

Anniversary's in April

Jack Hallagen, Murray Durham, Ellen Logan, Vaughan Hallagen
Brian Bird, Charlie Percy, Ivan Ujdur, John McDonald
John Stanely, Lenva Martin, Leo Frings (Geoff)
Malcolm Heaven, Michael Ransfield, Robert Frost (Bob)
Thomas Butler (Tom), Gavin Logan, James Cook
John Muelan, James Harris, Emmett McElhinney, William Field (Bill)

Executive Director sought for NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, Wellington-based The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference-Te Huinga o ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa is seeking a Wellington-based Executive Director who will be responsible for working with NZCBC agencies in implementing the decisions of the bishops. The closing date for applications is 17 April, 2023. Full details of the position and how to apply are here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/exec-director/>

International Rural Churches Association 2023 Conference Sequel Oceania
Flourishing: Land, People, Community | Friday 26 to Saturday 27 May 2023
St Enoch's Church, 12 Centennial Road, Alexandra, 9320 Aotearoa New Zealand
You are invited to join us to explore the theme of the international conference for our own context, using ZOOM links and other resources from the conference, as well as input from people who attend the conference. More information at <https://ica.online/ica-2023-conference-sequel-oceania/>

Let your thoughts be
on things above
not on the things that
are on the earth

Col 3:2

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Divine Mercy Sunday

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.**

For Divine Mercy Sunday, remember to reflect on our sins, repent of our sins, receive the mercy of God and respond to the graces which flow from your Reconciliation with God. Jesus said to Saint Faustina Kowalska: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (Diary 699). "Whoever sincerely says, "Jesus I trust I You", will find comfort in all fears" – St Pope John Paul II.



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

9th Paenga –whāwhā, 2023
Easter Sunday

9th April, 2023

Meeting the Risen One

Mary of Magdala was first to go to the tomb, before the dawn when it was still dark, and discovered it empty. Jesus was missing — the master who had understood her and cured her, the prophet she had followed faithfully until his death. Who would she follow now? So her lament to the disciples was: They've taken my Lord from the grave and we don't know where they have put him. Her lament could express the experience that many Christians are living through today: What have they done with the Risen Jesus? Where have they put him — the Lord in whom we believe: is it a Christ full of the promise of life or a Jesus whose memory keeps fading little by little in our hearts? We don't need scientific proofs in order to believe more firmly. To experience the joy of Easter it's not enough to turn to the magisterium of the Church, or to study theological books. In order to meet the Risen One we need above all to journey within. If we don't meet him inside ourselves, we won't meet him anywhere. Later, John describes Mary going about looking for information. But when she does see Jesus, she's so blinded by grief and tears that she does not recognize him; she thinks he's the gardener. Jesus just asks her a question: Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for? Maybe we too need to ask ourselves something similar: Why is our faith so sad and low-key? What are Christians today looking for? What do we yearn for? Are we going around looking for a Jesus that we need in order to feel full of life in our communities? When Mary doesn't recognize Jesus, he calls her by her name, with the same tenderness in his voice as when they were walking through Galilee: Mary! She turns around quickly: Rabbuni! Master! Mary meets the Risen One when she feels herself personally called by him. That's the core of resurrection faith. Jesus shows himself full of life to us when we feel ourselves called by

our own name and we hear the invitation that he makes to each one of us. That's when our faith grows. Our faith in the living Christ won't be revived only by the Easter accounts alone. We won't properly meet him if we don't seek a living, personal contact with him. A combination of the love of Jesus known through the Gospel and sought personally in the depths of our hearts, can best lead us to meet the Risen One. [José Antonio Pagola]



St John's College—On Friday last week our prefects and senior leaders shared a meal together to thank our prefects for their commitment and their leadership. On Holy Thursday, the prefects did their traditional cross walk. It was wonderful to be able to do this again and connect with our Catholic communities in Napier and Hastings after having to cancel it so many times because of Covid. We finished our Cross Walk back at St John's where we ended the day with a Holy Thursday Liturgy before the students headed off for their Easter holidays.

Adoration—"The First Friday of April is on Good Friday this year which means there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on this day. An opportunity for one to spend an Hour with Our Lord may be on Holy Thursday evening, after the 7pm Mass, at the Altar of Repose."

