

Anniversaries May

Hannah Moran, Terry Coyle, Deidre Wedd, Denis Farrell
Fr Robert Francis Ryan, George Kura, Imelda Ewen
John (Merv) Maggin, Kathleen Butler,
Kathrin De Fresne, Patrick David Mullens, Marie Chote, Petrus Pepping (Pe)

The Catholic bishops of Aotearoa

New Zealand are looking forward to meeting as wide a group of people as possible in early July at the National Synodal Hui in Wellington. The hui is the next big step of New Zealand's part in the "Synod on Synodality," the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in the Catholic Church launched by Pope Francis in 2021 and concluding in Rome next year. The hui was one of many items discussed by the bishops in Christchurch last week at one of their regular conference meetings. Representatives from dioceses, parishes, schools, priests and religious orders will attend the hui, at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie on Saturday 2 July, to discuss the feedback syntheses from the recent diocesan contributions to the synod process. "The bishops look forward to gathering with a very wide group of people as we look at the synodal question 'How do we as a Church journey together?'," said Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. Bishop Lowe said the bishops' meeting received an update on the Cause of the Venerable Suzanne Aubert and they hope that her path to sainthood will continue to be considered. Her path stumbled in April when a Vatican medical council decided a potential miracle attributed to Mother Aubert could be explained by medical science, but further work is now being undertaken. The bishops endorsed two dates in October 2023 for holding a National Assembly for Diocesan Priests, with Rotorua the preference for the venue. The actual date will depend on such things as the availability of speakers. "These assemblies provide an important opportunity for diocesan priests to be inspired and meet in fraternity," Bishop Lowe said. Planning for the 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon is

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

Leadership Team Members

Fr Paul, Hamish Kynoch, Graeme Black, Kevin Symonds, Randel and Paula Tinsley, Jo McGowen, Pam and Rob Reid, Betty Brown and secretary -Donna Te Amo

under way. The bishops discussed this and look forward to the opportunity it offers for the young people of their dioceses to gather with young Catholics from around the world. Newly appointed Bishop of Christchurch Michael Gielen is likely to attend with the New Zealand delegation. The Papal Nuncio to New Zealand, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, attended part of the meeting as a distinguished guest. Other visitors included Fr Mathew Vadakkevettuvazhiyil, Rector, Holy Cross Seminary; Dr John Kleinsman as Interim CEO, Te Kupenga; Mene M Antonio, new Chief Executive of Caritas and Caritas Board Chair Keith Wedlock; Catherine Fyfe, chair of Te Rōpū Tautoko and Dave Mullin the Tautoko project director; and Virginia Noonan, Director, National Office for Professional Standards. All discussed their work with the bishops.



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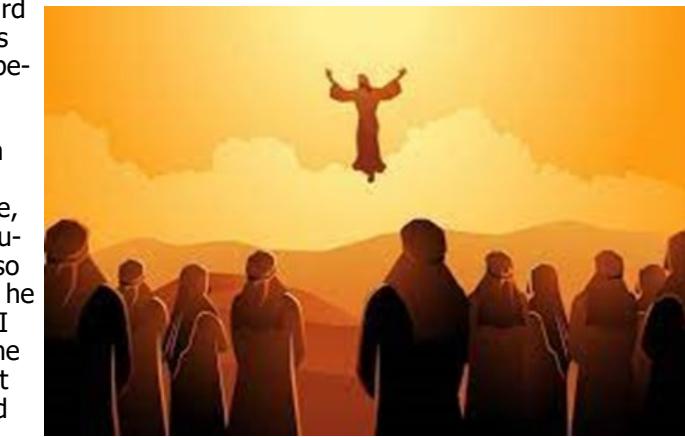
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Rātini Kupu

29th Haratua, 2022 The Ascension of the Lord

Last Will and Testament

In the gospel we have just heard Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with his authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name. Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too. Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse. Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full. You write a new page of the gospel each day, through all that you do and whatever you say. Others read what you write, be it faithful or true. So what is the gospel according to you? He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, never less alone than when alone ("minus solum, quam cum solus"). This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always." Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by our good Pope Francis. associationofcatholicpriests.ie



St John's College

On Sunday St John's College students and students from Sacred Heart College joined with the St Thomas Moore community for mass. It was great for our two schools to come together in one of our parish communities to celebrate mass after so long. We were also invited for morning tea after mass which gave our students the chance to meet and chat with members of the Thomas Moore community. Recently our senior leadership team met with the senior leadership team of Sacred Heart College. As brother/sister schools the leadership look to meet at least once a term to discuss how the two schools are going and ways they can work together for the betterment of our students and communities. On Monday and Tuesday this week the College held parent/teacher conferences. There was no formal school on Tuesday as we dedicated time to connect with parents and discuss their son/s progress. TASTE OF ST JOHN'S DAY – Year 8 boys are invited to attend the College and observe the College in action. 9.30am – 2pm. Please phone the office (878 6853) to register.

