

Anniversaries in September
 Eileen Butler, Martin du Fresne
 Mary Fieldsend, Robert Gordon
 Zita Ryan, Ruth Lawrence

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening)
 Living Waters – in Judaism with Dr Leonard Bloksberg.

Monday, 19 September, 7-8.30pm.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/living-waters-in-judaism/>

Living Waters – in Christianity with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 26 September, 7-8.30pm.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/living-waters-in-christianity/>

Fee: \$25/session or \$45/series of 2 sessions
 For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Pro-Life—The US Supreme Court decision Dobbs v Jackson on 24 June 2022 overturned Roe v Wade essentially because the constitution of the US does not provide a “right” to an abortion. The reaction to the decision in the US has included extremist acts, such as arson and vandalism on crisis pregnancy centres and churches. For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

This Sunday night (11th September), John Cowan's guest will be Mayor of Auckland Phil Goff. A born and bred Aucklander, Phil Goff is the Mayor of Auckland, in office since 2016. Representing Mt Roskill for 10 terms of parliament, Phil became New Zealand's youngest ever cabinet minister in 1984. He was Associate Finance Minister, served as the leader of the Labour Party, Leader of the Opposition and was also Minister of Education, initiating New Zealand's international education industry. In February Phil announced that he would not seek re-election for a third term of Auckland mayoralty in September 2022, as he intends to retire af-



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

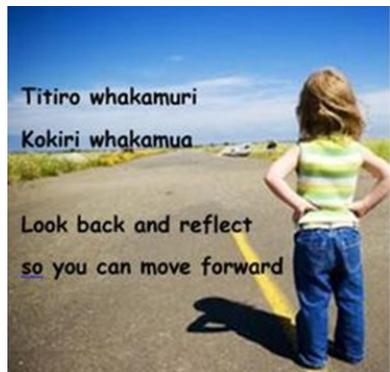
Sunday St Joseph's @ 9.30am

**Masks are required at Mass—
 Winter is the time to be vigilant!
 Thank you for thinking of others.**

ter 41 years in politics. Phil lives on a small farm with his wife Mary and has three adult children.

Learn about fostering with Open Home Foundation Hear from foster carer How you can join our missional work team Families welcome. Supper provided. Open Home Foundation 306 Nelson St South Hastings 14th September 2022 5.30-7pm

Catholic Prison Chaplain Role | Hastings We're looking for a Catholic Chaplain who is ready to journey with prisoners in the Hawkes Bay Regional Prison working with the chaplaincy team and with our faith-based volunteers. • Challenging and rewarding part time role - 30 hours flexible • Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls? • Use your ministry skills to co-ordinate religious services and provide pastoral support More information available at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/chaplaincy-job>



Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

11th September, 2022

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

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Rātini Kupu

11th Mahuru 2022

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

How does it make you feel to say?

"My parish" "Our Parish" "The Parish" "The Catholics"
 "My Mass" "Our Mass" "The Sunday Mass" "The Catholic Service"
 "My seat" "Our seats" "Their seats" "The Pews"

"their Church" Fathers Church The Family went there
 They were pillars of the church. I am surprised they chose that church.
 The kids went to school there.

I want to be buried from St Joseph's/St Patricks
 I always imagined being buried from St Joseph's/St Patricks.
 Mums funeral was from there.

Your feelings are not right or wrong. They are not open to judgement.
 They just are and can and do change very easily. They impact you here
 and now. Right here. Right Now.

The sense of belonging brings happiness and fulfilment. I belong calls
 for an investment of ones self in the group. *Fr Paul*

Despite all of our technology, our computers and our scientific breakthroughs our world is now, more than ever, fractured and broken. We spend more and more money on 'keeping peace' and 'maintaining order', yet more and more people live in fear and terror. Vast sums of money are spent on producing new medicines and prolonging life expectancy, yet human life is of less and less value in our societies. Today's Gospel challenges the contradictions which are inherent in all of the above statements. We can be so busy looking after our own interests, and so obsessed with keeping ourselves safe and secure, that we lose sight of the responsibilities we have to each other. The shepherd does not lose a single sheep. Without hesitation he goes in search of the lost sheep and finding it, he is happy to return it to the flock. Every sheep in the flock has a value, a dignity, which is real for the shepherd and he is only happy himself when he is protecting that dignity. Despite our world telling us that self-interest and self-worth are all we can rely on, today's beautiful parable tells us that we human beings are at our best, and are happiest, when we reach out in compassion, kindness and respect to all of our brothers and sisters.

Our world tells us that not all people are worth saving, that some groups are valueless, no more than a strain on our resources, and useless. We write them off, hide them away, ignore them, or simply don't see them. Are we any happier because of it? Look around! The Gospel says we are called to be shepherds to those who are lost. It is a responsibility we all have, but more than that, it is what leads to true joy, happiness and contentment. The more we write others off as worthless, the more we lessen our common humanity. Now that is well worth reflecting upon. *Brian Maher OMI*
 <communications@oblates.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.

