

### Anniversaries in August

Margaret Fletcher, Herbert de Stacpoole  
Aimee Oldham, Kerri Marie Hitchens  
Monica Brick, John Seed  
Barbara Bird, Mons Duffy

**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.

**New Zealand** now has a national shrine dedicated to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven. A Mass of Dedication was celebrated last Sunday afternoon at St Mary of the Angel's church in Wellington. The central Wellington church was almost at its 550-person capacity for the Mass. The Dedication Mass was the finale of a year of celebration. Exactly a year earlier, St Mary of the Angels celebrated rededicating the country to Mary.

A specially commissioned artwork, Ko Hāta Maria, te Matua Wahine o te Atua – Holy Mary, Mother of God was unveiled at that time. The artwork was then taken on a year-long hīkoi (journey) around the country's six dioceses. It was carried back into St Mary of the Angels at the start of Sunday's Dedication Mass. It will now be on permanent view as part of the national shrine. In his homily, Cardinal John Dew noted sacred sites are found in many places around the world. In Wellington, these include the tomb of the Venerable Suzanne Aubert and a memorial to the Wahine disaster. "Sacred sites all over the world are visited by thousands... they may be natural sites or designed and built by human beings. These places often hold deep meaningful messages, are awe-inspiring, they prompt us to reflect on life, on where we are with God, stir up feelings of awe and reverence and draw us close to God. "St Mary of the Angels is already a sacred place and has been for 100 years. Now this Icon of Mary Mother of God Assumed into Heaven is here permanently... we hope and pray that in time this becomes one of those sacred sites." Ao-

### 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.**

tearoa New Zealand's first Catholic Bishop, Jean-Baptiste Pompallier, dedicated the country to Mary Assumed into Heaven when he celebrated the country's first Mass at Totara Point in the Hokianga in January 1838 *catholicnews.co.nz*

### St Vincent de Paul News

**Pātaka Kai**, which means storehouse or pantry in te reo Māori, is a place where people can leave food for other people to take for free.

Where are the Pataka Kai in CHB?

Waipawa - Waverly St, Waipawa

Porangahau - Abercromby Street

Takapau - Health Centre

Tikokino, outside the School

Outside Sherwood School.

Outside the Ongaonga store

*If you have extra to share please do and likewise please take what you need!*



**Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)**

**21st August, 2022**

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## Rātini Kupu

**21st Here-turi-kōkā, 2022**  
**21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**

### By the narrow door

Responding to the beauty of a spring morning, Robert Browning wrote, "The lark's on the wing, the snail's on the thorn; God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." While the thought is beautiful, the poem suggests a misleading concept of God, which maybe most of us entertain from time to time. "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world." How often we imagine God as "away up there, somewhere," while the world goes its separate way, with the events of every day independent of God. If the Gospel shows God in the person of Jesus Christ intervening in human affairs, combatting the evil forces at work in mankind, at the back of our minds we suspect that the battle against evil is not going God's way. This kind of Deism seldom bothered his chosen people, Israel, in the Old Testament. For them God was not remote, away up there. They felt a divine presence in the events, good or evil, of everyday existence. Everything in history was somehow God's doing. Even when the cream of the nation were exiled to Babylon and their monarchy was utterly destroyed, they continued to search for the hand of God in this tragedy. Out of their shattered hopes there emerged a purer, more spiritual vision of what God meant them to be. Eventually they saw their exile as the means God used to bring salvation to the pagans. They saw their destiny as still being glorious, but now from a more spiritual perspective. As stated in Isaiah, all nations would come to worship the true God in Jerusalem. God would bring good out of the catastrophe they had endured, and this would have an effect as well on nations apart from their own. Constantly at the back of our minds we carry on, as it were, a conversation with ourselves? "talking to ourselves, processing our hopes and fears, making plans. Relating to God means not leaving him on the fringe of all this consciousness, but making him part of it, discussing it with him, asking his guidance, his assistance, expressing to him our gratitude. All day long he is with you, and you can walk with God, you can talk with God, you can discern his loving purpose for you in every passing moment, you can rest in his presence, even while you go about your business. God, however, will not possess your soul unless you sincerely want him to. Sometimes we seem to be only half Christians, without a strong spiritual awareness. We remain on a material plane, like the people in the gospel who ate and drank with Jesus and heard him preaching in their streets, but with never a change in their lives. He warns that people will come from the east and west, from the north and south, and take the places in God's kingdom meant for those who were originally called. So we humbly ask God to help us to enter by that narrow door, to the inheritance meant for us from the beginning. May we not be found wanting but rather persevere to the end. *association-catholicpriests.ie*



## Reconciliation & Holy Communion

We are currently offering the opportunity for our baptised children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Children must be aged 8 years and over.

