# Anniversary's in June

Dorothy McKennie (Dolly), Fr John Cleary, John Barrett
Neil Robinson, Peter Harker
Kim Logan, Betty Condliffe
Michael Chote, Mary Hoogenboom
Phillip McSharry, Thelma Downey
Jennifer Robinson, Kim Logan, William Ellison (Pat)

Real Life - This Sunday night (11th June), John Cowan's guest will be broadcaster, podcaster and media chaplain Petra Bagust. Petra has worked in TV and radio for over 30 years. She grew up in Christchurch and attended the University of Canterbury, where she completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts. She began her television career at local TV station Cry TV and later co-hosted youth TV series Ice TV and Ice As. She went on to host What's Really In Our Food? and present TVNZ's Breakfast. Most recently, Petra has moved into podcasting, hosting two podcasts - Grey Areas and Sunday Sanctuary. Grey Areas remained in the top 10 Apple Podcasts for eight weeks and just won Best Entertainment Podcast - Seasonal at the 2023 New Zealand Radio Awards. She is also a chaplain with Media Chaplaincy New Zealand, offering support and a listening ear to media professionals. Petra and her husband Hamish have three children and live in Auckland.

**Pro-Life Facts**—The US Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization in 2022 concluded that there is nothing in the Constitution's text, history, American legal tradition, or the Court's precedents that justified the extreme holding of the original Roe v Wade decision. For more pro-life info, visit Voice For Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz

# Exploring the Seasons of Grief—A

small group programme for adults This programme is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the impact of loss and grief on an individuals wellbeing. During the programme, participants will: Understand that it is normal to experience a range of grief reac-

### **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

tions. Explore new approaches to dealing with change, loss and grief in their lives. Build communication, decision making and problem solving skills. Participate in a supportive network of peers and adults. Learn about how different people respond to change, loss and grief. Dates: Wednesdays in July 2023 Time: TBC 9.30 – 12.30 Venue: St Peter's Hall, Waipawa Cost: \$30.00 Facilitator: Sally White Enquire or Book: gtgwaipukarau@acw.org.nz or call: 021 751 814





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# Rātini Kupu

11th Pipiri 2023
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
11th June, 2023

# The table of fellowship

Sitting together for a meal can generate a special feeling of togetherness. Each of us will have our own memories of table companionship or fellowship. Many of these will be happy experiences of celebration and laughter, of love received and shared. Some memories of table fellowship may be sad, times when we were more aware of one who was absent than of those who were present. Jesus shared table many times with his disciples. It is likely that, when sharing food with his disciples, he also shared with them his vision of God's kingdom. At table, the disciples imbibed something of Jesus' mind and heart and spirit. Of all the meals he shared with them, the meal that stayed in their memory more than any other was their last meal together, what came to be known as the last supper. Today's gospel gives us Mark's account, his wordpicture, of that last supper. This last meal Jesus shared with his disciples stood out in their memory, capturing the imagination of generations of disciples right up to ourselves. He did more than share his vision with the disciples; he gave them himself in a way he had never done before, and in a way that anticipated the death he would die for them and for all, on the following day. In giving himself in the form of the bread and wine of the meal, he was declaring himself to be their food and drink. In calling on them to take and eat, to take and drink, he was asking them to take their stand with him, to give themselves to him as he was giving himself to them. It was because of that supper and of what went on there that we are here in this church today. Jesus intended his last supper to be a beginning rather than an end. It was the first Eucharist. Ever since that meal, the church has gathered regularly in his name, to do and say what he did and said at that last supper — taking bread and wine, blessing both, breaking the bread and giving both for disciples to eat and drink Jesus continues to give himself as food and drink to his followers. He also continues to put it up to his followers to take their stand with him, to take in all he stands for, living by his values, walking in his way, even if that means the cross. Whenever we come to Mass and receive the Eucharist, we are making a number of important statements. We are acknowledging Jesus as our bread of life, as the one who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers. We are also declaring that we will throw in our lot with him, as it were, that we will follow in his way and be faithful to him all our lives, in response to his faithfulness to us. In that sense, celebrating the Eucharist is not something we do lightly. Our familiarity with the Mass and the frequency with which we celebrate it can dull our senses to the full significance of what we are doing. Every time we gather for the Eucharist, we find ourselves once more in that upper room with the first disciples, and the last supper with all it signified is present again to us. associationofcatholicpriests.ie

