

Anniversaries in October

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

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. information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz

Pro-Life Facts- In July, the Irish Minister of Health introduced legislation that would bar people from silently praying outside abortion facilities. Niamh Uí Bhriain of the Life Institute in Ireland insisted that the law is unnecessary because there have been no complaints made by patients or staff at abortion facilities. 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, 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

Mass Times

Tuesday St Joseph's @ 9am
Thursday St Patrick's @ 9am
Saturday St Joseph's @ 9am

Sunday Masses

Saturday St Patrick's @ 5.30
Sunday St Joseph's @ 9.30am

Lost—a box of toner was delivered on the 20th October and left on presbytery door—if any one has seen this please let the office know.

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**

Prayer for a Bishop for our Diocese

Holy and faithful God,
We pray for a good and faithful shepherd
One whose love for you and your people
Will uplift us and help us on the way
Please reward our patience with a holy bishop

A man of deep faith and integrity
Whose ears are attuned to the sound of
your voice
And the voices of your holy people
May he be filled with the joy of your spirit

The truth of the Gospel
Openness to grow with us
And the courage to renew your Church
Bless those who are entrusted with this
vital task of choosing our bishop
May they be truly open to the promptings
of your Holy Spirit
Speaking through your holy people
We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ
your Son,
In the unity of the same Spirit
God, for ever and ever. Amen

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

30th October, 2022

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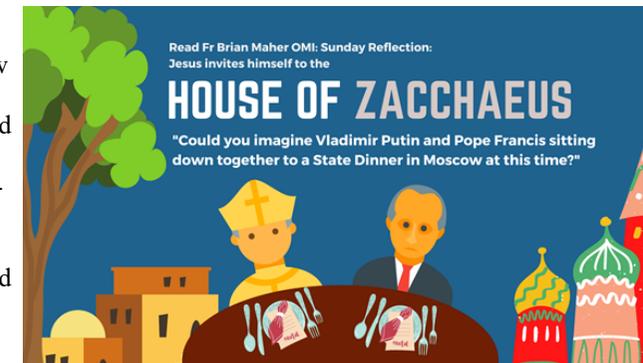
Rātini Kupu

30th Whiringa-ā-nuku 2022 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Letting him find us

A phrase in today's Gospel makes clear the mindset of Jesus and throws light on all his activity. His purpose in life was always "to seek out and save what was lost." If we recognise a certain lostness in ourselves, our way to be saved is to trust in him, and let him find us, just as he found Zacchaeus. Being found by Jesus meant that Zacchaeus the tax-collector had to let go of any arrogance based on his wealth. He humbled himself by climbing the sycamore tree, and then promised to hand over much of his wealth, to pay back those he had defrauded. In return, Jesus set aside his dignity as rabbi and a man of God by going to dine in the house of such a notorious sinner. One may assume that Zacchaeus, as chief tax collector in that city, had enriched himself at the expense of the pilgrims passing through Jericho on their way to religious festivals in Jerusalem. Jesus looked up into sycamore tree and called Zacchaeus, "Hurry on down!" — for he knew the man was ready for a change of heart. St Luke adds that the conversion of Zacchaeus brought such joy not only to himself but to everyone around him. Truly, "the Son of Man has come to search out and save what was lost." *associationofcatholicpriests.ie*

The story of Jesus stopping to call the 'small' Zacchaeus from the tree in order to dine with him is one of the most likeable stories in the Gospels. It is often used in children's liturgies because of its drama and pictorial qualities. For children it can be a pleasant and edifying parable about forgiveness and repentance. But for us adults, who seek to walk with Jesus the roads and trails of Israel as he walked them, we must be open to the very real challenges he placed before his listeners. We must do this because, by association, Jesus lays the same challenges before us today. Could you imagine Vladimir Putin and Pope Francis sitting down together to a State Dinner in Moscow at this time? Outrageous, you say. Impossible to even contemplate. And yet, what Jesus did when he stopped and invited himself to dine with Zacchaeus, the chief Tax Collector of Jericho, was just as outrageous to those listening to him. So why would he purposely do such an outrageous thing? <https://oblates.ie>



St John's College—Over the long week-end you would have seen our young St John's men helping out with the parking at the AP show. We had the opportunity to volunteer at this event to use as a fund-raiser for the Year 10 camp. Many thanks to Jay Campbell for setting this up. This week we had the College sports prize giving on Thursday evening and the final school assembly on Friday morning, where the principal announced the head prefect and prefects for 2023. Both events were held in the Church because the school gym is under major renovation. We are grateful to the parish priests and the Sacred Heart community for allowing the school to use the church.

