on Monday we will be able to advise you in greater detail how we will manage this requirement.

This may mean that in order, a greater number of people can be accommodated at Christmas Masses in Central Hawkes Bay, people without a vaccine pass may have to travel out of the district for Mass. If you find yourself in this inconvenience, be assured of the thanks of the rest of the Parish for inconveniencing yourself for our sake. We see it as an unselfish act of love and concern that you are making for us. Thank you most sincerely. *Fr Paul.*

Parish Christmas Party—Sunday 12th December from 4pm at the presbytery. Bring some finger food to share. All welcome. We are all Advent people

Poor old Advent. It gets stampeded. It is overrun. Who cares about Advent – it is only an unruly intruder on the way to Christmas. But it isn't. Advent drags us back to basics. The very essence of humanity means patience. We can easily get overwhelmed by the 'fast lane of life.' We are in such a hurry. We want everything now. We rush from experience to experience. We can't cope with the bigness of life. Stop. Look. Listen. The simple message of Advent is to glance back at the Jews, waiting for the Saviour to come. If we have (similar) feelings; we can feel with them. We can easily link up our own waiting in life, to their waiting. Waiting for a child to be born. Waiting for day to come. Waiting for buses. Waiting for an appointment in a hospital. Waiting in A&E is a very good indicator of Advent. Waiting for the end of winter. Waiting for the sun to shine. Waiting to get well. Waiting for pain to go. Waiting to grow up. Waiting for visitors. But above all, it is learning not to live just in the present moment. It is stopping ourselves being addicted to the concerns of only today. Advent reminds us to be much bigger in our thinking. Look around. Stop. Think of the past. Look at nature. Look at the companions of life. Be grateful. Never be consumed by NOW. See the broader picture. . . (Seamus Ahearne)

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*



National March for Life will be ONLINE. JOIN IN WHEREVER YOU ARE! December 4th. This year, due to Covid restrictions, our National March for Life is going to look a little different. Instead of coming together to March at Parliament on Saturday 4 December, we're asking you to be a voice for the voiceless at your home AND to join us online for an exciting, motivating event. Depending on your local covid regulations, join up with family and friends to take part wherever you are. This means more people can participate than ever before! Saturday 4 December @ 2pm www.marchforlife.nz/online Here's how you can be involved: [Head over today to our website](#) to register your participation in the online event. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to keep up with how you can be a voice for the voiceless at your home, enter competitions, and more. Spread the word and invite all your family, friends, and colleagues to participate!

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

Need help? With your vaccine pass—please come to the office. We can print off for you and help get it set up for you.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):
Nativity Scenes with Beate Matthies.
Monday, 06 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.
Koha/Donation.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/nativity-scenes/>

Joy at Mass with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.
Friday, 17 December, 8-9pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/joy-at-mass/>
For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

The **second Sunday** of the advent season is on December 05, 2021. The day is called the Second Sunday of Advent. The second candle is lit on this day along with the first candle. It is the Bethlehem candle, reminding that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the Second Coming while commemorating the First Coming of Christ at Christmas



Many parishes have expressed concern about how to manage entry criteria when unvaccinated people insist on joining the vaccinated community. It is a concern Wellington's Cardinal John Dew has met with a set of instructions and suggestions for the Wellington archdiocese to follow. Writing, Thursday, to priests and lay pastoral leaders he has told them he wants churches in the archdiocese to be open and welcoming, but at the same time they need to work within the government's Covid-19 Protection Framework. Dew's guidelines for volunteers checking Vaccine Passes before Mass are based around a friendly, warm but if necessary firm approach. Parish priests and lay pastoral leaders are responsible for ensuring churches and other gathering places in their parish comply with the new traffic lights entry criteria. "As Parish Priests and Lay Pastoral Leaders it will be necessary for you to ensure that at churches and other gathering places in your parish the new regulations are complied with", he writes. "You or your delegates must sight each person's My Vaccine Pass or verify it using the NZ Pass Verifier App as they enter". Among the bundle of four documents sent Tuesday is a letter of authority. "As the Archbishop of Wellington and the legal owner of parish property I grant you and your delegated authority to refuse person entry, and/or instruct a person to leave a church or other gathering place in your parish where you deem it necessary to ensure compliance with the above rules and/or to prevent the risk of spread of Covid-19", Dew tells the priests and lay pastoral workers. He says this authority includes but is not limited to circumstances where a person is not vaccinated, or has not proven their vaccination status, displaying symptoms associated with Covid-19 and / or their presence within the premises may breach the gathering limits or other rules imposed under the Covid-19 Public Health Act and any regulations made under that Act. With the bundle of documents is one that outlines the weekend gatherings that do not require a My Vaccine Pass in the Archdiocese

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

and a link to the Our Lady of Kapiti live stream Mass. Dew tells the priests and lay pastoral leaders that when there is a transgression, the offending people are to be engaged with politely and respectfully, but ultimately if they are unvaccinated they need to leave. He encourages parish priests and lay pastoral leaders to plan ahead and that if they believed they may meet resistance, to consider identifying the possibility ahead of time and invite police, Māori Warden, Pacific Island Warden, community patrol member, social worker, or security guard, as appropriate to be present at the time the community gathers. He goes as far as saying that as a last resort if the priests and lay pastoral workers meet real resistance and that ultimately if things escalate, to call the Police on 111 and explain the situation. Dew concludes by saying that the parish is obligated to do what it can to adhere to the new rules of gathering under the Traffic Light System and warns that if exceptions are made the parish is liable for a substantial fine and the risk of Covid-19 infection is unduly increased. My Vaccine Pass holders have a right to expect that everyone inside is vaccinated (and has a Pass to prove it). Cathnews.co.nz

