

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.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Session (Evening):

Women in the Scriptures & Mythology

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/>

Please also see additional information about Esther, Judith and Miriam here:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/04/09/miriam-esther-judith/>

Interview with Michael Mangan on Liturgical Music:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/04/13/michael-mangan-on-muffin-talk/>

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

At the CHB Foodbank

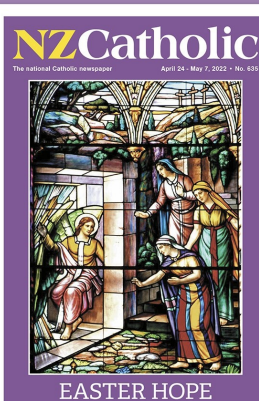
we are currently looking for some new volunteers. What does this entail? Basically, making Food parcels and collecting food from the Rising Dough. Our wonderful receptionist will text you at 12pm to let you know how many parcels there are, and you come into the Foodbank at 1pm to make them up. Rising Dough pick up is 2.20pm and you bring this back to the Foodbank, and you are done. Occasionally there may be time to help restock shelves or pack up other bags. Once a year we have the Cando Foodbank Drive which we need some extra help. If you can spare a couple of hours a month and would like to be part of our wonderful

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

volunteer team, please email us on food-bank@centralconnect.co.nz or give us a ring. Full training will be given. Thank you for considering donating your time.



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Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

24th April, 2022

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Rātini Kupu

24th Aperira, 2022 Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbour. In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion. When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world. *Holy Trinity Parish will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday April 24, at 3 p m at St Joseph's, Waipukurau. Please accept Our Lord's invitation to His feast of Divine Mercy.*

How to obtain Plenary Indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday

From St. Faustina's Diary (669): "On that day, the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy... The soul that will go to confession and receive holy communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment... Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be scarlet."

1) Make an ACT OF CONTRITION

"O God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen."

2) Make a SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

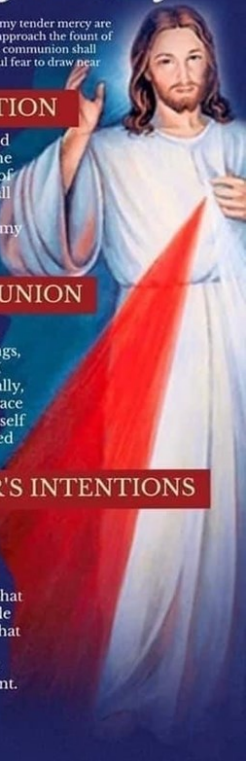
"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

3) Pray for the HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Our Father... Creed... "Jesus I trust in You."

4) Pray this FINAL PRAYER

"Lord Jesus Christ, you promised St. Faustina that the soul that has been to confession (I'm unable but I made an Act of Contrition) and the soul that receives Holy Communion (I'm unable but I made a Spiritual Communion) will receive the complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment. Please Lord Jesus Christ, give me this grace. Amen."

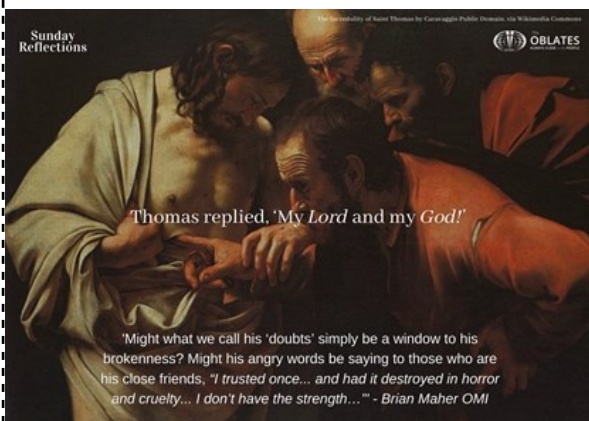


St John's College

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

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

Fr. Alan Roberts is 50 years ordained this year. All well-wishers are invited to leave a message for him by June 16th at www.tinyurl.com/Alans50th



