

Anniversary's in January/February

William Martin, Fay Orgar, Terrance Loughan, Trevor Hulena. Brett Gray
Clarice Barclay, Constance Margaret Frasier, Timothy Carpenter
Alan Cameron, Daniel Taylor, Margaret Parsons
Fred Allen, Mary Butler (Molly), Peter Robinson (Skip)
Vera Lawrence, Jack Moran, Bernard Skidmore
Malcolm Wenzlick,

The Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering a course starting 08 February to 05 April (every Wednesday, 3:30-5:30) via Zoom with Br Kevin Dobbyn. For more information, contact Br Kevin at k.dobbyn@ctc.ac.nz or call (04) 819 8380. For schedule of fees, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/fees and for other courses, go to

www.tekupenga.ac.nz/palmerston-north.

Current of Grace Conference 2023

7pm, Friday 24 March to 2pm, Sunday 26 of March at EL Rancho, Waikanae.

For more details and registration assistance contact Rhea on 0210437167. Registration fee (including meals) applies. Accommodation available on site for additional fee.

Register at: [https://receive-holy-spirit-power.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new?](https://receive-holy-spirit-power.lilregie.com/booking/attendees/new?fbclid=IwAR1kHZ3Pdg6liqn9DcG1ooHS90kqXBXW5mlMHa_dyBzeppKxKmlI17KeCF8)

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Josephite Retreat Centre,

Whanganui | Directed Retreat – Women of Value

As women, we are many things to many people... who all give us different titles and expect different things from us. This is a day for us to be ourselves, to be 'just me,' known of God, loved by God, and responding to that love. Whatever season of life we are in, may we know the love of God surrounding us. with Grace Shaw. Saturday 11 February, 9.30am – 2pm \$20

Enquires, please call Pam on 06 345 5047 ext 3 Or email pam.hopper@sosj.org.au

St Joseph's Catholic School,

Stratford | 125th Jubilee, 18 March 2023
Registrations are now live for the 125th Jubilee which is to be held 18th March 2023. We will leave the registrations open for now, so please, if you can, share our registration link to anyone who would be interested in coming along. For

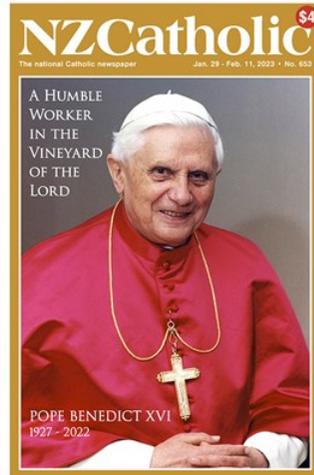
those that have registered and paid, thank you. If our original plan does not go ahead, we will organise something on a smaller scale at school.

Please join our Jubilee Facebook page for more information, or email admin@stjosephs-stratford.school.nz
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Catholic-School-Stratford-125th-Jubilee-2023-105382145087004>
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From Tyburn Abbey, Ngakuru.

A candle is burning before the Blessed Sacrament in our Chapel for Peace in your homes and for your parish Priest Fr Paul, that he be restored to good health.

The Tyburn Nuns



Mass Times

Week Day Masses

Saturday—9am @ St Joseph's

Tuesday—9am @ St Joseph's

Thursday—9am @ St Patrick's

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass—5.30 @ St Patrick's

Sunday Mass—9.30am @ St Joseph's



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Rātini Kupu

5th Hui-tanguru, 2023
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

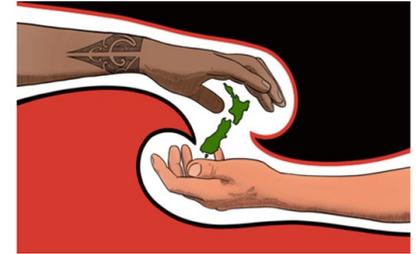
5th February

Waitangi Day Mass—9.00am at St Joseph's on 6th February.

Going to the margins

With the images of salt and light, Jesus says what he expects from his followers.

They don't need to be always thinking about their own interests, their own prestige, their own power. Even though they are a small group in the huge Roman Empire, they are the «salt» and the «light» that the world needs. "You are the salt of the world." The simple people of Galilee spontaneously knew what he meant. They knew what salt is good for: giving food flavor and conserving it from spoiling. Just so, we need to contribute to helping people find the savour in life. "You are the light of the world." Without sunlight, our world would stay dark and gloomy. Jesus' disciples can shine a light to probe the meaning of life, to walk with hope. These metaphors have something vital in common. If the salt stays in the shaker, it doesn't do its proper work. Only when it dissolves in the food can it give flavor to what we eat. The same thing happens with light. If it stays closed up and hidden away, it can't enlighten anyone. Only when it shines out in the dark can it illuminate and guide. A church isolated from the world can be neither salt nor light. Pope Francis called on Catholics today to "go out to the margins." He preferred a church that is "bruised and dirty because it has been out on the streets" to one that is "clinging to its own security, caught up in a web of procedures." We can't hunker down in our structures with passive hope. The Gospel invites us to run the risk of meeting face to face with others. It wants to promote culture of encounter, because what our church needs today is to heal wounds and to warm hearts. (José Antonio Pagola) associationofcatholicpriests.ie



Valentines Day Mass—14th February at 5.30pm at St Joseph's. We are planning to go out for a meal afterwards—please let the office know if you intend to come for booking purposes. All welcome.



