

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)

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

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 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://>

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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

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Pro-Life Facts

Leading African political, religious, and business leaders have asked members of Congress to stop promoting abortion in U.S. foreign assistance for HIV/AIDS. Source: WASHINGTON, D.C., June 9 (C□Fam) For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz



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Rātini Kupu

25th Pipiri 2023

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

25th June, 2023

Christian, but not offensively so

When Professor Mahaffey, a wit and scholar at Trinity College Dublin, was once asked if he was a Christian, he drawled, “Yes, but not offensively so.” Clearly he felt that Christianity should not intrude on the society he kept, nor put obstacles in the pursuit of any pleasure that attracted him. This could easily be a description of the Christianity of many of us here and now also. While we are quite prepared to admit that we are Christians, we are, by and large, careful not to take religion too seriously. I think it's fair to say that rarely do we in any practical way so shape our lives according to our religious beliefs, that they offer and reprimand, however silent, to people who live by totally different standards. A genuine Christian cannot fully escape Christ's call to be different from the world. What he asks us is not to conform to the standards of this world, but rather to transform those standards. St Paul thought of Sin entering this world through one man, Adam, and through sin death, so that death has spread throughout the whole human race, because sin is so universal. The world's greatest sin is unbelief, and the task of the Church is to challenge this unbelief, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit. The last words of Jesus, according to St Matthew, were, “Go and make disciples of people everywhere; baptise them and teach them to observe all that I taught you. And I am with you always, yes to the end of time.” While we live in this world, we are meant to remain aware of the world to come, and live for God by pursuing the standards Jesus set for us. When the Apostles worried about the future, Christ encouraged them, “Don't be afraid. I am with you always.” The deepest truth about God that Jesus taught is that he is a caring God, compassionate and forgiving, a God who is on our side. Our attitude to life can be that of the psalmist who says, “In God I trust – I shall not fear” (Ps 56:1. The only thing to fear is losing God, loss of trust in God. This lack of trust begins when I look for security through my own efforts, in the works and wealth of my own making. Jesus criticised the feverish efforts, the anxious haste and worry of those worldly people, who refuse to grant God any part in their lives. “In God I trust; I shall not fear.” Jesus himself on the night of his last Passover, was about to suffer more than anyone had ever suffered, or ever will suffer in time to come. Yet, he remained affectionate and caring towards his friends and shared the meal with them, even the one who was plotting his betrayal. Later in Gethsemane when the terror of what lay ahead caused his sweat to fall like great drops of blood, his prayer was still, “Not my will but yours be done.” No matter how awful the future may seem, this should be our prayer and our spirit too. *Associationofcatholicpriests.ie*



The Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North

is pleased to share the following good news with you. Pope Francis has chosen Father John Adams to be the new bishop of Palmerston North. Bishop-elect John



is currently a priest of the diocese of Christchurch and is based in Rangiora. Once ordained, he will be the third Bishop of Palmerston

North. We express our gratitude and warmest congratulations to Bishop-elect John as takes on this new role and a Mass of Ordination and Installation will be announced once details have been confirmed. Please pray for John during this time of preparation, leading up to his ordination

Poet Robert Burns wrote: "Oh that would the Giftie gie us, to see ourselves as others see us."

But we all have that gift, whether we know it or not. We call it projection. A wise woman once told me: "Projection is the greatest evil." However, projection can be positive. Years ago, an Australian nun came to New Zealand for a retreat. She had with her a book of reflections I had written. On the first day of the retreat, she talked about this book. We did not journey far. On the second morning, she was still referring to the book, and I was getting annoyed. Then the indwelling voice I know as Jesus made a suggestion. I asked her, "Do you write?" She said no, she didn't, then added that she wrote poetry as a teenager in school. With a nudge from my inner friend, I asked her if she would like to write all her retreat reflections as poetry. She looked animated, and that's what she did. Those poems were so deep and clear, they

were eventually published in Australia, and went into reprint. This religious sister rediscovered her gift and I discovered that projection is a gift that acts two ways: as attraction or repulsion. Either way, projection is all about growth. What do I mean by that? Let's look at negative projection. There is someone who irritates us, someone we put at a distance, someone we see as "wrong." If I release myself of the judgemental attitude, I realise that another person has tapped into my shadow. Every gift has a shadow. I have good discernment and the shadow side is discernment is judgemental attitudes. I have to deal with that. I've always been a maternal person, but when someone tries mothering me, my feathers get ruffled. I am not going to change the gifts I've been given, but I learn to see my shadow as my teacher. Did Jesus have to deal with his shadow? I think so. He would need to, in order to be fully human. He was also fully divine and living a life of huge compassion. In the Gospels, we see Jesus very critical of people who are self-centred and not compassionate. But near the end of his life, he did not defend himself, and he came to the fullness of divinity and humanity in his last statement: "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do." At the end of life, Jesus fully understood the blindness of his persecutor's projection. When I was young, I was taught about "good" and "evil." Now I see that as "Blessing" and "Teaching." Here I have dwelt on the "Teaching" side of projection because there is a lot of negative talk in the Catholic church today. Why is this so? Instead of seeing our shadow as a teacher, we want to project it out there on something or someone else. Why are we not writing about the radiant beauty of the church, that glorious mixture of the human and the Divine? I don't know. But when I witness the bickering that goes on in parishes, I wonder how that can attract people to our beautiful Faith. *Joy Cowley is a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and retreat facilitator. Joy Cowley is a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and retreat facilitator. Cathnews.co.nz*

St John's College

This week our senior students have been busy completing internal assessments. On Tuesday and Wednesday our Year 10 students, along with those from Sacred Heart College, were involved with the BP business challenge. We continue to have house masses at lunch times on Tuesdays and this week our mass had a special Matariki theme in light of Matariki on Friday.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

Taste of St John's Day -

Wednesday 19 July

The day commences with a Pōwhiri 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.

Please participate in the Church Life Survey Our church is part of this nationwide survey of church attendees. 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 by 20th June?

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International visit by MMP Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole and Father Donal McLraith 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

WelCom June/July 2023

Contents include:

Installation Mass for Wellington's new Archbishop Paul Martin SM.

Farewell to Cardinal John Dew on his retirement as Archbishop of Wellington.

O'Shea Shield 2023 competition and joint winners - Sacred Heart College Lower Hutt and St Patrick's College Silverstream.

Palmerston North Diocese post-cyclone support - update from Nick Wilson.

Professor Rangi Mātāmua - key instigator of Matariki public holiday, 2023 Kiwibank New Zealander of the year and old boy of Hato Pāora College.

PM's science teacher of the year award - to St Pat's Town teacher Dr Douglas Walker.

World Youth Day - pilgrimage from New Zealand to Portugal.

Protecting our children against measles - Nathaniel Centre.

Plus, more features, local and international news and views, Young Church and reflections.

12th Sunday
25TH JUNE
in Ordinary Time

"Not a sparrow falls from the sky without our God knowing and caring about it. Every hair on our head has been counted by our God."

In a cosmos as vast as ours the words of Jesus become even more amazing and awesome. Just try to imagine: The God who "laid the foundations of our universe, and who arranged the changing of times and seasons" is aware of even a sparrow falling from the sky. And, as the Gospel concludes, "We are worth more than hundreds of sparrows."

Read the full reflection by Fr Brian Maher OMI on this Sunday's Gospel

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