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin ii for Body of Christ) is a Catholic Latin Rite " liturgical solemnity celebrating the belief in "the body and blood of Jesus Christ's Real "Presence in the Eucharist. The feast originat-"ed with the visions of St. Juliana of Mont "Cornillon, a Belgian nun deeply devoted to "the Holy Eucharist, to whom Jesus appeared "requesting a feast in honour of the Blessed "Sacrament. St. Juliana shared this with the "Church hierarchy, and after decades of oppo-"sition, Pope Urban IV instituted the feast of "Corpus Christi for the universal Church in "1264. At the time, there was a formal dispute hearts. I have had little ones set their " among theologians on the Real Presence of "Jesus in the Eucharist—that is, Christ's actual had older ones home from college or "Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—for the "first time in Church history. In response to "this heresy and in support of the authenticity " of St. Juliana's visions, the first recorded Eu-"charistic Miracle took place in Orvieto, Italy, "which proved the truth of the literal interpre-"tation of Christ's doctrine handed down from "the Apostles. The Holy Father requested that "the liturgy for the feast be composed by St. "Thomas Aquinas, now one of the Church's "most sublimely poetic liturgies. Corpus "Christi is traditionally accompanied with Eu-"charistic large and elaborate public proces-"sions, most notably by the Holy Father in "Rome.

**# MaryBeth Eberhard shares a daily** "ritual that has made a big difference in "her relationship with her growing chil-"dren. I have a morning ritual that has "served me well in my mothering. I wake "up and brew two cups of tea. The flavors "vary but they are known as "Mom tea" in "my home—a variety of blacks served "with cream and sugar. Choosing their "own cup of tea, no one in my home "would brew this cup. This ritual has "made a dramatic impact on my mother-"ing. It started when I went to a wom-"en's retreat. There I asked the Lord what "He wanted from me in this stage of life. "Things were hard and my heart was so "heavy with worry for my children. I could His presence so clearly to me. Copyright "not control the outside influences in their "lives and my momma's heart was struggling. (Note to self: I still cannot control

those outside influences.) So I laid it out " before the Lord in a heartfelt prayer of supplication during Adoration. "Make me a cup of tea," He said. ... I thought to myself, "Really? That's all you want from me?" Having learned over the years that His ways are wiser than mine, I began this ritual.

From that time on, I have lovingly made two cups of tea each morning, and inevitably, someone will wake up early and come sit with me while I am praying or working and give a nod to the cup of tea. I smile and offer it and we share our alarms to get the cup of tea first. I have preparing to go to work get up early and grab the tea and sit with me before they leave. The mothering moments that have come from this time have been invaluable. In the quiet sipping of a warm cup of tea, the walls are let down and I ask them, "How is your heart?" When we " go deep to the heart, they must look inward and reflect. From there, come stories. These stories are a light into their hearts. I can more easily see their joys and their wounds, and I can pray more intentionally. This light is the gift I was asking for from God, the one I did not know I needed. In the offering of the tea for the Lord, He sheds a light into the " hearts of my children and shows me exactly what He wants of me in this time. There are no more diaper changes for me, no more snacks to be packed or as many bedtime stories. My children are growing older. My doing has become praying. It is in the praying that I am fighting back against those influences. wounds and hurts my children are experiencing. A mother's prayer is powerful! So I make the tea and God provides. There are mornings I have had the " tea get cold and prayed for the one whom the cup is for that day. That in itself is a mother's offering. I find that it is in the simple offerings that Jesus shows 2023 MaryBeth Eberhard

## : St John's College • PROSPECTUS EVENING Tuesday 13

• June – 7pm – Parents and students of Year 8 boys are welcome to come along to this evening to learn more about the College. Preference Enrolments are open. Please phone the office to make an enrolment interview

• Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy • Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 19/26 June & 03/10 July, 7-8.30pm.

• ZOOM.

• Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated. https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-inthe-scriptures/

Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum • with Laetitia Puthenpadath

• Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions.

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# St Joseph's Catholic Church

**Dannevirke** | Celebrating 125 years Jubilee—14th & 15th October 2023, 32 Allardice Street, Dannevirke

• We are celebrating 125 years of St Joseph Parish throughout 2023. We are also holding a special Jubilee Mass & luncheon on Saturday the 14th October, followed by a special Mass Sunday 15th October. We invite all past and present parishioners and their families, and supporters to celebrate

• this wonderful occasion. Please register your interest by emailing • stjodvke@xtra.co.nz with your • details.

**Please participate** in the Church Life Survey Our church is part of this nationwide survev of church attenders. This is • a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the If ife of our church and be heard by our leaders. Can you take 10-15 minutes to fill it out by • 20<sup>th</sup> June?



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