Mass of the Oils | Tuesday 4 April 2023 - Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North. It was wonderful to once again join together, with representatives from across the diocese gathered at the Cathedral of the Holy

Spirit to celebrate the Mass of the Oils. Thank you especially to those who travelled for this occasion.



The culmination of our Lenten season is this Passion Week of Jesus. Every year we strive for 40 days to live a repentant, spiritually enriching time to grow and prepare our hearts for the glory of Easter morning. Reliving the events of Jesus' last week leading up to Easter is important for us as we try to grasp and appreciate the sacrifice He made on our behalf. The Resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our Catholic faith: it is what started our Church and caused it to spread so rapidly. We were not there when Jesus was arrested, tortured, hung on a cross, and suffered terribly for us. But those who were there were so transformed by this week of events that they were willing to die for their

faith. The Apostles believed Jesus was the Christ, the long-awaited Messiah (Mark 8:29), and this belief was truly solidified after they witnessed the Resurrected Saviour. They immediately went out and boldly told everyone they met all that they knew about their beloved Messiah (Acts 2:40-41). Just as the apostles realized Jesus' Resurrection was real and amazing, God desires this same fire inside of us. We shouldn't be able to keep from talking about Jesus and all He did for us. His love should be a part of everything we do and say. As we relive the Stations of the Cross one last time this week, try to put yourself in each of the scenes and let the events fill your heart with love and gratitude to Jesus. Maybe stay with one of the Stations that really affects you. Apply a lesson from God in that step to more fully absorb what a sacrifice of love Jesus went through. One of the most striking lines from all of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' Passion is when He says from the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). I feel He was talking to me when I, knowingly and unknowingly, sin against Him and it makes me sad. I feel responsible for His awful death. But it is also an inspiration to be more forgiving to those who sin against me, either on purpose or not. If, in His agony, Jesus could forgive those who persecuted Him so terribly, then I should be able to forgive others. He was also asking His Father to forgive us all of our sins for which He was hanging on the cross as the Perfect Lamb of final sacrifice, and I can never thank Him enough for that. We cannot even fathom the depth of God's love for every human being across time and place. We are incapable of that level of agape love; it is a mystery to us. Yet we can be thankful for what we can perceive and understand. We can thank God through our prayers, our honouring Him in worship (especially this Sunday!), and by striving to live holy even after Lent is over. *Copyright 2023 Colleen Mallette*

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Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy
The Book of Job – a Book of Hope?... with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 24 April, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl. study material)

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/>

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

Contents for April WelCom include:

Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

A Catholic faith and leadership response to

Cyclone Gabrielle – Sacred Heart College

Napier principal Maria Neville-Foster.

Wairoa, Hawke's Bay and Central Hawke's

Bay Catholic communities – stories after Cyclone Gabrielle.

Vocations Sunday and National Vocations

Awareness Week.

NZ Catholic bishops welcome Vatican's rejection of "Doctrine of Discovery"

The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand strongly support the Vatican's repudiation of the colonial-era concept of the

"Doctrine of Discovery" used by European powers to take over many lands from their indigenous owners. A joint statement (in full

below) last night from the Vatican's dicasteries for Culture and for Integral Human Development formally repudiates "those concepts

that fail to recognise the inherent human rights of indigenous peoples, including what has

become known as the legal and political 'Doctrine of Discovery'."

The Doctrine had as its basis "papal

bulls" (decrees) issued by Pope Nicholas V in

1455 and Pope Alexander VI in 1493 granting European monarchs the authority to seize in-

habited lands in Africa and the Americas, establish European colonies and convert the people of those lands to Christianity. Though those bulls were rejected by Pope Paul III in 1537, many European powers continued to use the Doctrine of Discovery as the basis for colonisation. The Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand have been carefully considering calls in recent years by Māori leaders for the Catholic Church to reject the Doctrine of Discovery. "In the 21st Century we abhor the kind of belief that one group of people is superior to another and reject it absolutely," the bishops say jointly today in welcoming the Vatican's repudiation of the Doctrine. "We say to the Māori leaders who asked us to reject the Doctrine and to all other people of this country that we reject it absolutely and without reservation. Such a doctrine has no place in our world and should not be part of any discourse about this country's future directions."



Palm Sunday 2023