

Anniversaries March

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Thomas Lyons, Thomas Joel Bird (Noel), Rosalie Beachen
Joseph Carpenter, Peter Barrett

As part of the Catholic Theological College online event series, we wish to invite you to "But who do you say I am? -- Images of God, mental well-being and Pacific young women," on Thursday 31 March 6:30-8:00pm via Zoom. This might interest young people, especially Pacifica. The speaker is Dr Therese Lautua, a graduate in PhD Theology at the University of Auckland. She will talk about the significance of Christianity for the spiritual and mental wellbeing of young Christian, multi-ethnic Pacifica women. She will take us through the different images of God and how these impact mental wellbeing. Details and registration here: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/upcoming-online-event-who-do-you-say-i-am-images-of-god-mental-well-being-and-pacific-young-women/>

Pro-Life Facts

On 16th March 2022, an overwhelming majority of MPs voted to pass Louisa Wall's Safe Areas Amendment Bill, paving the way for any anti-abortion protest or sidewalk counselling within 150 metres of abortion facilities to be criminalised. For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

Vacancies for Prison Chaplains

Applications are sought from suitably qualified people for a number of Catholic chaplaincy positions in prisons in Hamilton and Dunedin dioceses of New Zealand. The successful applicants will become a member of a chaplaincy team providing spiritual and religious support to all prisoners. Chaplains work with prisoners as they encounter the challenges of

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

incarceration and separation from loved ones and whānau.

Go here for details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/vacancies-prisonchaplains/>

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Women in the Scriptures & Mythology

Part 1: Women of the Old Testament with Kieran Fenn fms.

Wednesday, 20 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

Part 2: Women in the Sistine Chapel with Dr Christopher Longhurst.

Friday, 29 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/women-in-the-scriptures-mythology/>

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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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.

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

27th March, 2022

15 St Joseph Street, Waipukurau, Phone- 858-9383, office number- 8586416,

Hours Tuesday 7.15-1.45pm, Thursday- 12.15-1.45pm and Friday -7.15-1.45pm

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Rātini Kupu

27th Poutu-te-rangi , 2022
4th Sunday of Lent

Catholic bishops welcome Covid restrictions easing in time for Easter The Catholic bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand are relieved that the use of vaccine passes is ending and restricted numbers of people allowed at Mass eased in time for Easter. The Government announced today that the limit of 100 allowed with a vaccine pass at a religious gathering such as Mass will double to 200 from 11.59pm on Friday night. Masks must still be worn indoors, but people will no longer have to scan QR codes. Vaccine passes will not be required from 11.59pm on 4 April. Until the latter date, the number of people allowed at a Mass without a vaccine-pass requirement remains at 25, according to the Government's Covid-19 website. "It is really welcome that these restrictions are being eased in the middle of Lent and with Easter just over three weeks away," said Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. "While the bishops supported vaccine passes and similar restrictions when they were introduced last November, we said our support was based on the pandemic emergency as it was at the time," said Bishop Lowe. "We are well aware of the toll the emergency measures have taken, with many people experiencing serious and at times unforeseen hardships. With medical experts now telling us the omicron wave is peaking and starting to reduce in some places, it is good to see some of these restrictions coming to an end. "However, this is not yet life as normal. We know that the virus will continue to have an impact on the way we celebrate in our churches for a while yet. We need to remain cautious and continue to wear masks and practise social distancing. And we will need to avoid certain ways of celebrating rituals that might make it easier for infections to spread." Good Friday is April 15, with Easter Sunday two days later. The Prime Minister said the Government would announce any changes to the Traffic Light system coloursetting on 4 April. At present, the whole country is in Red. "I wish to express the bishops' deep gratitude to the front-line workers and essential workers who have done so much to get our country through this pandemic so far, as well as to the Catholic Church's own ministers and faithful for the sacrifices they willingly taken on for the sake of the most vulnerable people in society," said Bishop Lowe



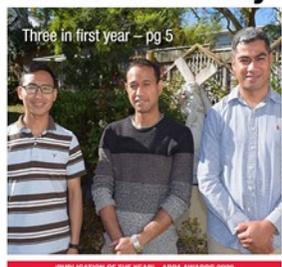
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NZCatholic
The national Catholic newspaper

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New to Seminary



St John's College

It was good to be back at school this week having spent the majority of last week teaching and learning remotely. The business of school continues with teachers this week finalising term 1 progress reports for all our students. Summer sport is drawing to a close as the days grow shorter and we head towards Easter which is only three weeks away.

