

Anniversaries in July

John McLeod, Regine Abraham, Gerard Mooney, Elizabeth Tobin
Joy Bird, Cecil Moran, Sr Cyprian, Campbell Steel, Cornelia Harbers (Corrie)
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.

From the Diocese

* Vocational Discernment Retreat, Featherston August 27-28 August 2022. A time to pray and reflect on your vocation – whatever that be! To register, please email Fr. Trung pettrung89@gmail.com

* Expressions of interest for Life Teen Summer Camp Year 9-13 Jan 2023 – please email Nick nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz

* Expressions of interest for Festival One Christian Music Festival Jan 2023 please email Nick nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz

* Expressions of interest for Heaven Come Young Adult Weekend (18-35 yo) in Hamilton Aug 5-7 to Jil Miller jily@cdh.org.nz

* Expressions of Interest are being invited for

Mass Times

Tuesday St Joseph's @ 9am

Thursday St Patrick's @ 9am

Saturday St Joseph's @ 9am

Sunday Masses

Saturday St Patrick's @ 5.30pm

Sunday St Joseph's @ 9.30am

Masks are required at Mass—

Winter is the time to be vigilant!

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

World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon Portugal with Pope Francis. To register your interest, please contact

Nick nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz

* Facebook Page for Catholic Youth in the Hawkes Bay is called Catholic Parish of Hastings Youth Group. We also have Diocesan Young Catholics and Central Catholic. Check them out and stay up to date with what's on for Young Catholics near you!

* There are upcoming courses in Theology, Spirituality and Scripture from Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College too! Want to know more? Contact Br. Kevin kdobbyn@pndiocese.org.nz



Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

17th July, 2022

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Rātini Kupu

17th Hōngongoi, 2022
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Listen to him

The Psalmist asks God, “What is man that you care for him, or mortal beings that you keep them in mind?” Some saintly people seem to have an exceptional grasp of God’s plan for the human race, and have shared that knowledge with the rest of us. So the Word of God came to Abraham, not as an abstract doctrine but as a conviction grasped by the heart. Abraham’s encounter with God was deeply personal. He was called the friend of God, and his welcome to God’s Messengers mirrored eastern nomadic hospitality. Abraham is the iconic model of deep-rooted trust in God. Called to leave his own clan, he stopped worshipping their gods and set out for an unknown destination. In return God promised he would become the father of a great nation. Abraham trusted and followed this call, even when there seemed little hope that this promise would ever be fulfilled. When they had practically given up hope, he again hears that his wife will bear a son, and again he trusts in God’s word. Later still, when Isaac was born Abraham felt he ought to sacrifice this precious son. But he carried out this grim command, how could the promise of God ever come true? According to Genesis, later echoed by St Paul, Abraham’s trust in God never wavered, and in the end was vindicated. It was for this faith that he was justified in God’s sight, and this faith was passed on to Abraham’s children and to all believers, including ourselves. Jesus had a special esteem for Mary, the sister of Martha, and enjoyed her vibrant relationship with him, her eager spirit of listening. While we feel sorry for Martha, being left to do the household work on her own, it’s clear that Jesus appreciated Mary’s listening spirit. Our attentiveness to him must not be eclipsed by our mundane daily bustling about. Then we have St Paul’s reflection about how the Word of God, hidden from all mankind for centuries, was received by those who eagerly listened to it. We need to make space for God in our lives, to listen for it at some time each day, and to pray the Holy Spirit to be our guide. *assoication-ofcatholicpriests.ie*



Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School:

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 30/12/22 until 8/01/23! You can register

at www.heartsaflame.org.nz/registration or find out more at our website or on our social media.

Life is sacred.

The world forgets this reality. It gets jaded by the knowledge of how much we historically have messed things up—and we go on doing so. It despairs that things will ever get better because the problems of sin in this world seem impossible to fight, to defeat, to end. We long for a reality we cannot fully know here. We do not recognize that that desire for a world without suffering, where joy never ceases, where we know no fear and no one feels abandoned, forgotten, alone, or lost, is a longing to be lodged deep in God's heart, to know God, to be in Heaven.

Longing is not enough. What Catholics should proclaim is what our faith reveals. Heaven begins here, when we love another person, when we wash feet, when we serve others, when we respond to harshness with unexpected generosity or kindness. When we go to Adoration, we are face to face with God, and when we consume the Eucharist, we've invited Christ to enter into our hearts and take possession of them, to help us love God and others more fully. We are asking to bring Heaven to others when

we receive.

Thus we should know no despair is bigger than God's love, and no suffering beyond God's capacity to fully heal—not just physically, but completely. God offers us His friendship, and with it the promise that we can face even all the trials the world presents. It is a startling reality that we, as adults in this world that seems forever brimming on the edge of rage and despair, forget that God promises a peace the world cannot create or give, but only receive. If you are scrolling through Facebook or dodging snarling drivers on your commute or facing angry coworkers, remember that God wants to give them that peace the world cannot, possibly through you and your words and your actions. Pray to bring Heaven to others, and together, all of us will help the world discover, there is something better than here and now, and it is the God we all long for. *Copyright 2022 Sherry Antonetti*



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St John's College

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.

Under the patronage of Bishop

Emeritus Patrick Dunn, Gianna's

Choice Pregnancy Options and Support:

... pledges to all women and girls facing an unplanned pregnancy, regardless of creed or personal circumstance, every possible help with practical, moral, and financial support as necessary, in order that they may give life to their baby. We also have a very well appointed and staffed home, Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies, situated close to all motorway access south of Auckland. All enquiries are welcome - Individualised plans and

programmes are made for each mother and their baby, For mothers out of Auckland, all travel arrangements will be made free of charge. For more information, please phone 0800 367 5433, or email nzgian-

naschoice@gmail.com to request an information pack.

Poor Martha, working her fingers to the bone, slaving in the kitchen, never appreciated or even noticed, while her selfish and useless sister, Mary, lazes at the feet of Jesus, listening to him speak. And worse, when Martha asks Jesus to tell her sister to help her, Jesus says that Mary is doing the right, indeed "better", thing! "Typical man", my dear mother always said about this Gospel, "...enjoyed his food without ever wondering how it got to the table!" Are we experiencing in this story a silly squabble between two sisters that Jesus was very nearly drawn into, or a much deeper reflection on vocation, work and contemplation? Maybe the reality is that there is a little truth in all of the above. Once again, in this Gospel, we are faced with the temptation to take sides, and in so doing, lose perspective and move into dualistic and narrow thinking. It is always a temptation. When Jesus said that Mary "has chosen the better part", is it possible that he has, inadvertently, done this himself?

MARTHA & MARY

Sunday Reflections

I know my dear mother, a woman of deep, traditional faith, who I have absolutely no doubt is with God, said of this Gospel that she "wasn't at all surprised by Jesus' reaction to Martha's request. He was just being a typical man, who enjoyed a good meal, in good company without giving the slightest thought to how the food got to the table!"

- Brian Maher OMI



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