

Anniversaries April

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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.

Path to sainthood delayed by Vatican ruling

Dear Friends, We have just been advised that the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has declined our petition for the recognition of a miracle attributed to the intercession of our founder, Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. The Vatican medical council has decided a potential miracle attributed to her can be explained by medical science. While very disappointed with this news, it has caused us all to pause and consider the future path of the official process towards her beatification and canonisation.

As you all know, the case for a miracle, [was put in 2019 to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints](#), the Vatican agency responsible for studying sainthood nominations. The Congregation appointed a medical council to study the case. We were confident that the extraordinary healing experienced by the person concerned is a miracle but unfortunately that hasn't been accepted. It has been a long journey since the New Zealand's Catholic bishops [approved the introduction of the Cause of Suzanne Aubert's sainthood in 1997](#).

A formal Diocesan Inquiry was held in 2004, when the available evidence for promoting her as a saint was gathered. The results were sent to Rome and approved for further consideration. Included with this material was Jessie Munro's biography, [The Story of Suzanne Aubert](#). As a result, Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert was given the title "Servant of God". Subsequent presentation and approval of the relevant material led to Pope Francis declaring her "Venerable" in 2016.

The next step in the journey is the recognition

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

Masks are required for Mass – thank you for thinking of others

of a first miracle which would have resulted in Pope Francis awarding her the title "Blessed," the penultimate step on the path to her being declared "Saint". She continues to be known as Venerable Suzanne Aubert, a woman of outstanding Christian virtue. From my point of view, the miracle is in the life of those concerned in this process. I witness daily the gift we have of asking Meri Hōhepa to intercede for us on our behalf. It is extraordinary. It is tangible. We have much to be grateful for and we are on a journey of faith. I have witnessed the faith and healing of people as they request Meri Hōhepa's intercession.

This will continue. Meri Hōhepa would say at this moment: 'It is God's will.' She said that 'when all else fails this is the moment of God.' We need to rest in that moment for a while, before deciding where to go next. Thank you for your continued support. Please continue to join us in prayer as we wait in hope that the church will one day formally recognise Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert as a Saint. God Bless and I hope you and your family have a wonderful happy Easter. *Sister Margaret Anne Mills Congregational Leader*



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17th April, 2022

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Rātini Kupu

17th Aperira, 2022 Easter Sunday

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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John 20:1-18

St John's College

This week was Rob Ferreira's (our principal) last week at St John's. We held a final assembly for him on Tuesday which was held out doors due to the Covid restrictions. There were a number of formal speeches and the assembly ended with a school wide haka to farewell Rob. This was followed by a morning tea where staff had the opportunity to speak and to farewell Rob in a less formal space. We wish Rob and Marjer all the very best as Rob embarks on the next stage of his career as rector of St Patrick's College, Silverstream. We will have Willy Kersten as our Acting Principal for Term 2. The Young Ninnies held a raffle and a sausage sizzle during the week to raise money to support the work of Caritas in the Ukraine. This year we were sadly unable to do our usual Cross Walk around the various schools and parish communities in Hastings and Napier. Thankfully we were still able to finish the day with a Holy Thursday liturgy, before the students headed off for a two week break. We would like to wish our students, families and our wider parish communities a blessed and happy Easter.

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. Our first promotional evening has had a date change - Prospectus Evening is now on the 19th May at 7pm. We welcome parents of Year 8 students

Good Friday Collection

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

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the

Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each

country is forwarded to the Franciscan Commissary of the Holy Land in that country to then be sent to Rome and distributed from there to the Custody of the Holy Land.

Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year.

Easter Sunday Special Collection

The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and care that they receive. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year.

Congratulations to Sarah Morrison, daughter of Graeme and Margaret Black who has been appointed as a District Court Judge and will be appointed in May.

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.

Sunday, 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



The person who wrote a reflection

on this line from scripture knew meditation.

The reflection goes like this:

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

If we go into prayer with this, leaving a space between each line, we make the journey from God-out-there to God-within

-us. Something about the shortening of

each line and the final "Be" brings us to

the inner place of contemplation. Of

course, there are many other aids to meditation. Each is designed to facilitate the

same journey of awareness. In stillness,

we realise that God is within us.

Some people light a candle or incense,

using light or fragrance to achieve stillness. Others may use music or words like

maranatha – come, Lord Jesus. Also,

body awareness can help meditation,

deep breathing and muscular relaxation.

Whatever method is used, the aim is stillness, a calmness that settles over us, unwinding physical and mental tension.

When we can achieve that, there comes the 'knowing' that can't be put into words.

I have tried all of the above methods and

have always struggled with what I call

"head noise," a busy brain disturbing

peaceful intentions. I see myself as a tree

with upper branches full of chattering

birds. I cannot make the head noise go

away. However, I have learned to hear

the chatter without engaging with it. Instead, I focus on the stability and stillness

of the tree trunk. That seems to work. In

recent years, age has given me new

tools to work with. One of these could

be considered a nuisance. It's the gap

when a word disappears. When I write,

I have access to the words I need, but

that is no longer so with speech. There

are holes in the fabric of talk. Nouns –

and especially proper nouns – will disappear and leave me stranded like a fish on

dry land. Not long ago I wanted to tell

someone that a good friend, a children's

author, had died. I could not remember

my friend's first name. There was an

embarrassing silence. The next day it came to me. Her first name was the same as mine. It was Joy. I know these lapses are common in people my age, but I did not anticipate how they would benefit meditation.

When names disappear there comes a new spiritual awareness of unity. Naming is necessary for order. Society would not cope without it. Yet the naming of things also tends to separate. I wonder if that's the meaning of the Biblical story 'The Tower of Babel.' Language divides the oneness of creation. So what has this to do with meditation? When a noun drops out of sight, it leaves a little gap through which we see the Oneness of everything. It's a Oneness usually cloaked in layers of words, and seeing it is a gift that comes with age. When we experience it, all we can say to God is "Thank you."

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This Sunday night

(17th April), John Cowan's guest will be Archbishop of New Zealand Cardinal John Dew.

John Dew was born in Waipawa and attended Catholic schools through high school. He studied philosophy at Holy Name Seminary in Christchurch and theology at Holy Cross Seminary in Dunedin. John was ordained a priest in 1976 and became auxiliary bishop of Wellington in 1995. He was appointed as the sixth Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington and the Metropolitan of New Zealand in 2005. Pope Francis announced in 2015 that John would be one of 20 new cardinals elevated at a consistory at the Vatican.

