

Anniversary's in July

John McLeod, Regine Abraham, Gerard Mooney, Elizabeth Tobin
Joy Bird, Cecil Moran, Sr Cyprian, Campbell Steel
Cornelia Harbers (Corrie), Margaret Brown, Fr Patrick Loft
Geoffrey Marra, Herbery Houltham (Shorty)
Joan Heaven, Regina Abraham, Anthony Qinn
Raewyn Grevatt, Mary Nesbit, Sheila Gray, Rosalie Prescott

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer

School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Ngā Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 29/12/23 until 7/01/23! Registrations open July 2nd at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

Synod update: Instrumentum laboris document published - The General Secretariat of the Synod has published the Instrumentum laboris – the document that will guide the work of the two-part General Assembly that will meet in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024. The document will be the basis for the work of the participants in the General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality, which begins in the Vatican in October 2023 and concludes with a second Assembly one year later. Read more about Instrumentum laboris and the Synod process here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-update/> Read a Vatican News article about Instrumentum laboris here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-06/instrumentum-laboris-calls-welcoming-yet-diverse-church.html>

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

Pro-Life Facts—Visit the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, www.usccb.org/prolife/programs/rlp/rue.pdf for a commentary on how abortion may affect men. Entitled: “The Hollow Men”: Male Grief and Trauma Following an Abortion’, the commentary is authored by Vincent Rue, codirector of the Institute for Pregnancy Loss, Jacksonville, Florida. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz



The latest issue in your church Sunday July 2



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Rātini Kupu

2nd Hōngongoi 2023
13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

2nd July, 2023

Peter's Pence Collection

"The Church is us all! All those who follow the Lord Jesus and who, in his name, come close to the least and the suffering, seeking to offer a little relief, comfort and peace - (Pope Francis)

Peter's Pence is an offering that may be small, but is of great symbolic value: it expresses the sense of belonging to the Church, and love and trust in the Holy Father. It is a concrete sign of communion with him, as Peter's Successor, and also of solidarity with the most needy, for whom the Pope always cares. With your donation, you support the Pope's mission, which embraces the whole world: from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, fraternity among peoples and charitable works in aid of people and entire populations, thanks also to the activities of service carried out by the Holy See every day. By contributing to **Peter's Pence**, we can all together support **the Pope's mission** through the activities of the Holy See and the initiatives of solidarity in favor of the most needy. If you are not on Planned Giving, you can make your donation in an envelope marked Peter's Pence and place in the collection basket.

"Let us pray through the intercession of Mary, the model of humble and joyful evangelization that the Church may become a welcoming home, a mother for all peoples and the source of rebirth for our world" (Pope Francis).

Themes for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The readings for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time encourage us to make our relationship with God first in all we do. The first reading recounts how a woman provided hospitality to Elisha and was rewarded for her generosity. The psalm reminds us that all of the good things in our lives come from God. And in the gospel Jesus tells us that we must stop clinging to our own self-interests in order to follow him.

Discipleship and Priority: Jesus emphasizes the supreme importance of following Him wholeheartedly, even if it means putting Him above family relationships. He challenges His disciples to prioritize their commitment to Him above all else.

Cost of Discipleship: Jesus acknowledges that following Him may result in division and conflict within families, highlighting the potential sacrifices and challenges that disciples may face for their faith.

Love for Jesus: Jesus calls His disciples to love Him above all, indicating the depth of devotion and allegiance required in discipleship.

Taking Up the Cross: Jesus instructs His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him, signifying the willingness to bear the burdens and endure hardships that come with following Christ. <https://young-catholics.com/>

He Oranga Taurikura – A Thriving Life | Caritas Appeal - Join Caritas' mission to support 'thriving lives' across the Asia-Pacific region. This programme focuses on fostering food and water security, climate-change adaptation, and empowering women in leadership. A small donation can make a lasting impact, and our partnership with the NZ Aid Programme will see your donation multiplied, seeing a gift of \$50 become \$200. Visit [caritas.org.nz](https://www.caritas.org.nz) or call 0800 22 10 22 to donate.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy—Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 03 and 10 July, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

Beauty in Islam with Dr Christopher E. Longhurst
 Saturday, 22 July, 10.00-11.30pm. ZOOM.
 Fee: \$25/session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/beauty-in-islam/>

