

Anniversaries March

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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.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy—Online Sessions:

Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Prayer Hour with Laetitia Puthenpadath.
Friday, 25 March, 3-4pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation/>

For more information and regis-

Mass Times

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

Vaccine Passes required for Sunday

Masses

Scan, wear a mask and physically distance –2m

tration: 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/>

Pro-Life Facts—In late February, Associate Minister of Health Ayesha Verrall launched a new abortion “telehealth” service entitled “Decide”, whereby a woman seeking an early abortion will be able to have a phone consultation and two pills with instructions will be sent by courier. Lack of an in-person consultation will arguably increase the risks of this procedure. For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

In your prayers do not babble

Matthew 6:7-15



We are surrounded by
words and different noises
all day long.

Find an opportunity to just sit
quietly with God for a short
time today
and say or do nothing.

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

13th March, 2022

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Rātini Kupu

13th Poutu-te-rangi , 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent

Where we encounter God

The splendid vision in our Gospel today comes after Jesus had said that “The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Lk 9:22). This was no good news to the disciples who expected Jesus, as the Messiah, to drive out the Roman army of occupation and restore the kingdom to Israel (Acts 1:6). Many of them would have begun to have second thoughts: Is Jesus really the expected Messiah? So a few days after, Jesus invites the three leaders of his group, Peter, James and John, to go with him up a mountain, to show them another angle on reality. For many, mountains are a place of encounter with God. Moses encountered God on a mountaintop, and so did Elijah, and it was a favourite place of prayer for Jesus too. It was where the eyes of the apostles, their spiritual eyes, were opened and they caught a glimpse of a Jesus that their physical eyes could never see. Then they saw that the heavens were on the side of Jesus, and they heard the voice of the invisible God, “This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him” (Lk 9:35). This was all the confirmation they needed, that Jesus was indeed the expected one, for heaven itself bore witness. Now they would listen to him and follow him all the way to his suffering and death in Jerusalem. No matter what happens they are now sure of one thing: God is with Jesus; final victory will therefore be his. How often we experience absurdities in life, leaving us filled with doubt and with the question: Where is God in all this? Think of people who have experienced abuse, deep-rooted individualism and insensitivity from church officials, and they ask, “How can God be in this place?” and many of them give up the faith. Others are traumatized by their experience of social injustice and discrimination. They apply for a job but see people less qualified than they get the job because of having the right connections or the right accent. They see forceful people advancing in society through unfair means and they ask: Where is God when this is going on? Or you may know someone undergoing personal and family crisis like terminal illness, breakdown of relationship between husband and wife, between parent and child, between friends. At times like these we need to climb the mountain of prayer and ask God to open our eyes that we may see. When God grants us a glimpse of eternity then we realize that all our troubles in this life are short-lived. Then we have the courage to accept the suffering of this life, knowing that through it all God is on our side. All it takes is a glimpse of heaven to empower us to take up our daily crosses and follow Jesus, knowing that the cross of Lent is followed by the victory of Easter. *associationofcatholicpriests.ie*



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CARITAS CASE STUDY At the Tutu Marist Training Centre (TRTC) in Fiji young men and women are being transformed. Upon entering a course at Tutu, participants are encouraged to equally develop the spiritual, intellectual and physical aspects of their life. Reflecting bula vakavanua (the Fijian way), students are given many opportunities to focus on how they are influenced by their own thoughts, beliefs and assumptions. Reflecting on their assumptions provides students with insight into the ‘new and old ways of seeing things’. These men and women are guided by faith as they respond to God’s call to be transformed. TRTC work with young men and women to align their talents, goals and opportunities. TRTC have a young farmers program that develops talented youth in agriculture to be independent autonomous leaders in their villages as well as in the training centre. The single women’s course is broader. TRTC works with women in identifying natural talents that can be utilised to facilitate sustainable economic independence through skillstraining in small-business development around vegetable farming, fruitbased products, textiles, handicrafts and cooking.

St John’s College

The Ukrainian crisis reminds us of how lucky we are to live in a country where we have peace and security, in spite of some of our recent challenges with the pandemic and demonstrations. Last week -end our canoe polo teams played in a regional competition with our junior team winning the bronze medal and our senior team winning a silver medal, losing in a golden goal shoot-out to Napier Boys. Our STEAM programme will start on 17th June for Year 8 students. St Patrick’s School, St Joseph’s School and St Mary’s School will be contacted directly by St. John’s. Parents of Catholic boys attending other intermediates in Year 8 are welcome to contact us about their son attending this programme. For more information please contact us.

“**FREE Fitness** Saturday 7am – 8.30am St Johns College school grounds, like and follow <https://www.facebook.com/SJCPasifika> for updates



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 to 3pm. 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.

On the second Sunday of Lent,

we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery. The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death. As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In

Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt. On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death. www.loyolapress.com



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