If hatred is not to flourish..

We all find it hard to forgive any wrongs inflicted on us by others. Perhaps the resented incident was deliberate, or it might have been unintentional. But it's sad if people have to go through life harbouring grudges, making themselves miserable because they cannot let bygones be bygones. They need to consign to the past those hurts of the past, rather than still smoulder with unresolved resentment. Because we ourselves often feel resentments, we might imagine God as waiting to settle accounts with us some day. Because we can be vindictive, we project vengeance onto God. Such a distorted notion appears in our first reading today, where Moses seems to be more merciful than God. When the people worshipped the Golden Calf, God turns aside from his anger only because Moses intercedes on their behalf. How different is the picture of God that Jesus presents in his parable. Our heavenly Father is not an angry God who wants to judge us harshly, but a merciful God who wants to be close to us, and forgives all our foolishness. God is like the loving, welcoming parent who has lost a child, and cannot rest until the child is safely home. The spirit of hatred, anger and revenge is alive and well in our world today.

Proxy civil wars are stirred up and prolonged by outside powers, with masses of guns and weapons of mass destruction piled up and waiting to be used. Some have stockpiled chemical weapons while others have nuclear bombs enough to destroy the whole planet. How conflicted are the views of politicians who talk of spreading democracy, but can rain down destruction from the safety of drones, high in the atmosphere. Forgiveness is fine when we ask for it for ourselves. But what about letting others be forgiven? The father in the parable throws such a huge party that the noise is heard out in the fields. Are we also willing to celebrate, if peace can be reached without

revenge or punishment? Or are we like the sullen elder brother who resents celebrating the return of his lazy, irresponsible younger brother? Can we accept that God offers mercy to everyone, no matter what they have done? If we are to be truly Christian, we have to change our view of other people, and to see them as God does, with understanding and of mercy. The Prodigal Son story has no clear ending. We don't know if the elder brother eventually went in to join in the celebrations, or stayed outside, seething with self-righteousness. There is no ending, because it is not just a story, it is a challenge to each of us. How would you end the story? Would you go in or stay outside? *Association-ofcatholicpriests.ie*

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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.

Spirituality: A Conversation with celebrated New Zealand author Joy Cowley, Monday 19 September, 5:15 pm. Archway 3 Lecture Theatre and online:

<https://otago.zoom.us/j/98552640349?pwd=OUV6SmU0ZUwyaGprNUs2YUlvZFlxZz09>

English poet John Keats once referred to the earth as "the vale of soul-making". For Joy, soul-making is a way of talking about spirituality and describing life's journey. Soul-making is not about becoming more spiritual; it is about becoming more human. Come and hear Joy talk more about this intriguing subject as she reflects on her own journey and experience. Perhaps best known as an author of children's literature, Joy is also one of this country's most prolific authors of spiritual verse. Her books include Aotearoa Psalms, Psalms Down Under, Psalms for the Road, Veil Over the Light, and Come and See. In 2018, Joy was made a Member of the Order of New Zealand, and in 2020 she received an Arts Foundation of New Zealand Icon Award, which is limited to 20 living people.

Whether you join us in person or online you are welcome to be part of this conversation, which is hosted by the Theology Programme of the University of Otago. For more information, please email theology@otago.ac.nz

St John's College

This week the College recognised Tongan Language Week and Social Justice Week. Caritas provided the school with some great resources to help teachers and students be aware of the social justice issues facing our communities. The theme for this year is "Say No to Racism – We are One in Christ". On Sunday students from St John's College and Sacred Heart College joined with students from St Mary's School to celebrate mass at St Peter Chanel. Wonderful for all our schools to

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come together in this way. Senior bench mark exams begin next week and students will be involved on and off with different exams until the end of the term. Please pray for our senior students as they prepare for these important exams

Vietnamese Students The Diocese of Palmerston North welcomes Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen and Duy Pham who will be staying in Palmerston North while studying English at E.T.C. (English Teaching College) in order to gain the competency needed to study for a Bachelor of Theology. This is a huge adjustment for them and all going well, they will then continue their studies as Seminarians at Holy Cross Seminary Auckland on their journey to the priesthood for the Diocese of Palmerston North. Please keep them in your prayers

SH2 closure

State Highway 2 will be closed between Waipawa and Waipukurau on Sunday September 18th from 8.30 until 2.30pm to allow a roadside clean-up as part of Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean up week. Drivers will be detoured via Lyndsey Rd and Ongaonga Rd in both directions during this time. The detour will add about 15 minutes to the journey. Please allow for this.