

Anniversaries in November

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Peter McConville, Raymond Stowers, Wendy Fraser
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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.

For more information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):
Christmas Traditions – Advent Wreaths & Christmas Trees with Beate Matthies
Monday, 05 December, 7-8pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/20/christmas-traditions/>

Stories, Films & the Bible: The Father (2020) with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.

Monday, 12 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.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
Format for the March for Life, and the Rosary
for Life and Faith, Saturday 3rd December
1 pm: People going on the March for Life, will gather from 1 pm at Civic Square, Wellington
2 pm: The March for Life starts at 2 pm and

will make its way to Parliament, where there will be a number of speeches and testimonies
3 pm: Groups of people throughout New Zealand will gather to pray the Holy Rosary
4 pm: There will be a final Rosary for Life and Faith in Parliament Grounds, at approx 4 pm

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

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

Fr Paul Kerridge (Parish Priest)

27th November, 2022

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Hours Tuesday 7.15-1.45pm, Thursday- 12.15-1.45pm and Friday -7.15-1.45pm

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Rātini Kupu

27th Whiringa-ā-rangi 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sobering thoughts

1. Advent tends to be swamped by Christmas music and Christmas noise. It should be a quiet time, where we step back to the fundamental experience of Israel, the experience of trustful waiting on the Lord's deliverance. It's a desert time, when we try to empty our minds of the clutter of the past and when our hearts learn from the Prophets what are the deepest needs in our lives. Advent reawakens hope and longing for a better future. Not just a secure financial future for me or you, but a future of Redemption for the entire people. 2. Beyond all the worries and impassioned debates of politics and economics today are two deep and growing threats that we don't like to think about. They are threats of an apocalyptic level worthy of the fearful language of today's Gospel. One of these is the threat of nuclear extinction. The other is the threat of climate catastrophe. The nuclear threat demonstrated its horrific power on the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and has since been enshrined as the status quo, with superpowers threatening each other with mutual destruction. Since 1945 humanity, as well as all plants and animals, have been a hair-trigger away from nuclear extinction, and there have been dozens of lucky, narrow escapes. Noam Chomsky attributed this remarkable record of good luck to divine intervention. The climate-change threat has grown more slowly, like the rising waters of a tsunami, and awareness of it is muddied by a culture of denial, encouraged by commercial interests. Registering the full extent of the danger one is inclined to cry, "Only God can save us now!" We are tempted to ask, "How could God let his creation get into such a dangerous state? Where is Providence in all this?" 3. The consoling hymns of Christmas hardly engage with harsh issues like those we have mentioned. For this we need the more abrasive words of the Prophets, who often spoke up in times of crisis. Their opening words are often laced with doom, while their final words offer hope and consolation. First they try to wake us up and shake us out of our complacency, but they generally end by affirming that all will be resolved by the power and faithfulness of God. Their language is sometimes so deep that we tend to ignore them and focus instead on things that are of little account. But let's pay special attention to the message of Isaiah, this Advent. *association-ofcatholicpriests.ie*



St John's College

This week there were two NCEA accord days for teachers as designated by the Ministry of Education. This meant no students at school on Monday and Tuesday. On Thursday evening, the College held its academic prize giving at Sacred Heart Church. This would normally be held in the Barry O'Connor Centre, on site, but the gym is undergoing major renovations and will be out of action for the rest of the year and most of 2023. The event was well attended and again we extend our thanks to the Sacred Heart community and the clergy for allowing us to use the church. On Friday evening our young men joined with the young ladies of Sacred Heart College, in the Sacred Heart College gym for the junior social. Thanks to teachers of both colleges who were there to support and to senior students from both schools who helped out.

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@pndiocese.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 gratitude 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.

Thank You

Our thanks to everyone for their prayers and many kindnesses during the last few months. It has been very much appreciated by us all. *Margaret Black and family.*



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



Food For Faith for Advent. Subscribe at www.foodforfaith.org.nz to receive daily email encouragements in preparation for Christmas. Also sign up for weekly Homily Studio & daily Lectio Divina podcasts at the same link.



The first Sunday of Advent in 2022 will be Sunday, November 27th. After a tumultuous year, there is comfort to be found when we pause to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth. The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to center our thoughts on hope. It's a beautiful chance to remember the hope God offers to our lost and dying world, and that He's given us through Jesus. Galatians 4:4-8 says: But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were



slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. Paul, the writer of Galatians, articulates so perfectly the great hope we celebrate at Christmas! Without God's intervention, we were all slaves...bound up by our sin nature and hopelessly headed to the grave. Because of God's great love for us, He came down and rescued humanity by sending his Son as a sacrifice for our sin—so we could be free from the chains of sin and become fully part of God's glorious eternal family. On this first Sunday of Advent, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity; let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. Over this Advent, we pray that hope would rise up in our spirits in a tangible and life-giving way. www.crosswalk.com