**Reconciliation** dates are - 4, 11, 18 September with the Sacrament made on 25 September.

**First Holy Communion** dates are 30 October, 6 and 13 November. Parents and children will be expected to attend the sessions together as well as attending Mass. If your child has not been baptised we can arrange with Fr Paul to help them prepare during school time for their Baptism. If you would like more information,

please contact Fr Paul, Sue Cullen or Donna at the Parish office.



**WelCom August 2022** edition is being distributed this week for Sunday, 7 August.

Contents include:

Mass of Dedication – St Mary of the Angels' Church as Shrine to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven, Sunday 14 August, 2pm.

## St John's College

On Sunday past, we held out Saint John's College open day which was well attended. The first open day for our new principal,

George Rogers. The week started with the Mass of the Assumption which we celebrated along with staff and students of St Joseph's School. It was wonderful to see the two schools coming together in community to celebrate mass. On Tuesday we had the Father/grandfather/uncle breakfast where our young men came with a significant male person in their lives to share

breakfast. The event was held at Clubs

# Real Life with John Cowan

7.30-8PM, SUNDAYS ON NEWSTALK ZB

Hastings and was well attended. The feedback was it was a great event and the breakfast very good. Teachers were busy completing junior reports this week and we hope to have these out to families within the week.

**This Sunday night** (21st August), John Cowan's guest will be researcher Dr Joel Rindelaub. Originally from Minnesota in the United States, Joel attended Gustavus Adolphus College, a small liberal arts university. He then completed his PhD in chemistry at Purdue University. He moved to New Zealand as an ice hockey player in 2017, playing for the

Botany Swarm in East Auckland. He applied for a job at the University of Auckland, where he is a Research Fellow based at the School of Chemical Sciences. A passionate science communicator who regularly appears on media airwaves and in news outlets, Joel's work focuses on air pollution, aerosol chemistry and environmental health. Joel is a freelance writer and used to write the science section in Paste, a US pop culture magazine, and has written for The Spinoff.

## Manaakitanga Respect

Everyone wants to be treated well and with kindness.

Manaaki te katoa - Be kind to all

Responsible - trustworthy - manners - care

## 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 Sessions (Evening) please notice the date changes and additional event:

Marian Dogmas with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm.

Mary of Nazareth with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 29 August, 7-8.30pm.

ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/08/14/mary-of-nazareth/>

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

## National March for Life.

You're invited to love them both by attending the sixth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 3 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: [www.marchforlife.nz](http://www.marchforlife.nz)

## Mass for Life.

You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit [fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://fli.org.nz/prolifeevents) or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

**Prolife**—Whether you're someone who is passionate about pro-life issues, or someone who is interested in learning more, Voice for

Life invites you to a day of learning about how to be a more effective voice on life issues.

Find out more and register at <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/tour>. For more pro-life information, visit [voiceforlife.org.nz](http://voiceforlife.org.nz).

**The Season of Creation** is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together. The Psalmist declares, "The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge...their voice is not heard, yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world." (19: 1-4) Creation never ceases to proclaim, but do we listen? Many voices are muted in public discourse around climate change and the ethics of Earth-keeping. These are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change.

These are voices of people who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These are voices of a diminishing diversity of more-than-human species. It is the voice of the Earth. We have been urged to consider the silenced voices, in terms of biodiverse species (and lost species) and the Earth, the people whose voices and knowledge are silenced in public discourse, and the importance of contemplating and listening to nature. The symbol chosen for this year is the burning bush, which contrasts the fire of so many unnatural fires that aggravate the climate crisis; with the sign of fire as the light of the Holy Spirit that unites Christians.



The Burning Bush  
Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the  
Voice of creation  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022