STEAM – We have changed the start date for our STEAM programme to start Friday 10th June This programme is 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.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2023 – We have started enrolment interviews for 2023. If you would like to make an enrolment appointment please phone the office – 878 6853.

FREE Fitness Saturday 7am – 8.30am St Johns College school grounds, like and follow [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/SJCPasifika)

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Coming to his senses

We can identify with the soliloquy of the prodigal son, especially if one is cynical enough to read it not as an undiluted expression of heartfelt conversion, but rather as a calculation about survival. If read as a straight narrative of religious conversion it can appear clumsy or wooden, and the indignation of the elder brother merely churlish. But thanks to the penetration of biblical studies by the subtleties of modern literary criticism we are learning to read Luke as a great master of narrative art, insinuating a wider spectrum of intricate motives than conventional piety normally takes account of. The phrase "coming to himself" (15:17) "does not on its own signify repentance. As one exegete says: 'Coming to one's senses' is more the idea," although "shades of repentance are clearly evident." At best they are

shades, and even then they are far from evident. The "conversion" is prompted by destitution and impossible to dissociate from economic considerations. The speech the prodigal rehearses for his father is skilfully calculated to win back his favour, and in what he says to himself there is no reference to any injury done to his father: "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants'" (15:17-19). A more honest speech would begin, "Father, I've come back because I am dying of hunger," so, as another exegete says, "the lie by omission is flagrant." This soliloquy, like the other calculating soliloquies that dot Luke's Gospel, meets reversal that overthrows the petty standards of the calculator, for the father forgives the son when he sees him at a distance and interrupts his rehearsed speech before he can say "treat me as one of your hired servants," a phrase that is not the deepest level of self-abasement, since the servants were paid; "the finesse of a narrator without any illusion about certain discourses of repentance" is to be admired. The paternal response is not in the same key of calculation as the soliloquy, and its generosity undercuts the son's cautious and mistrustful performance. The son's judgement thus fell short of the mark, just as his brother's calculations of merit and reward (15:29-30) are tangential to the father's uncalculating love for the sons. (Joe O'Leary)



The inaugural Metropolitan Cathedral

of the Sacred Heart Charity Art Auction to raise funds for the restoration and seismic strengthening of the cathedral is coming together well as we gear up for the launch on Saturday 19 March 2022. The uncertainty around Covid-19 has created the opportunity to move our charity art auction online, so we can reach more people than the original event we had planned. We are new to this but so excited to bring this to you and look forward to your support. Among the artists exhibiting their wonderful works are Del Te Rito, Charlotte Hird, Jim Gorman, Olympia Osborne, Sonia Treacy, Ellen Donnelly and many more. We are so blessed to have them come on board. Registering for the auction is easy. All you need is your mobile phone or access to internet on your computer. The auction will run 24 x 7 from 19 March to 27 March 2022.

If you have any questions, feel free to email mcs.h.march22art@gmail.com

The website for the auction can be found: www.galabid.com/art4icon

This Sunday night (27th March), John Cowan's guest will be TVNZ presenter Melissa Stokes. While studying at NZ Broadcasting School, Melissa landed an internship and then a job at Prime News in 1999. In 2001 Stokes moved to Breakfast as the Christchurch reporter, and in 2004 she headed to Auckland to report for TV One's 6 p.m. bulletin. For two years, she was based in London as 1 News'

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Holy Thursday – 7pm @ St Joseph's
Good Friday – 3pm @ St Joseph's
Easter Vigil – 5.30pm @ St Patrick's
Easter Sunday – 9.30am @ St Joseph's

respondent based in London, covering stories such as the conflicts in Israel and Syria. She began presenting across several TVNZ news shows in 2010, and in 2019 became the anchor of 1 News' 6 p.m. weekend bulletins. Melissa lives in Auckland with her husband Dave and their two sons.

Prayer for Ukraine

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Bless her with freedom and light
of your holy rays.
With learning and knowledge enlighten
us, your children small,
In love pure and everlasting.
Let us, oh Lord, grow.
We pray, oh Lord Almighty,
protect our beloved Ukraine.
Grant our people and country
All your kindness and grace.
Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom,
Guide us into a kind world,
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune
For ever and evermore

