

### 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** On the evening of March 15th, Voice for Life staged its third annual Call for Justice vigil on the steps of Parliament, to mark the third anniversary of the Abortion Legislation Act. The speakers were: Bob McCoskrie of Family First, Pastor Jason Winslade, administrator for Voice for Life, Kate Cormack, the president of Voice for Life, and Brendan Malone. For more pro-life information, visit [voiceforlife.org.nz](http://voiceforlife.org.nz).

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Morning):  
Creation of Adam from Whēnua... with Dr Christopher Longhurst.  
Saturday, 01 April, 9-10.30am. ZOOM.  
Fee: \$25

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

YouTube Recording

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

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

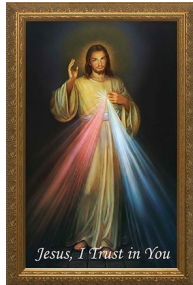
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### Divine Mercy Sunday

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

26th Poutū –te-rangi, 2023  
5th Sunday of Lent

26th March

### Living life to the full

It seems a bit strange to have this gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It seems to be clearly about the resurrection and yet we are still plodding through Lent and have to get through Good Friday before we get to Easter. What's going on; have the Church's liturgical engineers got it all wrong? Can I suggest that this text is more about death than resurrection? After all, Lazarus isn't walking around today; he had to undergo another death. This text is more about our life and death here and now rather than about the resurrection. We will have time enough to consider the resurrection when we get to Easter Sunday and the weeks of celebration afterwards. In his Spiritual Exercises St Ignatius Loyola suggests that when reading a particular Gospel passage we should put ourselves in the place of each character in turn and use our imagination to see how we would feel in those circumstances. This can be a most revealing exercise. How about putting myself in the place of Lazarus? I am dead to everything and then I hear a voice: 'Come out, Lazarus.' There I am, lying in a tomb swathed in bandages and surrounded by darkness. If we wonder how we would feel in this situation, the answer would be different for everyone but I think many might say: Thanks Lord, but I'd prefer to stay where I am. While attempting to put ourselves imaginatively in Lazarus's place we might become aware of how tomb-like our present way of life is, and rekindle a longing for freedom which has perhaps been buried for years. Putting ourselves into the place of a character from scripture can awake all kinds of thoughts within us and lead us to turn to God in prayer with new words on our lips. Yet it is something so simple that we are surprised that we never thought about it ourselves. This Gospel features here in Lent to help us come to live life to the full; for often it is only in the face of death that we are shocked into this realisation. This can happen to us in all sorts of ways on the occasion of a loss or bereavement. It is amazing how often it takes overcoming a negative experience to make us realise afresh how much there is that is truly positive and makes life worth living.

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The Fifth  
Sunday  
of Lent



## Parish Renewal Online Formation

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

**Mass of the Oils** -Tuesday 4 April 2023. Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North at 12noon. For the first time in a number of years, we are now able to celebrate the Mass of Oils in a 'normal' way together with all the parishes from around our Diocese. All welcome.

## The adventure

It's easy to make the mistake of seeing life as a treadmill, day after day ups and downs, a movement through time from youth to old age, then death and beyond. Too often it feels as if we are helplessly captive carried along by the momentum of all that is expected of us and demanded from us, and we risk falling into an existence mode, a daily rhythm of survival, enduring, coping and so the treadmill rolls on. Such an existence is not life. Deep within our being, in our healthiest moments, we know that there must be more. Treadmilling through the days, the weeks, the months and the years is not enough. In such a survival we may accept that God exists, and we might often call on God to intervene, to obey our requests like an on-call magician. But this healthy niggling sense persists, the sense that there must be more, surely there is

more. The good news is that there is more. We were not created for an existence but for a life, an adventure both now and into eternity. The problem is that most people are satisfied with the routine and the mundane, seeking nothing more than the cheap and fickle affirmation of the crowd mentality and unconcerned with the approval that comes from God. What about the affirmation that God can and will give to those who are willing to enter the arena embracing life as an adventure of faith. To extend the treadmill analogy a bit: imagine I have a treadmill in the spare room. If I use it, it will help to keep me fit, and I can even listen to music or talking books, perhaps watch movies while exercising, but not leaving the house. The more healthy I become the more I will tire of indoor exercise reading about and watching the lives of others. If I have healthy desire, I will begin to yearn for the outdoors, the countryside, the hills, the ocean and the skies. It is too easy to slip into religious practice as an adequate existence with the approval of other people. However this is not enough. We are made to yearn and long, to hunger and ache, to beg even for the adventure of faith in relationship with Christ. Nothing less can deliver the approval we seek. [foodforfaith.org.nz](http://foodforfaith.org.nz)



The latest issue in your church Sunday Mar. 26

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**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** For many years, indigenous people in Cambodia (Khmer-Loeu people) have been unseen and unrecognised by the majority (Khmer) in this country. In a sense, they are 'dead' to the wider society around them, but still alive as remote communities within their own villages and communes on customary land near many of Cambodia's borders. Recognising the extraordinary knowledge of sustainable land and natural resource use many Khmer-Loeu have developed to sustain their existence, our Cambodian partner, Development and Partnership in Action (DPA) 33 work with local and national authorities to secure legal land title for Khmer-Loeu communities who are frequently at risk of losing everything to illegal loggers and land-grabbers. With their land secure, Khmer-Loeu people can continue to live and thrive without fear of loss of their traditional livelihoods or the land that has nurtured them for countless generations.



## Feast of the Annunciation

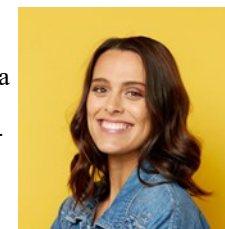
On Saturday March 25 we celebrate the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. Pope Benedict XV1 points out that the angel's greeting using the Greek formula *chaire* means rejoice. "This exclamation from the angel - we could say - marks the true beginning of the New Testament...Gospel - Good News."

**This Sunday night** (26th March), John Cowan's

## Real Life with John Cowan

7.30-8PM, SUNDAYS ON NEWSTALK ZB

guest will be co-founder of Voices of Hope Genevieve Mora. Genevieve is the co-founder and general manager of Voices of Hope, a not-for-profit organisation aiming to break the stigma around mental illness. She spent most of her teenage years battling mental illness, and as part of her recovery, she has made it her mission to offer hope to those fighting mental illness. Along with Jazz Thornton, she published a well-being journal and is currently writing her second book. She was named a Westfield Local Hero for her work and a finalist for the Impact Awards and was named alongside Jazz in the Forbes 30 under 30 Asia. Genevieve is also the co-creator of Love your Kite, a global eating disorder resource app and sits as a lived experience voice on the External Eating Disorder Advisory Board of New Zealand.



**Holy Thursday – 7pm @ St Joseph's, Waipukurau**  
**Good Friday – 3pm @ St Joseph's, Waipukurau**  
**Easter Vigil – 5.30pm @ St Patrick's, Waipawa**  
**Easter Sunday -9.30am @ St Joseph's, Waipukurau**