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):
Genesis – In the Beginning...
Part 1: The Creation Story (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

Part 2: Creation of Adam from Whēnua... (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst. Monday, 06 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/22/the-creation-of-adam/>

Focus on Target – Draw Fresh Momentum with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Wednesdays, 15/22 February and 01/08 March, 12.30-1.30pm. Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz
Jesus was a wonderful storyteller. His many parables and stories show this par excellence. Today's Gospel is a continuation of the "Sermon on the Mount", which we read last week. While short and quite different in tone from last week, this Gospel must not be dismissed

as just a simple conclusion to the wisdom of the Beatitudes. Indeed, The Beatitudes, read without today's Gospel, lose their urgency, excitement, and vibrancy. Using the images of salt and a lighted lamp Jesus reminds us that his vision for the Kingdom of God is not some vague ideology, or something to be realised way in the future, but a Kingdom which is here – now. Our call, and it is an urgent and immediate one, is to share with others the Sermon on the Mount; to keep it fresh and attractive and positive. Not to do so is like allowing salt to become tasteless, or like lighting a lamp and then hiding it away somewhere so it cannot be seen. To do either of these things would be patently laughable and ridiculous. Likewise, not to be moved to action by the vision offered to us in the "Sermon on the Mount" is, for Jesus, equally laughable and ridiculous. Jesus did not come among us, die for us, and promise to remain with us forever for his message to be considered laughable or ridiculous!

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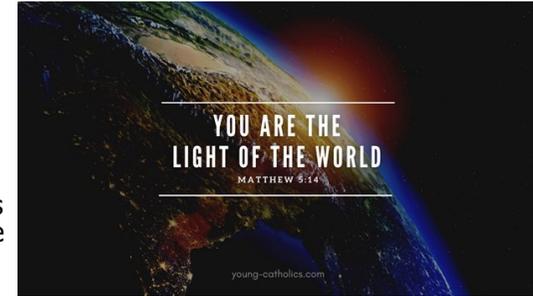


Emergency Appeal—Flood Response

With heavy flooding continuing to batter the Auckland diocese, Bishop Steve Lowe has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. His foundation, the Catholic Caring Foundation, is accepting donations to help agencies in the Diocese deliver vital help to the many families severely impacted by the floods. Donations received will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Donations can be made directly online to the Foundation so that assistance can get to families quickly. Many of the Foundation's partner agencies mobilised early to ensure that people were safe and they are now working quickly to get help to those who need it. Donations can be made online <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> Or by direct bank transfer to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-000 (With your surname and initials as reference. Please email info@caringfoundation.org.nz with your email details for a receipt.)

The reading from Isaiah tells us that being devoted to God means taking care of those who need our help the most. God wants us to care from those on the margins. The list of actions which we should take are closely related to the Corporal Works of Mercy. Worshiping God also means using the gifts we have been giving to work for a just society. We must do more than just pray for people. We are called to act. When we do this, then the darkness of society will be overcome with light. Malicious speech, hate, and condemnation will be less visible when our acts of love shine. The gospel also uses the image of light. The good things we do glorify God, for the Light of Christ is shining through us. This is how the Kingdom of God grows. Jesus also tells us that salt loses its flavor, then it is no longer really salt. Similarly, if we are all talk, but we don't understand the message of Christ crucified then we are missing a crucial characteristic of Christians. When people see our good works, then people

can encounter Christ through us. When I see darkness in the world, do I try to bring light? How have I been a light recently? Where does my light need to shine this week? www.young-catholics.com



WelCom February edition is out this week to parishes and schools for Sunday, 5 February.

Contents include:
Pope Benedict XVI, 1927–2022.
Cardinal John Dew message: 'Each of us is made in God's image. 'Is there a way out? – Taking responsibility for Climate Change.
Br Peter Bray's tour in New Zealand on Bethlehem University.
Remembering Richard Tiki Te Aroha Puanaki.
Caritas Aotearoa Lent Appeal 2023.
Synod's Continental Stage – New Zealand Catholic response document published.
Plus, more features, local and international news and views, Young Church.

