

### 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.

### Notices

#### from Titipounamu Study & Joy—

Online Sessions (Evening):

Matariki & the Pleiades with Beate Mat-thies

Monday, 04 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/matariki-the-pleiades/>

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

Friday, 08 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/stories-films-the-bible/>

For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz) John McLeod

### Mass Times

No weekday Masses for the next two weeks .

### 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

### 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.**

*He aroha whakato,  
he aroha puta mai.  
If kindness is sown  
then kindness you shall receive.*

**Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)**

**3rd July, 2022**

15 St Joseph Street, Waipukurau, Phone- 858-9383, office number- 8586416,

Hours Tuesday 7.15-1.45pm, Thursday- 12.15-1.45pm and Friday -7.15-1.45pm

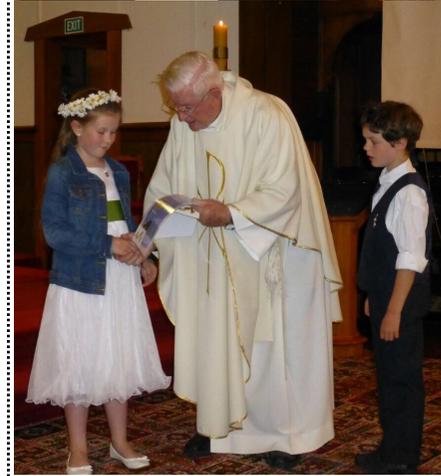
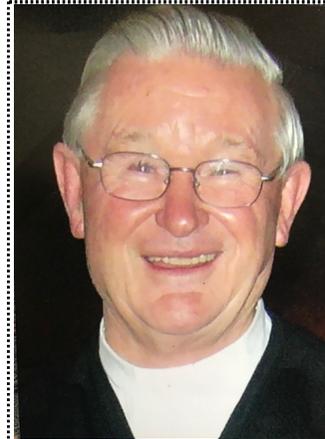
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## Rātini Kupu

### 3rd Hōngongoi, 2022

### 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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## Congratulations Fr Paul on your 60th Jubilee



The latest issue in your church Sunday July 3

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**As a child,** I remember being left to my own devices and thinking that was a good thing. I enjoyed pottering around the back shed, building forts, digging holes and riding my bike to the shops. Sure, I fashioned a homemade bow and arrow and almost shot the neighbour, but I was also outside, enjoying the sunshine, developing technical skills, and challenging my ingenuity. Today, leaving children to their own devices has taken on a whole new meaning with the proliferation of handheld technology. Digital devices have changed the way we communicate, shop, socialise, and in the case of children, the way they play, learn, and discover the world around them. Back in 2016, Pope Francis warned young people in Poland of the dangers of becoming couch potatoes, encouraging them to lace up their boots and get off the bench, to be fully alive and to stand up to the injustice around them, rather than slip comfortably into indifference. He wisely explained that “some situations seem distant until, in some way, we touch them,” that “we don’t appreciate certain things because we only see them on the screen of a cellphone or a computer.” This proximity referred to by Pope Francis, is a critical dimension of family life and relationships. We need touch, sound and yes, smell (for those with teenagers) to feel connected, to remain aware of our surroundings and to keep a foot in the world of reality. Some simple boundaries have helped my family foster greater connectedness with each other, such as a limit to screen time (mum and dad too), a broader range of alternative activities, no devices in bedrooms, and more time outdoors. The recent experiences of covid-19 lockdowns have stretched my family, but there have also been significant opportunities to cook together, play in the garden, walk the dog, and even tune up our karaoke vocals. There is no doubt that children can learn a whole new set of skills, both personal and interpersonal, through access to electronic devices and the internet. Children are drawn to stimulating experienc-

es and when you take a look at modern computer games, video streamers, and social media, the world away from devices can initially appear simple, understimulating and as my kids say, BORING! Of course, we need to teach our children the gift of simplicity and the joy of being carefree, untethered to their devices. Sunday Mass offers my family more than a reprieve from technology, but it is one of the few times in the week when I personally leave my phone at home. We enjoy the quiet, the stillness, the people, the candles, the kneeling and standing, the singing and proximity of others. It stimulates something entirely different from the sportsground, shopping mall, work or school. We encounter God in a real and present form, not through a screen, not in the metaverse and not on YouTube stream. God is revealed in the Word, in the congregation, in the bread and wine and each are transformed. How blessed are we that God doesn’t leave us to our own devices? Like a good parent, God knows that we need to be brought into the proximity of relationships, drawn into the mystery of silence, and encounter His mercy through the loving actions of others. As stewards of Creation, we must also realise that our planet and people of all nations, cannot be left to their own devices either. May we foster the “openness to interdependence and sharing, the dynamism of love and a call to respect” that Pope Francis says “can shed light on our efforts to care for our common home.” Let’s

consider how people are being left to their own devices in our homes.  
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## What kind of peace?

One word, PEACE, recurs in today’s readings. In Isaiah, peace flows like a river through the ideal future landscape that he predicts. Then St Paul prays for peace for all who follow Christ (“peace be upon them, and mercy”). And when sending out his disciples, Jesus says their first message must be: “Peace to this house.” But while most people agree that peace must be sought, many seem to want peace only on their own rigid terms. Even many Christians hardly give it more than lip service. Bitter divisions are obvious in the epistle to the Galatians. A radically conservative Jewish-Christian group want the Church to keep the Jewish rite of circumcision, while others like Paul considered that ritual as now obsolete, replaced by baptism. Such arguments and misunderstandings are probably unavoidable. Every age in the Church has its own controversies and sectarian divisions, often based on arrogant refusal to hear competing visions of what God requires of us. Notice how, when the first disciples returned to Jesus, flushed with joy from their success, they were too proud of the people’s response to their preaching. They were in danger of arrogance and needed his word of guidance. Pride is far from the poverty of spirit taught by Jesus. It leaves us less compassionate towards a world which needs to know the compassion of Christ. The splendour of this joyful hymn in Isaiah is that it comes from the Suffering Servant. It is the joy of one who has suffered from hatred and rejection, and yet acts as a reconciler. Paul appreciates this paradox: “The only thing I boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.” Christian peacemakers and servants of the Gospel must be prepared for their share of the cross. The total, self-emptying service shown by Christ shows us how to behave. We need a simple lifestyle, prepared for service and not tied to material things: “no purse, no haversack, no sandals.” He rules out all pride and arrogance. Even those who reject him should be loved and

served in his name. The generosity of God must remain our message. In an often cruel world, we can do our part only by remembering Jesus, staying close to him. *association-ofcatholicpriests.ie*

## St John’s College

This week we had our senior and junior and senior academic challenge on Monday and Wednesday respectively whereby each house class put forward a team to answer questions from each of the subject areas. This was concluded at assembly on Friday with a quick fire quiz. The results have yet to be finalised to determine the winning house. On Friday, we had Attitude presentations for each year group dealing with wellbeing and relationships. This is an important aspect of the education of our young men and compliments our health and sexuality curriculum.

**TASTE OF ST JOHN’S DAY** – New date Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 8 boys come to the College for the day. Please registered through the office 878 6853

**OPEN DAY** – Sunday 14 August at 2pm

**FREE Fitness** this Saturday St John’s College - Hastings School Gym.

**START 8am**

**FINISH 9am ish**

**TRANSPORT PROVIDED.** (If you need it message me before end of day Friday)

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**Media**  
 PRAYER DAY