Enrolments are open – phone the office to make an Enrolment interview.

Save the Date—June 29th is the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. It is also the 60th anniversary of the ordination of our Father Paul. We look forward to joining with Father Paul on **Sunday 3rd July** to celebrate this joyful occasion. Keep this day free. Details will be forthcoming. There will be only one Mass that day at 10.30am at St Joseph's

Ministers of the Liturgy

We are needing some volunteers to take up the role of Ministers of the Liturgy. As we face the time of having less priests available to celebrate Mass we would love to have a team of Liturgists who could deliver a Liturgy. Full training will be given. Please speak to Fr Paul or any member of the Parish Leadership Team for further information.

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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.

As we reflect on this Gospel reading today, we are reminded that the ongoing task which Jesus left for his disciples after he had gone is an ongoing commission for us as believers today. The disciples were eye-witnesses to the things that Jesus said and did while he was on earth, but we too are called to be witnesses for Jesus. We have received the Holy Spirit through our Baptism and Confirmation, and Jesus has promised us that his Spirit will help us, stand alongside us and strengthen us as we share the Good News with others. In what ways today are you like the disciples, facing a new journey out into the world? In what ways can you give witness to your faith? Do you or does your community continually praise God? How might you incorporate continual praise into your days this week? The joyful response by the disciples to Jesus' departure might be a challenge for us – is there anything worse than a sour Christian! Try to live joyfully in all the small actions of your life this week. Look for opportunities to bring joy to another person.

Policy on Expenditure on Parish Plant and Supplies

- The Parish Leadership Team will be consulted about any proposed expenditure over the value of \$50.
- People will be reimbursed for approved purchases when receipts are presented

If you wish to purchase any items for the parish please follow this policy.

Sharing Table— every Sunday there

will be a sharing table for people to donate food and for others to use. In this world of waste and food insecurity we thought it would be a great time to share what excess we have with our community. Excess will be taken to the Foodbank.

Sacramental Programme

Term 2—Baptism
Term 3 Reconciliation
Term 4—Holy Communion. If you are interested in your child preparing for any of these Sacraments please contact Fr Paul or the parish office. We will be working with our parish school also.

Jesus experienced a lack of unity

even among his own close band of followers. Apart from the ultimate betrayal which lead to his death, he also had to deal with weakness, greed, ambition and values different to his own. When he prays in today's Gospel that "they all might be one ..." he does so knowing exactly how difficult that is. That should give us hope and some sense of relief. When we find unity with others, even those we love, difficult or even at times impossible, we need not 'let our hearts be troubled or afraid' because Jesus truly does understand how difficult unity is.

However, we cannot off-load or absolve ourselves of the responsibility we have to strive for unity in our lives. The prayer of Jesus is a real one, an immensely powerful one, and also an extremely challenging one. Jesus says that we must be one, so that "the world would believe that you sent me ... and that you loved them even as you loved me." The call to unity, therefore, is no less than the call to make

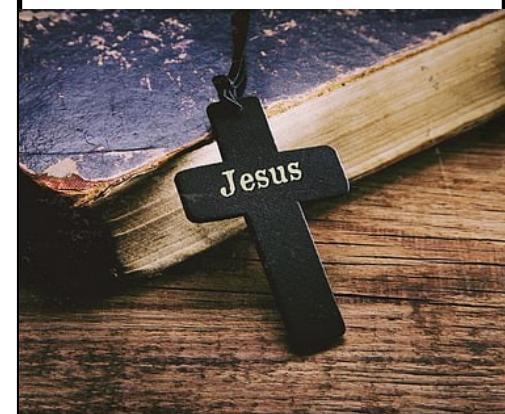
God visible in our world. By 'being one' we show the world who

Project Innocence Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, we pray that a movement be raised up in this country, that will turn the tide of violence and abuse of children in Aotearoa.

Your heart burns for love for the little children, especially those most vulnerable. We pray that this movement will bring healing and forgiveness to many.

We ask this prayer through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and our Patron, Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert. Amen



God is. By not 'being one' we become false witnesses to the true God, showing the world a God it might be better not believe in! Is that what John Lennon meant when he saw a world of peace where there would be "Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion too." What kind of God do we witness to when a world of peace and unity can only be envisioned without religion of any kind? communications@oblates.ie

