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)

Pro-Life Facts—A relatively new development is that some pharmacies in New Zealand fill prescriptions for mifepristone and misoprostol, the abortion pills that are used to kill an unborn child in the first ten weeks of life. However, some pharmacies will opt not to dispense abortion pills and Right to Life encourages pro-life New Zealanders to patronise only these pharmacies. For more prolife info, visit RTL at www.righttolife.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 reactions. 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

This Sunday night (18th June), John Cowan's guest will be CEO of Tearfund NZ Ian McInnes. Ian's introduction to aid and development came when he was in Sri Lanka during the Boxing Day Tsunami in 2004 and helped with the aid response. He became CEO of Tearfund NZ in 2013 and is now one of New Zealand's leading disaster response managers, having worked at the forefront of international humanitarian response. Pri-

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

or to becoming Tearfund NZ CEO, Ian was Acting International Policy and Programmes Director at World Vision New Zealand. Ian is married to Himali, a GP and author, and they live in Auckland.

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-in-the-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.

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

How You Can Help

Pray

Pray for peace for all those fleeing war

natred, persecution and poverty

- Educate and raise awareness about the situation that Rohingya are facing, so they are not forgotten and abandoned by the
- Donate
 - Donate to work being done by to supporefugees in Aotearoa and overseas
 https://www.caritas.org.pz/donate-online







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Rātini Kupu

18th Pipiri 2023
11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
18th June, 2023

The Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants on June 18th, 2023, is a day to work on Building a Future for All. This year we focus on the Rohingya Crisis, reminding us of the terrible reality that thousands of people are faced with every day, and challenging us to think about what we can do to ensure their inclusion in the construction of the future.

Currently, there are over 900,000 Rohingya living in the camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, and almost 500,000 of them are children. Our partners Caritas Bangladesh and Catholic Relief Services Bangladesh work to help people living in these camps, shar-



ing love in action. Their community-based support programme, the BareFoot Counsellors Project, is helping Rohingya communities feel empowered, safe, and have hope for their futures

Communitarian Church - At a time when the role of Church is sometimes confusedly understood even by Christians, our Scriptures remind us that Christianity from the beginning was communitarian in nature. Jesus never intended an individualistic do-it-yourself approach to salvation. Paul tells us that we are called and brought into a special relationship with God not because of anything we have done. We are justified and reconciled with God because of the death and resurrection of Christ. It is not something we can do on our own. Exodus also assures us that it was God who brought Israel to Sinai. It was on God's initiative that salvation or the freeing of Israel from the slavery of Egypt was accomplished. Jesus too had compassion and pity and sent the apostles forth to continue his work of preaching the Good News. We are reminded also of our new relationship with God because of what God has done for us. The beautiful images in our first reading and Gospel recall this intimacy. "I bore you on eagle wings," "You shall be my special possession," and "his heart was moved to pity" are all ways of telling us how God has loved us. Paul reminds us that Christ's death is a sign of that love. That love too, he tells us, is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. We live today in that special relationship, with the corresponding obligations that we have as God's people. The message of Good News is not meant only for ourselves. God reminded Israel that "all the earth is mine." Like the apostles, we too are sent forth with power to proclaim the goodness of our God associationofcatholicpriests

