

### Anniversary's in March

Christine Wypych (Chrissy)  
Sybil McCloskey, Doreen de Stackpoole  
Kathleen Kilkolly, Margaret Hallagan  
Thomas Lyons, Thomas Bird (Noel)  
Rosalie Beachen, Joseph Carpenter

**PROLIFE FACTS PROLIFE FACTS** Are you concerned about abortion and euthanasia in New Zealand, but unsure what to do about it? The Voice for Life website features a map of NZ showing all the branches around the country. Click on the branch near you to find contact details and names. Voice for Life Facebook reveals the activities of some of the branches in different localities, and your local branch would welcome your involvement. For example, running a stand at a local A & P show. Another example is attending VFL movie nights. The next movie night is March 24th at 7:30 p.m. to be held at the Reformed Church of the North Shore in Auckland (74 Trias Road, Totara Vale) The movie is "Sophie Scholl – The Final Days" (for older audiences), and is based on the true story of Sophie Scholl, who was a student in Munich in 1943 and a member of the antiwar movement "White Rose". Aucklanders are warmly invited to attend. Wherever you are in NZ, please consider reaching out to the VFL branch near you. For more pro-life information, visit Voice for Life at [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Genesis – In the Beginning... (Repeat on Special Request)

The Creation Stories (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 20 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/in-the-beginning/>

YouTube Recording

The Notion of 'Church' with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/02/muffin-talk-with-prof-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Since the year 2000, the universal Church has concluded the Octave of Easter by celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday. This great solemnity calls the faithful to rejoice in the merciful love of God as it is most profoundly manifested in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. Jesus promised a profound and immense grace to those who would celebrate this feast of His Divine Mercy. This grace is the forgiveness of all sins and the removal of all punishment due to sin. This is essentially like the grace of baptism. In other words its effects are the same as baptism. "To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy."



Divine Mercy Sunday falls on the Second Sunday of Easter. **In Holy Trinity Parish it will be celebrated at St Joseph's at 3 pm.**

### 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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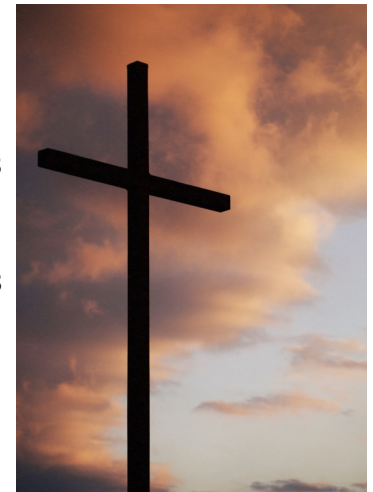
## Rātini Kupu

19th Poutū –te-rangi, 2023  
4th Sunday of Lent

19th March

### Open the eyes of my soul, Lord

It's hard to know why Jesus went through the ritual of the spittle, the mud, and the water, in order to heal the man. He healed other blind people with a touch, or simply a word. It might well have been a test of faith. He sent the ten lepers on their way, and they were healed as they journeyed along. He sent the centurion home and, before he reached home he got word that his servant was healed. I often think that this is how Jesus heals many of us. We ask for his healing, and nothing seems to happen immediately. Maybe, after asking for his healing, we should go on our way, and expect to notice the healing taking place gradually as time goes by. As the story unfolds, we notice that the man's eyes were really opened, and that includes the eyes of his soul. Clearly Jesus was intent on healing the total person, or not at all. We don't imagine him healing someone, and then having that person going away still filled with resentment against another. Such a person was not really healed at all. The man in today's gospel was totally healed, and he ended up on his knees, worshipping Jesus. A practical and simple prayer is "Lord, that I may see." It is a short prayer, but when it comes from the depths of my heart, it is a powerful prayer. Remember that other blind man named Bartimeus? He was told that Jesus was passing by, and he was determined to get his attention. Those around him tried to silence him, but he shouted all the louder. And he also was cured. To another man Jesus asked the pointed question, "Do you want to be healed?" The greatest good we can do for others is not by giving them money, though that can also be needed at times, but in revealing their own riches to them. It is good to affirm others and make them feel both loved and worthwhile. Many people have grown up with a poor self-image, and they just cannot see the good in themselves. This is another form of blindness, and it is a blindness in others that any one of us can heal. The most certain proof that the Spirit of God lives in you is your willingness and ability to affirm and bring a blessing to other people. *association-of-catholicpriests.ie*