Doubting' Thomas. Poor man! Doomed to carry this title for all eternity; doomed to be the person our parents warn us not to be! And yet, when we consider all that happened to the disciples of Jesus during those first days of Easter, it is perfectly evident that 'doubts' were bubbling in all of them. When Mary finally recognises the gardener as Jesus, she rushes to tell Peter and the rest of the disciples. What happens? "...her words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them." (Luke 24:11) Then, when Peter runs to the tomb and finds it empty, does he believe Jesus has risen? "...and he went home wondering at what had happened." (Luke 24:12) So why single out poor Thomas to be the eternal 'doubter'? I see in Thomas something deeper than 'doubts'; something which touches the deepest level of our lives. Thomas, for me, is way beyond 'doubting', he is broken. He has reached what we sometimes refer to as 'rock bottom'; a place of exhaustion, where he fears even to hope. And this is where Jesus finds him..... Of all the appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection, I find his coming to Thomas the most beautiful, the most human and the most profound. <https://oblates.ie/reflection>

Walk with the Cross –Good Friday



ANZAC Mass

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am on the 25th April at St Joseph's.



Our struggle to believe

When we come together for Mass every Sunday we come to remember Jesus. Our presence and participation in the Eucharist is an act of faith — an act of personal faith and an act of shared faith. In praying together we also help one another believe, hope and love more strongly. So we become a stronger Christian community. It might be said of us what was said in our First Reading today about the infant Church in Jerusalem: "...the number of people who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily." Our shared faith is above all faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that he has risen from the dead, that he is alive in himself and alive in us, and that he is our Teacher, Lord and Leader. But nobody can do our believing for us. This is powerfully illustrated in our gospel story today. It's Easter Sunday and the disciples are huddled together in a locked room. After what happened to Jesus just two days before, they dare not venture out because of fear for their lives. But Jesus himself does not hide away. Suddenly he comes among them. His greeting is peace. Their response is joy. For the story-teller John, Easter Sunday is Pentecost, and the gift of the Spirit is the breath of the Risen Christ. The disciples breathe in the Spirit and the Spirit becomes part of their lives. Soon they will leave the Upper Room changed persons — fearless and courageous, energetic and zealous people. In short they will leave as persons animated, fired and propelled outwards by the Holy Spirit. But one of their group is missing. His name is Thomas. He is one of the apostles, part of the group. But he is also a distinct, independent self, a real individual. He cannot be both loyal to the group and disloyal to his own inner self. That would make his loyalty deceitful and worthless. For Thomas honesty and sincerity are, in fact, more important than loyalty and belonging. So when the others say, 'We have seen the Lord', he declares strongly and emphatically that before he is willing to believe that Jesus is really risen and alive he must see and test the evidence for himself. He won't

accept that claim just on their say-so. So it's his honesty that makes him doubt and leads to him being called ever afterwards 'Doubting Thomas'. We learn from the gospel story that Thomas comes to believe in the Risen Jesus in the same way as the other disciples, i.e. when he sees the Lord for himself. But in the way John tells the story Thomas stands for all those who have not yet seen the Lord in the flesh but who are called to believe in him just the same. That's where we come into the story. We are among those many generations of believers ever afterwards of whom it may be said: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' It's understandable that Thomas was so slow to believe. One reason is that he was such a rugged individual, a real self-starter. The other is because he was not present when Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into his fellow-disciples. But Jesus has given the Spirit to you and me, first at Baptism, then at Confirmation, and subsequently at every Eucharist we celebrate. The Spirit which Jesus gives is the Spirit of truth. It's the same Spirit that empowers us to say to Jesus with Thomas: 'My Lord and my God!' Our faith is one of the main gifts the Spirit has given us. But it is not a one-off gift that we lock away in a safe like some precious jewel. As a form of life we must let our faith grow and mature. On the other hand, like other forms of life, our faith can wither and die from neglect and lack of exercise. We need to pray about our faith, think about our faith, and express it in works of love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. After all even great and saintly characters like Mother Teresa had to struggle with doubts her whole life long. But if like Thomas we care about what we believe, surely sooner or later our faith, revived by the Holy Spirit, will bring us into the presence of God in the person of Jesus, whom our 2nd Reading today calls 'the Living One'. (B. Gleeson)

