

Anniversaries in November

Eric Du Fresne, Dianne Atkins, Phil McElhinney
Peter McConville, Raymond Stowers, Wendy Fraser
Kirstie Grevatt, Norah Quinn, Denise Reid
Patricia Minehan, Samuel Fletcher, Mike Alexander

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

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy-

Stories, Films & the Bible with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.

Monday, 12 December: The Father (2020) Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

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

Pro-Life Facts The Registrar of Assisted Dying has presented her report on the patients who have been killed by their doctor or assisted in suicide under the authority of the contentious End of Life Choice Act 2019 for the period 7 November, 2021 to 30 September 2022. A total of 214 vulnerable patients were killed in this period. For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz.

National March for Life. You're invited to love them both by attending the sixth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 3 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life that also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1 pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle, and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2 pm. Concludes at 4 pm. Learn more

about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz
Mass for Life. You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads, and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December, at 7 pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

Tribunal of the Catholic Church Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned, with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact Louise Kelleher or Teena George at the Tribunal on 04 496 1727 or by email at tribunal.wellington@catholic-tribunal.org.nz All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.



Mass Times

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

Sunday Masses

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

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

20th November, 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

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Rātini Kupu

20th Whiringa-ā-rangi 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Congratulations to the following tamariki who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday 20th November.

Mason Thomson, Julliane Macalalad,

Adilynn Harper

Jackson O'Donnell, Isla-Jane Harper,

Cooper Jackson

Justin Niegos, Lacie Tipene,

George del Mar, Carlos Bautista



Justice, Love and Peace

Paul says that at the end of time Jesus Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father. Our Preface repeats this, describing the kingdom as one of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. This vision is something to be promoted by us in the present. The kingdom is our hope, but it is also in our midst, in process of becoming. Jesus tells us how to promote the coming of God's kingdom among us. It comes closer whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To act in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who rescues us from situations of alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. At the end he was promising the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be brought to paradise. The best way to honour Christ our King is to work to develop his project of mercy among us. Whatever we do to help the deprived and underprivileged is also a service to Christ, who identifies himself personally with people in need. Following Christ the King is not the passive option of "keeping myself to myself" or "I do harm to anyone." To ignore the needs of our neighbour is to close our ears to Christ. To turn aside from the anguish of the dying is to shut our eyes to him. If we follow Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king we must in some way be shepherds ourselves, for his sake. associationofcatholicpriests.ie

St John's College

Last week we held a mufti day and a sausage sizzle to raise money for Gumboot Friday and men's mental health. We raised over \$400 so great effort by our Y9 and Y10 students. This week our Y10 students were on retreat doing the amazing race. Unfortunately, Monday's session was affected by rain and had to be cut short. Thankfully, the weather played nice on Tuesday and we were able to have a full program which the boys seemed to enjoy. Gateway interviews were held over this week for students looking for Gateway placements in 2023, while our teachers were busy completing junior reports which closed on Friday.

Young Catholic Leader (YCL)

December 12 – 16 2022, Highland Home Christian Camp, Pohangina Valley YCL is a leadership formation programme for students entering Year 13 in 2023, offered to students from both Catholic and State schools. The special emphasis of this event is on what it means to be a faithful Catholic leader 24/7, not just at school. Activities focus on prayer, service, collaboration, challenge and personal commitment. There are a number of talks given by young adults, and outdoor activities such as physical challenges. Beyond the sessions, students participate in group building, Catholic prayer and Mass, and the normal duties associated with being on camp for five days. If you have any questions, need more information or would like to register, contact Nick Wilson (Diocesan Young Catholics Team Leader) at nwilson@pndioocese.org.nz

The Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection - Sunday 27 November 2022

The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciative especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your grati-

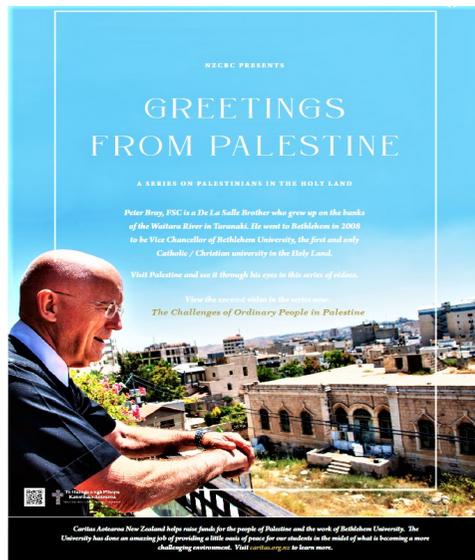
tude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

Brother Peter Bray FSC, the Kiwi Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University, will make a NZ speaking tour on behalf of the bishops to all our Catholic Dioceses early next year, to talk about the Holy Land, his work with his students, and the lives of other ordinary Palestinians. In preparation for the tour, he is making three videos; the second has just been issued. It is very powerful.

View it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R17kia53-GY>

Go here for more information about the videos and Br Peter's speaking tour: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/brpeter-video2/>

Br Peter's hopes to start his speaking tour about 24 January, likely starting in Hawkes Bay, followed by Palmerston North, Taranaki, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Auckland and Whangarei, ending about 8 February. The NZCBC will make his firm itinerary available when it is settled.



Mark the date—11th December from 4-6pm in the presbytery for the Parish Christmas gathering. Bring a small plate to share.

Prince of Peace

As Jesus was crucified, people mocked him as “the king of the Jews.” The inscription calling him by that title that was nailed to his cross, was meant to be ironic. Jesus had said to Pontius Pilate, “I am a king. I was born for this. I came into the world for this” but he also declared that his kingship was not of this world. Most people today find it hard to empathise with royalty. In the modern world the concept of kingly rule evokes authoritarianism, class distinction and a world of unjust, unearned privilege, but this is far from the biblical notion of kingship. The kingship of Christ is non-political, universalist and non-national. It aims at a special kind of justice, not based on fallible human laws, but to help and protect the weak, the poor and the helpless. If the justice of God was embraced by our world it would bring peace between nations, and between individuals. The authorities were at a loss in face of the moral power of Christ. Their reaction was to strike out blindly, to violently crush his threat to their power. Human rights and justice for many were trampled underfoot by the imperial power of Rome. To remedy this a fresh start was needed, something that Jesus wanted to bring, ultimately through the complete sacrifice of himself. Although Christ died in apparent powerlessness, his was the greater, spiritual power, to be revealed at the end of time. The repentant thief caught a glimpse of this when he called out, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus used parables to explain the kingdom of God, evoking its mysterious presence in this world. For example, the mustard seed was the smallest of all seeds, the most insignificant of all things. Yet out of it comes a huge tree. God's kingdom comes in a hidden way, in spite of seeming failure. As with the

Parish Survey—Thank you to those who recently completed the survey for ministries in the parish. You will be contacted over the next few weeks about your availability to be on the monthly roster. If you did not get the opportunity to fill out a survey please contact Fr Paul or the office.

mustard seed, this small beginning holds the promise of a magnificent ending. “I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us,” wrote Saint Paul. Seemingly contradictory things occur in Jesus' teaching about the kingdom. The kingdom is here and now, we are told and yet we are asked to look forward to its coming. But there is no contradiction if we consider that the Kingdom is both a present and a future reality. It is already here in part, but its completion is in some unknown future. As Jesus says, “The kingdom of God does not come in such a way as to be seen. No one will say, ‘Look here it is,’ or ‘There it is’... because the kingdom of God is within you” (Lk 17:20f). *Association of catholicpriests.ie*

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