

Anniversaries March

Christine Wypych (Chrissy), Sybil McCloskey, Doreen de Stackpoole
Kathleen Kilkolly, Margaret Hallagan
Thomas Lyons, Thomas Joel Bird (Noel), Rosalie Beachen
Joseph Carpenter

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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- Interpreting the New Testament
What Catholics Believe
For more information contact Ann King a.king@ctc.ac.nz
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St Joseph's school PFG - AGM will be held on 7th March 7pm in room 2 at the school. All are welcome to attend.
This Sunday night (6th March), John Cowan's guest will be business consultant, author & CEO Juliet Funt. Featured in both Forbes and Fast Company, Juliet is a renowned keynote speaker, tough-love advisor to the Fortune 500, and founder and CEO of an efficiency firm, Juliet Funt Group. Juliet lives in Oregon with husband James and three young sons. Her book A Minute to Think: Reclaim Creativity, Conquer Busyness, And

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

Do Your Best Work was released in July 2021.

Daily Reflections during Lent

Sign up for daily reflections for Lent at www.foodforfaith.org.nz
Food For Faith - an Aotearoa New Zealand based online mission.

The May 2022 Funding Round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group. The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation, and aligned with the diocesan goals. We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria. Applications are now open and are due on Thursday 31 March 2022. Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Catholic-Charities-Application-form-2022.pdf> or please contact Ashley Dahl at adah@pndiocese.org.nz or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 842.

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

6th March, 2022

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Rātini Kupu

6th Poutu-te-rangi , 2022 1st Sunday of Lent

From the breakfast table to the car seat, from writing to drawing, from giving something up to doing something more . . . Let the wisdom and spirit of these stories inspire you in your own Lenten journey.

Around the breakfast table

One of my best Lenten practices was begun when my children were in elementary school and I was a working parent. It seemed as though we were struggling to find time to eat dinner as a family and this was greatly disturbing me. I decided that if we were unable to hold the dinner hour sacred due to work schedules and after school activities, I would instead hold the breakfast hour sacred. I made sure to get up each morning during Lent just a little earlier so that I could not only provide breakfast for my family but actually sit together, pray our meal prayer and begin each day on a happy note. It began in Lent and didn't end until my children went off to college many years later. I learned that Lenten habits could carry far off into the future with my family. The impact was dramatic in that each day was started with a prayer and positive attitudes. Breakfast became and remains one of our favorite rituals of the day. *Roberta, IL*

Drawing a prayer

I took time every day to draw in a sketchbook. I called the time my "God Time." I wanted to make each day of Lent special by taking time to reflect on God and my relationship to God.

Barbara, OH

My Lenten jar

I always have nice things that I'd like to do, but never seem to make time to get to: write a letter to a friend, visit a lonely person, call a distant friend. At the beginning of Lent, I write down 40 plus tasks, one per little slip of paper, and toss them in a jar. Then, each morning of Lent, I pull one out and do the task written there. It teaches me that I like surprise and variety in my Lenten practices. For me, this is a simple way to concentrate on the disciplines of giving alms and doing good for others.

Mark G., KS

Dialling into God

Instead of listening to music or talk radio in my car, I decided to take that time for prayer and to listen to God. At first, it was a difficult transition; the silence was deafening. But soon, I began to enjoy the quiet time. I prayed for people who I knew needed my prayers. I prayed for my family and myself. I also thanked God for my many blessings. I found that I became much more calm and peaceful during this time. This reflective time grounded and centered me to do my best.

Donna, NC <https://www.loyolapress.com>



Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has agreed to send \$10,000 to support Caritas work in Ukraine as we stand in solidarity with our sister organisations and with the people of Ukraine. "We pray for all the people in Ukraine, especially the vulnerable and marginalised communities who will be most severely impacted by the recent invasion of the country. Eastern Ukraine has already suffered more than seven years of conflict which has dramatically impacted the lives of families, with more than 850,000 people forced to flee their homes and nearly 3 million people relying on humanitarian assistance. The invasion will only increase the number of people displaced and put those already driven from their homes in an even more vulnerable position" said Roger Ellis, Engagement Manager for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand. Caritas Ukraine and Caritas-Spes are already helping thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) who are now desperately searching for a safe shelter, both in western Ukraine and abroad. The two Caritas organisations are providing Internally displaced people on the move with essential information, food, drinking water and personal hygiene kits, as well as a safe and secure place to sleep, eat and wash themselves. Caritas staff and volunteers also provide safe transport for displaced families to reach their loved ones. Caritas has been working in eastern Ukraine since April 2014 and has helped nearly 826,500 people affected by the crisis since then. Caritas Ukraine will continue to assist the most vulnerable through providing essential emergency response, including emergency shelters, food relief packages and cash distributions. In addition, Caritas Ukraine continues to support impacted communities with the long-term impacts of conflict, including emergency supplies, education and healthcare. "The invasion will dramatically worsen humanitarian need, displacing people from their homes,



