

Anniversaries in November

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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

Pro-Life

Last weekend, on October 29th, Remembrance Day events were held outside abortion facilities around the country. During these peaceful and prayerful pro-life vigils, crosses were laid to commemorate the lives of children lost because of abortion over the last year, and a minute's silence was observed. 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.—Monday, 7 November: The Parables
Monday, 14 November: Life and Leadership in the Christian Community
Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 for both sessions. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/01/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/>

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The first time I heard these words,

they caught me off guard. Until that moment, I hadn't realized that I had an imaginary "prayer ruler" that I used to judge if my prayer was worthy or not. Unfortunately, that ruler didn't encourage me to pray better. Instead, it made me give up before I even tried. After all, if you don't feel like you have the "right" words, the "right" amount of time, or the "right" mindset to pray, why would you even try? So, for a long time, I didn't. And then I heard those words: "You can't pray wrong." The funny thing is, they weren't even directed at me. I heard those words from my sister as she recounted advice she had given to someone else about their prayer life. But God knew I needed to hear those words at that moment. A lot of us make up rules in our lives for how things "should" and "shouldn't" be. We set expectations for ourselves or others based on some unknown source or authority. Sometimes the expectations come from a good source with good intentions. Other times, those expectations come from anxiety or wounds from our past. St. Thérèse of Lisieux defined prayer as "a surge of the heart; ... a simple look toward heaven, ... a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Wow ... a "surge of the heart" doesn't require any words ("right" or "wrong"). It doesn't take a lot of time to cry out to God in "recognition and love." And it definitely doesn't require a calm, peaceful demeanor to embrace "both trials and joys." I'm not going to lie and tell you that my prayer life has been perfect since hearing my sister's words. I still struggle in my prayer life. But I will tell you that I see my prayer differently now. I judge it a little less and I try to be present with God in the moment. I focus on bringing Him whatever is in my heart and ask Him to fill my heart with His love and presence. So, if you're like me and you have a lot of rules about what prayer is supposed to be, be smart. Listen to my sister. After all, you can't pray wrong. *Copyright 2022 Laura Nelson*

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)

6th November, 2022

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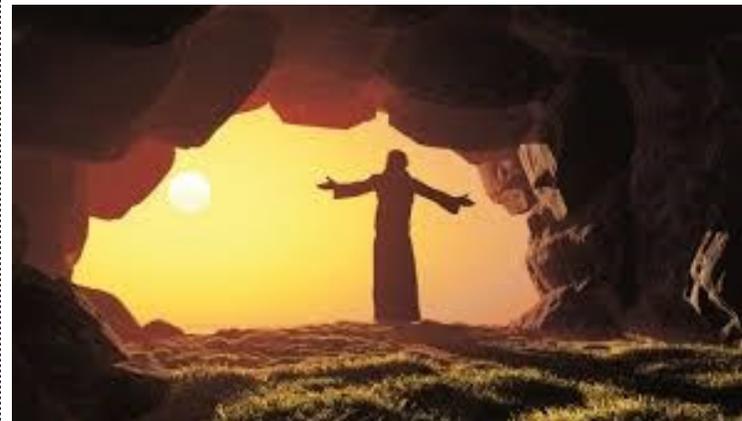
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Rātini Kupu

6th Whiringa-ā-rangi 2022 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses. The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection. Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game! More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, "... for to him all are alive."



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St John's College

Over last week-end a number of teachers and students helped out at the AJ Gardiner fund-raising dinner. AJ is an old boy and his two sons both came through SJC. AJ suffered a spinal injury last year playing rugby so it was important that the college showed support for him and his whanau. This week was the final week for our senior students. The Y13 students were on retreat on Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes after which we had our leavers' dinner at Club Hastings in the evening. On Thursday we celebrated our leavers' mass at Sacred Heart Church where the school community got the chance to farewell our leavers. Friday was very quiet with all our senior students on exam leave and our Year 9 and Year 10 students involved in end of year tests and exams. Please keep our young men in your prayers as they study for the end of year examinations.

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.

NZ begins the Continental stage of Pope's Synod on Synodality process

The next stage of Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality has begun with the Vatican this week publishing the working document that brings together the many Synod syntheses from around the Catholic world including Aotearoa New Zealand's. Titled 'Enlarge the space of your tent', this Working Document for the Continental Stage will now be reflected on locally by Catholic groups from around the country

before being considered by the bishops' conferences of the Oceania region at a joint meeting in Fiji in February. Similar processes will take place in other countries and regions. A statement on how Aotearoa-NZ will respond to the Working Document is available online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/continental/>

WelCom November edition has been distributed to parishes and schools this week for Sunday, 6 November. Contents include:

Hato Pāora Māori Boys' College 75th Jubilee celebrated over Labour Weekend. Archdiocese of Wellington Catholic Centre premises' update.

Continental stage of Pope Francis' Synod of Synodality process begins.

World Day of the Poor, Sunday 13 November 2022.

November: month of remembrance for those who have passed – reflection on grief by Fr James Lyons.

Season of Advent: Sunday 27 November – Saturday 24 December, WelCom's Advent Calendar.

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African Mass in NZ

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Workshop on feature documentary - "The Letter"

13 November, 2pm to 4pm in the Diocesan Centre, Palmerston North

"The Letter" brings to life the transformative vision of Laudato Si' to inspire lasting action for our common home. It features Pope Francis and those he invited to Rome to share their personal stories - people from India, Senegal, Hawaii, and the Brazilian Amazon.

This workshop will highlight the perspectives shared by those whose lives have been seriously changed by climate induced devastation: youth who know that their adult lives will revolve around adaptation to their changed environment; climate refugees who have lost their homeland to rising sea levels; scientists struggling to document and mitigate the damage caused by climate change; and indigenous peoples who now battle logging companies in a struggle for survival.

We will focus on the necessity for climate action to mitigate the damage by climate change and discuss ways in which we will need to adapt. The workshop will be facilitated by Mary Nash, active member of the Green Party and keen supporter of the Laudato Si movement, and Mary Eastham, from the Religious Diversity Centre Climate Action workgroup. To prepare for the workshop please watch the film. The link is: <https://theletterfilm.org/watch/> The film will also be screened in the Cathedral Lounge on 9 November at 10am

Plus, more features, local and international news and views, Young Church.

If Jesus lived today he would probably communicate via Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms. His message, I am sure, would have lots of 'likes' and lots of 'dislikes'. I am also sure he would be 'trolled' and 'cyberbullied', just as anyone with serious views and a 'different' lifestyle is harassed and ridiculed on-line. In the time of Jesus, before social media or the internet, there were 'trolls' and bullies out there, just waiting to pounce on a word or phrase Jesus might use, twisting it into a way to ridicule and undermine his message. Anyone who has

had to deal with 'trolls' and cyberbullies will know the awful pressures it puts us under – pressures which have broken people and even led to them taking their own lives. Jesus, too, lived with constant pressure. In almost every town he visited, he encountered groups who wished to undermine his message and didn't care how they did it. Today's Gospel is a striking example of this pressure. A group of powerful and wealthy Jews lie in wait for him, seeking to ridicule and mock his message with a carefully planned legal trap. If he falls for it, he will either appear ignorant of the Law of Moses, or his message will seem foolish. Why is this petty argument between Jesus and a group of Sadducees important or even relevant to our lives? **oblates.ie**

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.

