

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.

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.

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

Invitation to attend dedication of national shrine in Wellington

All invited: Dedication of St Mary of the Angels Wellington as the national shrine to Mary Mother of God Assumed into Heaven.

When: Sunday 14 August 2022, 2pm

Where: St Mary of the Angels, Wel-

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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

Contacts: mlucero@nzbc.org.nz for support with accessibility requirements. New Zealand Sign Language available.

Caritas is seeking a Wellington-based Head of Programmes to lead and manage the Programmes Team, and ensure the effective management of partnerships for development and humanitarian relief within the team. The successful applicant will also be responsible for identifying programme opportunities that will help the team and group to engage with current partners (and potential partners). Details: <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/57927367?>



Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

7th August, 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

E-mail - cat.chb@xtra.co.nz

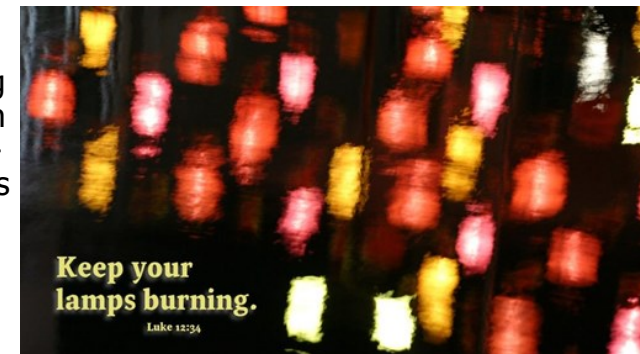
www.holytrinitychb.com

Rātini Kupu

7th Here-turi-kōkā, 2022
19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Hanging in there

Abraham's faith in God eventually brought him serenity and joy. The great patriarch had such trust in God's promise that it kept him going through life. We are impressed at how Abraham obeyed when God asked him to leave the past behind and launch out into an unknown future. The Gospel says that a whoever belongs to Jesus need have no fear. People who makes God their treasure, and commit to Christ as our guide to living, see life as a journey leading to our true home where a loving Father is there to welcome us. If we can keep our eyes fixed on the vision that God has promised and attune our ears to the voice of God in the scriptures and in the events of daily life, we can live with confidence in his presence. The same Gospel suggests that God also makes demands of us. If the saints in Scripture had many proofs of God's love, they also experienced suffering both as individuals and as a race. Often their faith was seriously put to the test, like that of Abraham and his wife Sarah, when it seemed that the promise of children could never be realized. The spirituality of Abraham ruggedly trying out to follow God's call in the obscurity of faith remains a template for Christian faith. We don't know in advance what demands God's love may make on us that will clash with our own plans. We cannot know when personal illness, bereavement or some other calamity will put us to the test. But we trust that our life will be a success if we set our hearts on being faithful to the will of God. Our faith, like Abraham's, leads us onward, always pointing to something still to come. If we have faith like his, at the end of our pilgrimage all of God's promises will be fulfilled. Association-ofcatholicpriests.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.

ing on great responsibilities. Priests will share parishes, he says. Right now the Catholic church in Europe is facing a stark decline in the number of young men joining the priesthood. Dublin's Archbishop Dermot Farrell admits the collapse in numbers joining and an ageing clergy means the way the church operates in Ireland currently is 'unsustainable'. Recently eight priests in the Cork and Ross diocese retired. Three others returned to their religious orders. A radical new framework could work. Given disparity between parishes and priests, Cork's bishop is proposing a new framework to manage the problem. Parishes will now be bunched together in "families of parishes" and overseen by a

moderator priest. In this way, scores of existing single parishes will become 16 'Families of Parishes'. Each will have a team of priests that would minister 'across the whole family of parishes'. In his pastoral letter, Bishop Gavin said this would mean parishes working much more closely together. They will need to share their gifts, talents and resources - including their priests. Major events in the church calendar, including Communion and Confirmations would be organised on a multi-parish basis. This will cut down on the duties of priests and allow more people to come together. The new arrangements will come into effect next month. Pope Francis recently moved to open the door more to women. While he has appointed lay women to the Vatican council that appoints bishops, he has so far refused to consider admitting women to the priesthood. cathnews.co.nz



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.
National Synod Hui, July - excerpts from Cardinal John Dew's opening address.
Pope Francis' new apostolic letter - Desiderio Desideravi, 'On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God'.
New Zealand bishops call for action to end Palestinian suffering.
Mask wearing in schools - new MoD rules.
Vinnies respond to ongoing demand.
'Mary as Mother' - Feast of Assumption, Fr James Lyons.
Caritas Social Justice Week - Te Wiki O Te Whai Tika: 4-10 September 2022.
Major upgrade for St Patrick's College, Wellington - feature.
WelCom's He Hikoi Whakapono: Journey of Faith - Catholic Parish of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu.
Plus, more features, local and international news and views, Young Church.
Parishes and priests will have to be more flexible as change is inevitable, says the Bishop of Cork, Ross Fitan Gavin. He says there will have to be changes in how priests minister to parishes with more lay people tak-

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):
Mary of Nazareth with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn films.
Monday, 22 August, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donations welcome.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/07/12/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/>

Living responsibly

"See that you have your belts done up and your lamps lit." What meaning can these words have for us, after so many centuries of Christianity? The belts and the lamps indicate the attitude that the servants should have as they await the return of their master. Whenever he comes, they need to be there with their sleeves rolled up and ready for action. They need to be there with the lamps lit, to have the house lit up and to keep themselves awake. We are called to live responsibly, not in a state of passive lethargy. In the Church's history it sometimes seems very dark. That does not justify us simply turning off the lights and abandoning hope. It's the time to awaken our faith and try to plan the future, even in an old and tired Church. The main obstacle to the renewal our Church needs today is the passivity of so many Christians. Unfortunately, for centuries we have been taught to be submissive to authority, rather than be active agents in our own church. But today, we all need to think, project and promote new paths of faithfulness to Jesus. We need our leaders to encourage the laity to live their discipleship actively. This was one of the main aims of Vatican II, the first council that was concerned directly and explicitly about vocation of lay people. Individual believers today can be the leaven of our parishes in a renewed following of Jesus. They are the greatest potential for the health of Christianity. We need them more than ever to build a Church that is both open to the problems of today's

world and that is close to actual men and women. AssociationofCatholicPriests.ie

Fear is always negative if we allow it to govern us. It erodes trust and undermines self-confidence. No wonder the command, "Do not be afraid" is present in the Bible 365 times - a reminder for every day of the year! Our relationship with God must never be based on fear. The God who created everything that exists and the same God revealed to us in Jesus is not presented to us as a God we should fear. Rather our God is presented as a God of love, a God who does not condemn but forgives, a God who calls us friends, not servants, a God who holds us in the palms of his hands, a God prepared to come to us in flesh and die to show us the depth of that love. Why then, when we read the words, "Stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect", do we interpret them as words to be feared and dire warnings about death, judgement, and possibly, eternal punishment? Surely the person who opens today's Gospel with the words, "There is no need to be afraid, little flock." would not follow them with words about death and judgement, guaranteed to strike fear into our hearts? Yet, this is exactly what today's Gospel seems to do!

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