This week, I was processing some thoughts about this year, and I couldn't help but think about similar planning of mine in years past. A couple of years ago may have been the worst. I was absolutely sure I could be a highly profitable business owner, full-time mother, and caretaker to my parents. There seemed to be a whole world of women online "making it work" and eager to share their tricks. So, I set targets for myself, created beautiful social media calendars, and started working through my contact lists. As the days ticked on, I realized there were new things I was forgetting to do and additional goals I wasn't reaching as emergencies in my family life came up. Each slip-up was a blow to the gut. Here I was, barely out of the gate and struggling to gain speed to become the woman I wanted to be. For years, I had been claiming the concept, "New Year, New You," but the truth was closer to a frequently quoted phrase: "No matter where you go, there you are." As I looked back, I noticed that this last year was different—in a big way. One key difference was something I learned from Lisa Mladinich, my friend and

coach. Lisa—and her expertise in CliftonStrengths®—showed me that if I focus on how I'm "wonderfully made," I'll race toward my dreams. Lo and behold, that's exactly what happened. When I began working with Lisa, I discovered the areas of my natural talents—the parts I like to look at as my superpowers. Some of these included connectedness, belief, and empathy. Anyone who knows me personally—or who has read my weekly emails for a while—can see how these strengths are put into practice. Yet, it's so easy for me to overlook who God naturally made me to be and aim to become someone I'm not. Eventually, I found myself putting a clear line through the list of things I needed to fix and instead, I started to build on those unique ways God made me. Soon enough, what I'd been missing, like purpose—something that had been elusive for many years—began to come into focus. I saw how all my strengths added up to someone who was uniquely able to be a "light in the darkness." I saw how I needed to have a one-on-one connection, and I understood how, if I brought my faith along, I would come to a place of thriving. Is it any surprise I've found myself elated with each Grief Coaching client with whom I get to spend time? These lessons were so ground-breaking that I agreed to record an episode of Lisa's show, [Wonderfully Made](#). One of the most brilliant outcomes was uncovering the truths I had experienced, namely: There is no part of me that is a mistake. There is no experience I have had that can't be used to do incredible things in this world. There is no dream that doesn't sing from a place of vibrant uniqueness. In what ways are you trying to be someone you're not instead of highlighting how great you are? What weakness is holding you back? When was the last time you allowed God to share the beautiful strengths He gifted you with? What would happen in your life if you allowed new life to be breathed into your strengths? *Copyright 2023 Johanna Stamps—catholicmom.com*



St John's College—The final week of term two has arrived along with a few welcomed sunny days. Our 1st XV rugby team headed off to Sydney on Thursday on a rugby tour, and we held our Feast Day Mass on the same day at Sacred Heart Church. We farewelled Joseph Jackman who heads off to teach at a Catholic boy's school in Tokyo. He is an ex-St John's student with a great passion for the college, so it is sad to see him go. On Friday we held our staff retreat day which was held at St Thomas Moore Church. It has been a difficult term for our students and teachers, so I ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers. 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.

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 Kiwi-bank 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.

This Sunday night (2nd July), John Cowan's guest will be CEO of Te Papa Courtney Johnston. Courtney Johnston took up the role of Tumu Whakarara | Chief Executive at Te Papa Museum in 2019. Raised on a dairy farm in Taranaki, Courtney has lived and worked in Wellington since 2000. She holds a Masters in Art History from Victoria University of Wellington, and was the 2015 recipient of a Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Scholarship to research contemporary museum practice in the United States. She went on to roles at City Gallery Wellington, National Library of New Zealand, and as general manager at web agency Boost New Media. Courtney is a trustee of Arts Wellington, the Wellington Performing Arts Trust and The Pantograph Punch. She was the visual arts commentator for RNZ's Nine to Noon programme from 2010 to 2019. She is a past chair of Museums Aotearoa and has also held a range of governance and advisory roles with the National Digital Forum, Tohatoha (Creative Commons Aotearoa New Zealand), Inland Revenue, and MBIE.

15th Sunday In Ordinary Time
2ND JULY 2023

If anyone, reading today's Gospel, imagines that Jesus actually expects us to 'prefer' him before father or mother, then I suggest they read the Gospels again. If anyone argues that we must love Jesus or God more than we love our own son or daughter, then they have not met the same man I meet when I read the Gospels. Clearly, what we are seeing here is exaggeration (hyperbole), used by Jesus to make a point.

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

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