

Anniversaries January

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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.

Pro-Life Vigil At Hastings Hospital

Every Friday from about 8.30 a.m to midday there are a few volunteers praying for mothers scheduled for abortions that morning.

Please contact Kate Cormack, Napier, if you are able to help. admin@voiceforlife.org.nz

Pro-Life Facts

40 Days for Life vigils will be operating in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland 2nd March - 10th April. To offer to help organise or participate in the Christchurch vigil, contact Ken Orr at ken@righttolife.org.nz. If you would like to participate in the Auckland or Wellington vigils, there is information at:

<https://fli.org.nz/40daysforlife/>

Applications sought for NZCBC Manager, Wellington-based

The closing date for applications for the new Manager role with the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference in Wellington has been extended to 5pm on Wednesday 9 February. Full details about the role and how to apply are here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-manager-apply/>

Notices

from *Titipounamu Study & Joy-Online Sessions (Evening):*

The Holy Spirit – A Driving Force

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

with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 14, 21, 28 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/session or \$50/series.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-holy-spirit-a-driving-force-2/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

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

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*The spirit of the Lord is
on me, for he has
anointed me to bring the
good news to the
afflicted.*

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Jesus, Luke 1:18

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

23rd January, 2022

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Rātini Kupu

23th Kohiātea , 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Covid-19 Protection Framework—Red

When New Zealand goes into Red under the Traffic Light System the following requirements will be followed for our Masses

- Record keeping/scanning required.
- At gatherings, face coverings are required for workers and volunteers.
- Gatherings at a place of worship up to 100 people based on the maximum number of people who could occupy the space if each person was 1 metre apart.
- Vaccine Passes will be Required.



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The Synagogue Sermon

The mission of Jesus is expressed with great force in today's Gospel. The Spirit that had come upon him in the Jordan River was leading him to proclaim a message and a way of life to teach. He had moved away from home, and had made such an impression that word about him had got back to his home place of Nazareth. We are told that he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, as he usually did... and announced the start of a new age! His sermon would be understood by anyone who was familiar with the words of the prophets. Isaiah had stated clearly what would happen when the Messiah came. Jesus read that wonderful passage to them, then rolled up the scroll and announced "Today these words are coming true even as I speak." When he announced that he had come to replace the old Jewish love of law with a new law of love, it caused quite a commotion. At first we are told that everyone was pleased with his basic message; but in next Sunday's gospel, we hear how this encounter ended up. Not too well, actually, but you'll have to tune into the next episode next week! Human nature has some in-built resistance to God that results from original sin. There is some basic rebelliousness within us, a stubborn pride leading to the blindness and the oppression spoken of in today's gospel. By myself it is impossible for me to lift myself out of the quicksand of my own selfishness. But Jesus has come to join me, to lead me, to save me, and this is the powerful Good News announced in the Nazareth Synagogue. associationofcatholicpriests.ie

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has offered an immediate Solidarity Grant to Caritas Tonga and is also receiving donations, through its Pacific Relief Fund, to help with the aftermath of the volcanic eruption in Tonga. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Tonga and especially with our partners and the communities with which we have been working for many years.

"Communications are proving very difficult at the moment but we were in touch with Caritas Tonga as recently as Saturday," says Caritas director Julianne Hickey. "Together we have completed the pre-positioning of emergency supplies at three locations in Tonga so are well prepared for this kind of eventuality." The biggest concern at the moment is drinking water, which has been contaminated across Tonga by ash fall. The Tongan Government had approved drinking water distribution to Ha'apai (islands nearest the volcano) on Saturday morning, as the islands are majority reliant on harvested rainwater for drinking.

Donations can be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund (www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) or via our bank account 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include first & last name and put Tonga as the code).



Pope Francis has appointed Bishop of Hamilton Stephen Lowe as the new Catholic Bishop of Auckland. The appointment was announced in Rome at midnight New Zealand time and means the dioceses of Hamilton, Palmerston North and Christchurch are without bishops pending Pope Francis announcing new appointments. Bishop Lowe

replaces Bishop Pat Dunn, who has served since 1994.



Bishop Dunn is retiring. The Diocese of Auckland has almost 40 per cent of New Zealand's 471,000 Catholics. "I am humbled at being asked by the Holy Father to be the Bishop of Auckland and the successor of Bishop Pat Dunn, a much loved Bishop," says Bishop Lowe. "Auckland is our largest Diocese and our first Diocese. When I look at the bishops who have served Auckland, starting with Bishop Pompallier, they all had the challenges of their time and circumstances. But they also had their own unique gifts and talents and the gifts and talents of the people of God. So I'm looking forward to becoming part of the Diocese of Auckland as we work together for the building of God's kingdom." Bishop Lowe was ordained as Bishop of Hamilton in February 2015. Born in Hokitika, he was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Christchurch in his home town at Hokitika in 1996. He served as the assistant priest in the Mairehau, Ashburton and Greymouth parishes before being appointed parish priest of Timaru North and Chaplain of Roncalli College in 2000. From 2005-2007 he completed a Licence in Spiritual Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He was appointed to Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland in 2008 where he served as Formation Director until the end of 2014. While based there, he served for a time as Parish Priest of Ponsonby. Bishop Lowe is the Vice President and Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, and the bishops' representative on Te Rūnanga o te Hāhi Katorika o Aotearoa, the Church's national Māori advisory group. He is also a member of several other bodies including the National Safeguarding and Professional Standards Committee. *Cath-news.co.nz*

Today's Gospel reading

combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God." Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays. As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and

proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed. This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. www.loyolapress.com

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 23rd

The *hope* our world so badly needs is with us in the *person of Jesus* who died and rose from the dead.

Sunday Reflections

Read Fr Brian's reflection on the Gospel of St Luke