

Anniversaries in October

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

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.

Melanie Standiford, a Christian television reporter in Nebraska, has recently been fired for distributing a pro-life petition in her own church and one other church. Melanie Standiford, who attends St. John's Lutheran Church, collected 47 signatures for a petition that sought to make the town of Curtis a "sanctuary city for the unborn." The justification for her dismissal was that she was "practicing partisan politics", which was against company policy. However, Standiford says she has always endeavoured to be balanced in her reporting on this issue. Instead, she felt there

was an "attack directly on me". Although we are half a world away in New Zealand, let us pray for Melanie and all the other people who stand up for the unborn and in the process risk their careers and reputation. For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

—Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Matthew with Kieran Fenn fms.

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

Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session which includes resources.

<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

Parish to Parish for Bed & Breakfast

Catholic Hospitality in New Zealand and Australia. This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. If you wish to become a host or if you wish to purchase a book with all the details of hosts (the cost is \$15 including postage) contact or order from: Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place Christchurch, 8053 Phone 03 3595 541 Email: marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

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.

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

23rd October, 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

23rd Whiringa-ā-nuku 2022 Mission Sunday

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 ..."

Mission Sunday is a moment of grace to express solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event. World Mission Sunday 2021 in Aotearoa New Zealand is on Sunday 31 October. The picture that declared an act more audible than words was captured when Pope Francis visited and held the hands of Iraq's most prominent Shia religious authority Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. The Grand Ayatollah is a critique of the war-mongering messages that continue to split the two Muslim communities of Shi'ites and Sunnis apart. A leading publication in England reported that for Pope Francis, "violence in the name of religion is blasphemy; fraternity was stronger than fratricide." This Mission Sunday 2021, MISSIO-NZ wants to share the picture of Pope Francis, the image of a Catholic Senior Leader who has a missionary heart, mind, and practice. Since the beginning of his pontificate, he has summoned the Faithful to be missionary people whose attention should focus on its service to the world. A missionary Church is ever ancient and ever new when it is a Church that goes forth. That way, she will always be relevant – "For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."



Mission Together Prayer for the Children

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever.
Amen.



Pharisee and Tax Collector

If we could get this story into my heart, we would be helped enormously in our grasp and practice of the gospel. It spells out how to come before God and how not to come before God. A newly commissioned colonel had just moved into his office, when a private entered with a toolbox. To impress the private, the colonel said “be with you in a moment, soldier! I just got a call as you were knocking.” Picking up the phone, the colonel said “General, it’s you! How can I help you?” A dramatic pause followed. Then the colonel said “No problem. I’ll phone Washington and speak to the President about it.” Putting down the phone, the colonel said to the private “Now, what can I do for you?” The private shuffled his feet and said sheepishly, “Oh, just a little thing, sir. They sent me to hook up your phone’! My generation were given all the rules and regulations and we were told to remain faithful to those and not deviate in any way and that we would so merit heaven. The religion I had growing up was to keep people from going to hell. Spirituality, on the other hand, is the only thing that frees those who have already been in hell., Ask anybody in recovery from addictions, compulsions, etc. Religion is about externals, it’s what we do and it’s about control. Spirituality, on the other hand, is what God does, it is internal and it’s about surrender. But the way to holiness is to discover that I’m a bigger sinner than I ever thought I was! The closer I come to God, the more obvious the sin is. It is a long journey from the Pharisee at the front to the tax-collector at the back. It is a journey of repentance and of facing up to the truth. It is a journey that Life will provide if I have the courage and honesty to find it. If I still think that I should be still up at the front with the Pharisee, then my life will be riddled with guilt and I will never find peace. The tax-collector knew his place before God. God is my Creator, in whom I live and have my being. I am a sinner, and have no right to think myself superior to anyone else. Even the hardened criminal and the beggar on the street are children of God. We should see them with compassion and say to ourselves, “There, but for the grace of God, go I.” The

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**

Pharisee need not feel superior. He could have been born in different circumstances and become a tax-collector. He would do well to stand with the man at the back of the temple and pray “God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

Associationofcatholicpriests.ie

NZ Catholic Bishops publish new school guidelines:

Aroha and Diversity in Catholic Schools—The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand have published new guidelines for the country’s 235 Catholic schools to support young people with regard to sexual diversity. The guidelines, Aroha and Diversity in Catholic Schools, make it clear that all young people in Catholic schools –



including vulnerable rangatahi – are to be welcomed, supported and encouraged as they navigate their journey from childhood to adult and discover more who they are. The guidelines have been drafted by the Church’s National Centre for Religious Studies after comprehensive dialogue between the bishops, principals, national and diocesan Catholic education leaders and young people themselves. A link to Aroha and Diversity plus a statement from Bishop Steve Lowe can be found at <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/diversity/>

Poverty is not pretty, says KidsCan ambassador Verity Brogden. She should know. She grew up that way. “Going through poverty as a kid you feel invisible – like no one sees you and no one cares about you.” Brogden says often people don’t want to acknowledge disadvantaged children exist. They’re trying to pretend there’s no such thing as poor people, she explains. The problem is, it makes those children feel like they’re “not worth much”. Brogden says she wants to be a voice for “kids in poverty”. “Not enough of us speak out about living through it, so then we’re just thought of as statistics. And it’s easier to ignore it, and to pretend it’s not happening. “But real children are suffering. I want people to see my face, because if I can help people become more aware of the issue, if I can help children out of the position I was in, it means I didn’t suffer for nothing.” Living in poverty means you are always in survival mode, trying to figure out how you’re going to get your next meal. You’re hungry. “We survived on \$1 loaves of bread, noodles and cheap junk food. Once my sister made me a birthday cake from a stack of dry Weet-Bix with icing poured on top.” “You know you’re different from everyone else. You get bullied because you don’t look the same. You’re a bit scruffy, a bit smelly from not being able to wash as often. Your clothes won’t be as new and as expensive as other kids. Your teeth are bad. It’s pretty lonely.” Feelings of fear and uncertainty were coupled with moving a lot and horrible environments. “We’d get sick. We never had other kids over be-

cause it was so bad.” School was Brogden’s safe space. “It was warm, and there was power. And I knew I was always going to be fed. Sometimes the only food I’d get a day would be at school.” She was also given her first pair of brand-new shoes at school. KidsCan provided them. “It’s extremely hard to escape the cycle of poverty. It feels like the system traps you in it,” Brogden says. Moving to live with an aunt changed her life. For the first time she had constant meals, a roof over her head and a stable education. She flourished. She ran a full marathon. Was head girl of her school. Went to Youth Parliament and to Fiji on a future leader’s programme. Is now at university in her third year studying politics. She’s pleased she’s a KidsCan ambassador. The New Zealand charity provides food, shoes and clothing to schools and early childhood centres. She’d like to be a politician. If she were, she’d “implement a minimum standard of living for children, across all aspects of their life, like housing, food quality, and education.” “Every child deserves the chance that I’ve had.” *cathnews.co.nz*



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