Online Synod Event for Oceania

The Federation of the Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania is holding an online Preparatory Event in November called Our Ocean Home. This has been scheduled for two hours on each day of November 28th, 29th and 30th from 5pm to 7pm NZ time, allowing all participants to engage with and experience an online process of listening, discerning and conversation together. This event is open to all. To find out more and to register through Australian Catholic University head to [pndioese.org.nz/synod](https://www.pndioese.org.nz/synod) or visit <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/fcbco1/>

Br Peter Bray FSC's Kiwi Holy Land video message from Bethlehem to NZ—

Bethlehem University Vice-Chancellor, Taranaki's own Br Peter Bray FSC, will give public talks about Palestine when he visits Aotearoa NZ early next year, but meanwhile, he is making videos for the bishops on the subject for a Kiwi audience. You can watch the first -- Ordinary People in an Extraordinary Place;

Palestinians in the Holy Land -- on YouTube here now: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2S_A4kbFeU Read more about Br Peter and the video project: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/palestine-video1/>

Searching for Jesus

Whatever his faults may have been, Zacchaeus took great trouble to look for some contact with Jesus. He wanted to see what kind of man Jesus was. For this, he was prepared, quite literally, to go out on a limb, the leafy branch of a sycamore tree. He went to extravagant lengths to see Jesus, to really encounter him. In the process he found that the one he was searching for was also searching for him. "Come down, for I must stay at your house today," said Jesus. From his perch among the branches, Zacchaeus was amazed to be called to share a dinner with Jesus. When he threw open his house to Jesus and spoke of reforming his life, he received a greater gift in return, a welcome back to his community of faith. "Today, salvation has come to his house, because this man too is a son of Abraham." There was place in God's house for Zacchaeus, as there is for all of us. He was warmly welcomed in spite of his past. As in the case of Zacchaeus, our searching for God is preceded by God's search for us. Whenever we seek the presence of Jesus, he is already there, willing to share and dine with us. associationofcatholicpriests.ie



Love requires sacrifice ... always!

It's not scripture but it's a powerful truth I seem to forget. Sacrifice often takes a back seat to convenience and comfort. We prefer easy, speedy, and painless, and then wonder why we don't feel fulfilled. The important stuff, the stuff that leaves us joyful and alive: that's the stuff that involves love and requires sacrifice. I've had several nudges lately that remind me how true this statement is. We are called by the greatest commandment to love, and the truth is, we can't follow that commandment without sacrifice. Sometimes that sacrifice is small; for instance, I love my students but spending time in the evenings and on weekends to grade or plan is a sacrifice. Other times the sacrifice is much bigger. I hugged a good friend at her father's wake this week and she lovingly told me she was so happy for her dad and found peace just thinking about him rejoicing and being free from pain. Her perspective and strength were inspiring, but the sacrifice of that love will weigh heavy on her days for quite a while. Sometimes the sacrifice needs to look like patience. Sometimes it needs to sound like a swallowed opinion. Sometimes it needs to appear to be sand slipping through our fingers as we let go of the past or of our own agenda. Sacrifice is loving people exactly how they are and where they are. Sometimes we're called to love someone just by being present and there is sacrifice in keeping quiet and not trying to fix or change them. The people who love us back make it easy to love but we're also called to show Christ's love to those who can give nothing in return and that is truly a sacrifice. I think about all the times I've tried to find the perfect gift to show my love for someone. When I heard this line spoken by a movie character, I realized I've been shopping the wrong way. I suppose the more we love, the more we should be willing to sacrifice. I loved my children but I'm not sure they always saw my carpool complaining as a loving sacrifice. This simple little line can bleed into doing the laundry and helping with homework and holding the flashlight in the rain so Dave can figure out why the tractor is making a weird noise. This kind of love happens in the middle of the night after

a bad dream or at the end of the day when you want to tune out the world but someone you love just really wants to spill their heart. There have been times when I've wondered if all the sacrifice of a relationship was worth it or if it was really supposed to be so hard and one-sided, but as I've prayed with these words for a few weeks I realized I was looking at it out of balance. Love and sacrifice aren't always equal. Sometimes we receive love far greater than we sacrifice and more often than not it is opposite. We're able to sacrifice and love others but at some point, we expect to receive love in return. We want to feel there is something in it for us. I forget that my call to love others isn't to get something in return. Love is so much bigger than all the warm fuzzy feelings. Love is the duty of a disciple, and the way to keep that in balance is to realize that each person who crosses my path is there so I can show them the love of Christ. It's not about loving so I can get something back: it's about loving so I can love Jesus Himself. When I look at Jesus on the Cross, I find the truth because it reminds me that there is more love poured out on me than I could ever imagine. I know I will never be called to love with a sacrifice anywhere near that magnitude but when I recall His sacrifice for me, it helps put my teeny little sacrifices for others in perspective. Again, I remember it's not about me at all! A Seed To Plant: Who can you love today? Blessings on your day! Copyright 2022 Sheri Wohlfert