

Anniversaries in July

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Margaret Brown, Fr Patrick Loft, Geoffrey Marra, Herbery Houltham (Shorty)
Joan Heaven, Regina Abraham, Anthony Qinn, Raewyn Grevatt
Mary Nesbit, Sheila Gray, Rosalie Prescott

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.
Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy—Online Sessions (Evening):

Stories, Films & the Bible with Fr Kevin Waldie sm.

Friday, 08 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/ Donations welcome.

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Are we so bad?

Our news media give a rather depressing picture of human nature, incurably bent on war, destruction, social and political injustice, and on all types and forms of immorality. That, of course, is what is seen as making news. But it should blind none of us from being more aware in our daily lives of the basic goodness of human nature, and of noting the many selfless and quite unnoticed acts of love and charity. And by being positive about our human nature and its capabilities for good, we become more aware of our own potential to love selflessly. This is what Jesus tries to help the lawyer to experience. Instead of giving him a dictionary definition of “neighbour,” he presents him with the parable about the Samaritan who acts not out of a sense of duty or of guilt, but out of sheer love and generosity. Though we are not told, we can hope that the lawyer is fired with enthusiasm to live in a similar manner. Perhaps we get impatient

Mass Times

No weekday Masses for the next week.

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

with the slowness of our society to make changes for the common good. But perfect love is not so soon reached. It’s well to remember that Deuteronomy’s law of love was given while the people were on their journey to the Promised Land, and that the Gospel parables were told while the disciples were still on their way to Jerusalem. Perfect charity is a challenge all through life. Along that journey there can be stops and even wrong turnings, but if we remember the Good Samaritan we can renew our desire to follow his example. To stress the negatives in the parable — the violence of the brigands, the neglect by the priest and the levite — would be pessimistic and miss the real point. The Samaritan shows the virtues of humanity – even in people of whom little good was expected.

The Jews were meant to take special care of the stranger, the widow, and the orphan. These were the groups most in need of charity, and so whoever came to their help would be helpful to all, without exception.

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Rātini Kupu

10th Hōngongoi, 2022

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time



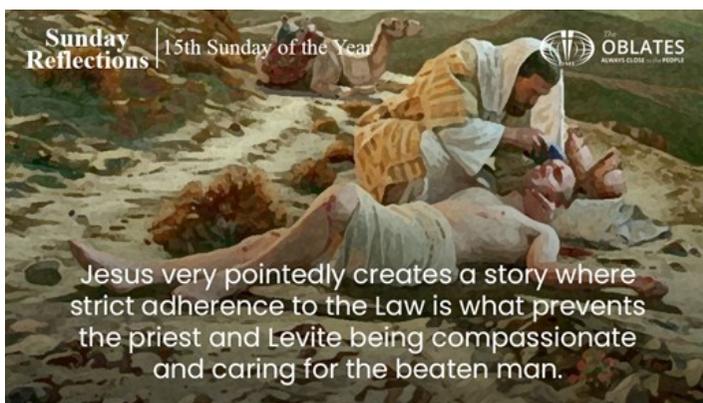
A huge Thank you to everyone who made my Jubilee such as success—The Filipino community, Parish Leadership Team, St Joseph’s school, PFG, our wonderful musicians, dancers from school and Filipino community and the wider parish community. A wonderful few days topped off with a fantastic celebration on Sunday. Please go to facebook to check out the video! The Holy Trinity Parish—CHB. Fr Paul

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may

find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The

word apostle means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel. Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs. Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

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St John's College

On Sunday last week, the two colleges, St John's and Sacred Heart, shared mass with the St Patrick's community in Napier. Thanks to the St Patrick's whanau for welcoming us into their community. This week was the last week of term two. On Thursday, the College celebrated their feast day mass. Fr Arthur was our celebrant. He is an old boy of the college, so it was great to have him lead our celebration. Mass was followed by the haka and singing competition and finally the inter-house cross-country. Friday was our Staff retreat which was held in Puketapu at St Michael and the Angels church. A good way to end off a busy term. We wish our students and teachers happy holidays and hope they come back refreshed and energised for term three.

TASTE OF ST JOHN'S DAY – Wednesday 27th July.

Year 8 students are invited to the College for a "Taste of St John's Day" - please register at the office 878 6853 OPEN DAY – Sunday 14 August 2pm - Enrolments are open
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.

Occasionally people annoy me like those little flies that hover around too-ripe bananas. I notice the bruises of the bananas more than their bright yellow colour, which fills my world with sunshine. A slight, a rude word, a hurtful remark, a too-bossy tone makes me feel defensive or wounded. I never know how to react. Do I confront it? Do I let it go? Do I eat a piece of chocolate or a tub of ice cream? Do I pray? Do I end the relationship? Always, I ask myself: what would Jesus do? Almost always, I feel annoyed by the question because clearly, I am not Jesus. Holding myself to that standard makes the option of eating a tub of ice cream a clear choice. It's too hard to be like Jesus. Ugh. Seriously, can't I have a little obscene talk? It's at such times that I remind myself of my own human nature. I can also be like a too-ripe banana—letting my dark parts

overtake the fruits of the Holy Spirit within. Or more simply put, I can be kind of rotten. One of the things I love most about people in my life is that they accept me as-is. Sometimes I take this for granted and don't even bother to act better. Other times, I am filled with immense gratitude that friends and family imitate Jesus by loving me unconditionally despite my deficiencies. They remind me that acting like Jesus is possible and more importantly, it matters. It matters that we let go of our grievances. It matters that we show up for one another. It matters that we see people beyond the snark, that we make allowances for bad moods, forgive hurtful choices, and love even when all we see are swarming flies. If we can't do that, then we don't have love. And that's just lame. Nothing about loving our neighbours when we are having a hard time just tolerating them is easy. It requires patience, humility, and occasionally ice cream. Often, we make exceptions to God's commandments by picking and choosing who we are going to love. Somehow intolerance for one another has become the norm. It's okay—even encouraged to disregard someone else's feelings in priority of our own. For such a frilly word, love can be hard. Yet our God is transformative. With a compassionate perspective, we can be too. Imperfections can become an opportunity for practicing merciful love—a surprise treat when you're feeling rotten. *Copyright 2022 Lara Patangan*



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