**Applications open** for next funding round | Diocese of Palmerston North All-locations Group. Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan All-locations group. The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation, and aligned with the diocesan goals. We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria. Applications are now open and are due by Friday 31 March 2023. Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/catholic-charities-application> or please contact Ashley Dahl at [adahl@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:adahl@pndiocese.org.nz) or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 842.

### St John's College

Sport has started up again with our young men playing cricket, basketball and canoe polo. Winter codes have also started training with senior rugby and soccer teams out practicing. On Friday a group of Y10 students headed out to Esk Valley to help with the cleanup. Please go to the College web page for upcoming school events.

**Monday 20 March** is the start of a nation-wide campaign aimed at raising awareness of how everyone can stay safe on our Catholic social media platforms. Check our Facebook and Instagram pages each day during the week of 20-26 March for tips on how to keep yourself safe. More information here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/>

### Parish Renewal Online Formation

**Event** | Divine Renovation Clothed in Power: Transforming Parishes Through

**Shared Morning Tea this Sunday (19th March) after Mass at St Joseph's to celebrate St Joseph's day! See you there!**



the Holy Spirit, will take place on Wednesday 22nd March at 9 AM. This webinar is a unique opportunity for parishes to dive into the topic of the Holy Spirit as the driving force behind mission, evangelisation, and parish renewal. Fr John Adams from St Peter Chanel, Christchurch will be on the panel, and currently over 1000 people are registered to participate from over 35 countries. Find out more about this online event at <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

### St Joseph's

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

### St Patrick's

May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore. Amen.



**Lenten Giving Envelope Packs** have been distributed for the Bishops' 2023 Lenten appeal. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly.

**CARITAS CASE STUDY** In New Zealand it can be easy to take access to fresh water for granted – in low-lying countries such as Kiribati a lack of rivers or streams and vulnerability to salt-water ingress mean life-giving water is increasingly becoming scarce, and healthy, nutritious food too expensive for families to afford. Through the Kiribati Health Champions Programme our Kiribati partner, Teitongainga, works to reduce poor nutrition by teaching and mentoring on how to access and cook more-commonly available local produce. This work is helping to offset the rise of non-communicable diseases such as heart and lung conditions and diabetes and also restore traditional knowledge lost through modernisation and the importing of cheap, low calorific value food into the country

**CARITAS CASE STUDY** Responding to the terrible treatment of Timorese people, particularly women, by the Indonesian military until independence in 2002, our partner in Timor Leste, Hamahon Feto Timor (HAFOTI) was formed to provide an 'umbrella for Timorese women'. HAFOTI has enabled many hundreds of rural women to find or regain dignified livelihoods over the past 20 years. It has helped develop their economic independence, social and community confidence and leadership qualities. Much of this work has revolved around adding value to what these women have available to them, such as access to land, crops or traditional craft knowledge, and enabling them to operate as small-business owners. Following an extremely dark period in Timor

Leste's history, HAFOTI are bringing light into the lives of Timorese women, their families and communities



### Cyclone Relief Appeal

The Cyclone Relief Appeal has received many generous donations to help those in desperate need following Cyclone Gabrielle. Donations have now surpassed \$100,000 and the process of distributing these funds to those most in need is now in progress, in collaboration with local leaders across impacted areas of the diocese. We are immensely grateful to all those who are providing support to those in need in many ways. Donations can still be made directly online to the Catholic Charities Foundation by direct bank transfer to 02-0630-0237950-010 with references: "Cyclone" and "your surname and initials" (Please email [reception@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:reception@pndiocese.org.nz) with your email details for a receipt.) Donate today to help families and communities who have been affected at