disrupting essential public services including water, power, transport and banking, and damaging vital infrastructure and homes. Our thoughts and prayers are with our colleagues in Caritas Ukraine, Caritas-Spes and with all the Ukrainian people during this crisis" said Roger Ellis, Engagement manager for Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand. Donations to the work of Caritas in Ukraine can be made through the Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand website at <https://caritas.org.nz/donate-online> click on "Emergency Fund" and reference "Ukraine".

What is the meaning of lent? Why do we set aside forty days each year to voluntarily give up some legitimate enjoyments so as to prepare for Easter? The need for lent is written right into our DNA. Perhaps a look at some of images for lent can help make this clearer. Religiously the richest image we have for lent is the image of the desert, of Jesus going into there voluntarily to fast and pray. Scripture tells us that Jesus went into the desert for forty days and, while there, he ate nothing. This doesn't necessarily mean that, literally, he took no food or water during that time, but rather that he deprived himself of all physical supports (including food, water, enjoyments, distractions) that protected him from feeling, full force, his vulnerability, dependence, and need to surrender in deeper trust to God. And in doing this, we are told, he found himself hungry and consequently vulnerable to temptations from the devil – but also, by that same token, more open to God. The desert, by taking away the securities and protections of ordinary life, strips us bare and leaves us naked, both before God and the devil. This brings us face-to-face with our own chaos. That's an image for lent.

It is with mixed emotion, that I share with you that the Board of St. John's College, Hastings has received a letter of resignation from Rob Ferreira with effect from the end of Term 1 this year. Rob has accepted a new position as Rector of St. Patrick's College, Silverstream, commencing at the start of Term 2022. We wish Rob and Marja every happiness and success as they take up this wonderful new opportunity. The Board would like to thank Rob for the vision he has pursued to move St John's College to the strong position it is now in. The Board will be meeting in the next few days to start the consultation and recruitment process to find Rob's replacement. *Kind regards, Tessa Barrett, Board Chair*



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.

St John's College

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

WelCom March 2022 edition is being distributed this week for Sunday, 6 March. Contents include:

- Pope's unprecedented visit to embassy in Rome to relay concern over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- Cardinal John Dew – observation and reflection about protests at Parliament precinct.
- Interview with Sacred Heart Cathedral's restoration project architect, Jane Kelly.
- Three Waters Reform Programme – a Catholic Social Justice perspective.
- Catholic College student award recipients 2021 and student leaders 2022.
- Catholics Thinking – 'five spiritual tips to help you avoid pandemic despair'.
- Lenten reflection – Dr Elizabeth Julian rsm.
- Plus more features, local and international news and views, young Church.

The way of Mary, Our Lady, Mother of God Mary's life was one of many journeys – often spiritual voyages. As a young girl she was called from the obscurity of a hidden village (Lk 1.48) to a role and future she could barely imagine but embraced wholeheartedly to be the mother of the Christ (Lk. 1.38) Her first journey is one to bring comfort and support to another woman, something that would mark many of her travels (Lk. 1.39-45) She gave birth to Jesus far from home (Lk 2.6-7). So began an inner journey of pondering and questioning (Lk 2.18). Forced to flee by political intrigue she lived for some time as a refugee in Egypt (Mt 2.13) Her life as a mother was turned upside down by the mission of her son. At times that pulled her into her wider family's struggle to reclaim their wayward brother (Mk 3.31-33). She then came to the moment to set him free, which we see reflected at her request at the marriage feast at Cana to 'do whatever he tells you.' (Jn 2.5) Next we find her on the road once more, standing at the foot of Jesus' cross as he dies (Jn. 19.25), and waiting in Jerusalem with his close followers for the coming of the Spirit. (Acts 1.14-15) Her final journey is to become the adoptive mother of John and so of the budding Christian community. It is then likely that she found a home with John in Ephesus, where she was to act as an anchor between the human family of Jesus and the international Christian family. Her final voyage comes when she passes over to the embrace of her son (her assumption). Like so many women of faith today, Mary's life was marked by dramatic change, many journeys and a call to spiritual leadership in the community. Mary of the Way, pray for us all.