"readings are closely related, and what links " first reading, we find the Israelites in the Siin nai desert after the Exodus. Moses conveys "the word of Yahweh to the people, a message " of God's loving care expressed under the im-"ried Israel out of the slavery of Egypt into "tians thought of the sun-god Horus as an eagle, which crossed the sky daily from east to "west; this did not prevent them from pictur-"ing the sun god as the sun disk and combinii ing them in a single symbol – a sun disk en-"dowed with wings The Israelites took over "the imagery of the Egyptians, while trans-"forming the theology. For the Israelites "the "sun-with-wings" became a symbolic state-"ment for Yahweh's special care for his peo-"ple. "Under the shadow of your wings, pro-"tect us, 0 Lord," is a cry to Yahweh which "appears in the Psalms five times in all. In "each case the Psalm in question is a psalm of "hope. The imagery is clearest in the prophet "Malachi: "The sun of justice shall shine with "healing in its wings. The Exodus, liberation, " salvation, has come to Israel through the mer-"cy of Yahweh who has taken the initiative in "this work of grace. If we turn to the Second "Reading, we find a similar lesson derived for "the encouragement of Christians from consid-"eration of the death of Christ. The death and "resurrection of Christ are the New Exodus by which liberation and salvation come to men. "" "We were reconciled to God by the death of "his Son.. Surely we may count on being "saved by the life of his Son." Reconcilia-"tion brings joyful trust in God through "Christ. Our trust in God is based on "God's love for us which is proved by the "fact that he died for us even when we "were sinners and unworthy of his love. "We have here a point of great importance "which is applicable to us in our own daily "lives. It is essential for parents, for exam-"ple, not to give the impression to their

Trust in the Lord - The first and second children that the parent's love has been withdrawn when children have been guilty of mi-"them is the theme of trust. If we start with the nor, or even major, breaches of correct conduct. The conclusion the children will reach is that their parents love them, not so much for themselves, as for their goodness, the respectability of their lives and the undisturbed "age of a large bird, an eagle, who has just carpeace which formerly reigned in the home. All these reasons concern the interests of the "freedom; The imagery is pagan, for the Egyp- parents, not the children. This is not love at all, for love seeks the interests of the loved one. If, for example, a unmarried girl becomes pregnant, true parental love will see to it that the girl remains truly loved, just at the moment when she is most in need of love. The only negative attitude to be dopted is that " of refusing to condone what has happened, of " saying that what is wrong is right. In this way " parents will reflect faintly the love of God for his erring children. To do this, parents will have to be free from "the slavery of public opinion and able to set aside considerations of public respectability. The result will be greater personal freedom from fear of what other people may say and interior growth for the parents. The second reading speaks of "joyful trust" It may be too much to expect "joyful trust" of everyone, for hope is not its nature essentially joyful. Hope has as its object things which are difficult to attain and often it is a matter of clinging on in hope. What is important is hope, whether joyful or not. We can be helped towards this by either the imagery of "God's wings" or consideration of the redemption through the death of Christ who loved us while we were still sinners. association of catholic priests



: St John's College

• This week, on Tuesday, the college held their • prospectus evening. The evening was well attended, and we would like to thank staff and students for their help and support on the evening. On Wednesday evening we held our • annual Fia Fia night with Sacred Heart Col-• lege. It was a wonderful evening where the Pasifika communities from both schools came together to celebrate their culture.

* Taste of St John's Day -

• Wednesday 19 July

The day commences with a Powhiri at • 9.30am. We will conclude the day's programme at 2.10pm. This event is an • opportunity for Year 8 boys to observe St John's College in action. Coding and • Robotics, Science experiments, Culinary • Arts and Sport will be offered to reflect life at St John's. Can you please phone the Office if your son would like to attend this exciting promotion day: 06 878 6853.

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 survey of church attenders. This is a confidential opportunity for you to have your say on the life of our church and be heard by our leaders. Can you take • 10-15 minutes to fill it out bv 20th June?



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International visit by MMP Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole and Father Donal McIlraith to Palmerston North - Priests and laity are invited to attend a Mass, Cenacle and presentation at St Marys Church 69 Ruahine St on Saturday 8 July 2023 at 11.30 am. Please bring food for a shared lunch afterwards. MMP groups will attend from Whanganui and Hawkes Bay. The Marian Cenacle has been actively held in the Palmerston North diocese for the past 25 years. It commences with a rosary followed by readings from the messages of Mother Mary received and recorded by Italian priest and MMP founder Father Stefano Gobbi from 1972 till 1997. The Marian Cenacle is a global movement within the Catholic Church. The principles of the MMP movement are: 1 Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary 2 Unity with the Pope and the Church united to Him 3 Leading the Faithful to Entrustment to Our Lady

