

Anniversaries in October

Elaine O'Dowd, Fay Field, Gerard Minehan
Joan Brown, John (Ian) Duthie, Leonard Myers
Norris Durham, Maurice Reidy, Marion Brown (Twiggy)

Diocese of Hamilton - Silent Retreat
Peace that the world cannot give: Silent retreat January 16th – 19th 2023 in Hamilton. Run by the NZ Community for Christian Meditation. Learn the art of silent prayer & uncover the wellspring of peace in your heart. For more information visit <https://christianmeditationnz.org.nz>, email retreat@christianmeditationnz.org.nz or contact Linda Polaschek, 020 479 7955

Ablaze Parish Renewal Conference-
After a pandemic-enforced gap, the Diocese of Christchurch is holding another of its excellent Ablaze Parish Renewal Conferences on November 4 and 5. "With the appointment of Bishop Michael Gielen as our new Bishop, it is a great opportunity to gather with him at Ablaze 2022 as we continue to build on our journey of parish renewal and our call to mission and faith in Christ," says the publicity for this event. The Ablaze website with registration details is here: <https://chchcatholic.nz/ablaze/> A statement about the conference is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/mediareleases/ablaz>

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy- Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Matthew with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 17 & 24 October and 7 & 14 November. ZOOM.

Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$80 (NZD)/4 sessions

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/10/02/the-gospel-of-matthew/>

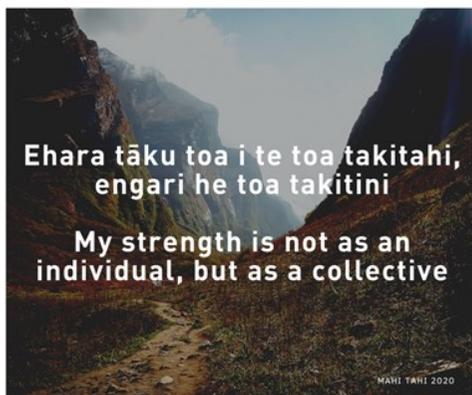
Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Director sought for the Catholic Enquiry Centre—The NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference is looking for a Director for the Catholic Enquiry Centre in Wellington. This is a full-time, three-year fixed term role. It will suit someone who has a passion for evangelisation with strong leadership, communication, and administrative and financial skills. They should also be able to develop collegial relationships across dioceses and parishes. Applications to Maria Lucero mlucero@nzcbc.org.nz by 20 October

Caritas seeking Executive Assistant
Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is based in Thorndon, Wellington and we are looking for an experienced Executive Assistant to be an integral part of our team. This is a full-time permanent role, although part-time candidates could be considered (30 hrs minimum). This would suit someone who enjoys a varied role and building strong relationships. Questions to enquiries@twoticks.co.nz More details available at <https://tinyurl.com/caritasEAjob>

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.



Ehara tāku toa i te toa takitahi,
engari he toa takitini

My strength is not as an
individual, but as a collective

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

16th October, 2022

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Rātini Kupu

16th Whiringa-ā-nuku 2022
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time



The Jubilee Mass was celebrated on Tuesday 11 October at 12.05 pm in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The presider was Cardinal John Dew. The priests celebrating Jubilees this year are Fr. Joe O'Sullivan (65 years), Fr. Dominic Heslin (60 years), Fr. Paul Kerridge (60 years), Fr. Joe Grayland (30 years), Fr. Anthony Zaw Htun (20 years), Fr. Simon Story (20 years).



Mass Times

No week day Masses this week

Sunday Masses

One Mass—Sunday, St Joseph's @ 9.30am on the 23rd October

Not giving up

Rome was not built in a day: No great work can ever be achieved without long and patients effort. Look at the art of Michaelangelo, the Beethoven concertos, the cathedral of Notre Dame (How many chisel-strokes to release the Pieta from its marble shroud? How many brush-strokes to transfer the Last Judgment from Michaelangelo's teeming imagination to the sanctuary wall of the Sistine?.) Not just the world's teeming artists and leaders, but everyman, are/is involved in a work of great significance, needing persevering courage to see it through to a successful conclusion; and that work is our salvation. To achieve it, we must co-operate vigorously with God, and in a sense struggle with Him. Today's liturgy invites us to consider two picturesque examples of perseverance in prayer, and the final success that this achieves. Moses, the man of God, stands on the hilltop interceding for his people who are struggling for their survival in the valley below, attacked by the violent tribe of Amalek. His arms are raised in the classic gesture of intercession (later immortalised in the Cross of Christ, and still used by the celebrant at Mass.) When, out of sheer weariness, his arms begin to droop, Israel fares badly in the battle. With the help of friends he manages to persevere in his mediating prayer, until victory is won. A beautiful prophetic image for Christ, whose prayer continued even when his soul was sorrowful, even unto death. It supports the ideal of intercessory prayer on behalf of others-not, however, in a superficial way or for petty requests; but for matters of life and death, for salvation, release from sin, recovery from depression, strength to cope with problems, perseverance. And when we pray these things for others, we must do so seriously, with a love that is ready for practical service too. The widow's dogged perseverance is reflected in the lives of many strong women. History recalls the struggle of various women to achieve particular aims. Think of the persistence of Joan of Arc, of

It is time to renew your planned giving and with the phase out of cheques this makes giving with cash and therefore the use of envelopes quite difficult. We have envelopes for the upcoming year and if you would like to receive some please let me know. For our regular envelope users these will be in the foyer for pick up this week. For those who may want to give using internet banking the account number for **the Holy Trinity Parish is 02-0630-0288045-013**

the suffragettes, the feminists who protest at all inequalities based on gender; the mothers who face up to all bureaucratic barriers on behalf of their family. Their styles of campaign may be different; but the perseverance and the courage are the same. Today we have the story of the widow, who kept up her petition until finally she forced the judge to try her case and give her justice. Her situation was that of a poor person under threat, but with the law firmly on her side. There was no doubt about the justice of her case, but the problem was to get a judge to hear it. That persevering widow encourages us to pray constantly, for ourselves and for others. We recognise our needs (especially for peace, love, grace and salvation), and ask for them. Our God is not like the unheeding judge of the parable, though it may often seem so. We need to persevere and never abandon hope. In this spirit, eventually all will be well, and into his presence we will come, happy to have reached our final destiny.



Mission Sunday 2022 -

MissionNZ—POPE FRANCIS MISSION SUNDAY MESSAGE 2022 “You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8) Dear brothers and sisters! These words were spoken by the Risen Jesus to his disciples just before his Ascension into heaven, as we learn from the Acts of the Apostles: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and ...



The God of theology and philosophy

is complex and complicated. Anyone who has ever had the opportunity to study them will know the hair pulling and desk thumping associated with every word, phrase, and concept explored. Yet, somehow, behind the words and concepts, lies a reality which is stunningly simple; Love! There are countless books written about ‘Parenting’, yet nobody has to tell a parent how to love their child. It comes from within and is profoundly simple and uncomplicated. Likewise, there are countless books written about God, but if we openly read the Gospels and look at the life of Jesus, we find a simple truth; that God is love and nothing else. Our Gospel today points us to this reality: If a corrupt and unjust judge can be moved to do what is right because of the persistent nagging of a poor widow, then just imagine what a generous and bountiful God will give us. The logic of this Gospel is so simple and uncomplicated. The conclusion is equally simple and uncomplicated – then why are you so fearful and anxious all the time? Where is your faith? Perhaps the problem is that our understanding of God has become too complicated? Perhaps the simple truth that ‘God is Love’ has been lost in a myriad of rules and laws and obliga-

Holy Communion

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.

tions? If this happens, then what we call ‘faith’ becomes equally complicated and difficult. Might today’s Gospel be an invitation to ‘unclutter’ our image of God? Beneath the clutter, imagine the beauty and simplicity we might find. Brian Brian Maher
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This Sunday night (16th October), John Cowan's guest will be speaker & singer Julia Grace. At the age three, Julia played the piano and at 12 performed to large crowds. From 2000-2005, she was the lead vocalist for the band Elevator before beginning her solo career in songwriting. The release of her self-titled album juliagrace on the Parachute Music label in October of that year scored four number one singles in New Zealand. The album received the Tui Award for Best Gospel/Christian Album at the New Zealand Music Awards in 2006. This Album was followed up by the album Beautiful Survivor. In 2013, she released her first EP album, It Is Well, which reflected her divorce with her husband the previous year. The album earned an award at the 2016 New Zealand Gospel Album Awards Ceremony. In 2016, she released album Girl on the Kitchen Floor. Julia has been a Key-note Speaker and Contributor at over 120 Conferences and Events in the last two and a half years on the topics of Mental Wellness. In August this year, she was awarded the Breakthrough Speaker of the Year award by the Professional Speakers Association NZ.

