

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—May 29th saw the launch of a NEW Voice For Life Branch in Wairoa. Voice for Life branches meet together on a regular basis to find creative ways to promote and foster respect for human dignity and the right to life in their communities, and nationwide. Contact wairoa@voiceforlife.org.nz for more information. For more pro-life info, visit Voice For Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

St James' Catholic School 65th Jubilee! 10 September 2023

304 Albert Street, Palmerston North - We are celebrating 65 years on the weekend of the 10 September 2023, and we invite all past and present students, staff, families, and supporters to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Register your interest by emailing office@stjamescatholic.school.nz with your details.

Leadership announcement from the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion

E rere ngā wai pūaroa ha ki a koutou, otirā tātou. Let the Waters of Compassion greet you.—At the six yearly gathering of the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion, commonly known as the Sisters of Compassion, the historic decision was made to re-elect their current leadership team: Sister Margaret Anne Mills, Sister Sue Cosgrove, Sister 'Alisi Tu'ipulotu, Sister Lusiana Raratini. The Sisters, now older and fewer in number, will

continue to discern and explore the way forward. In the next period of time, mindful of their current reality and honouring the vision and the commitment of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert, they will explore new pathways, e.g. Congregational Governance Structure. The Sisters appreciate your prayer, and are very grateful for the ongoing support of the Compassion Whānau. Kia whakapaingia koutou e Meri Hōhepa. May you be blessed by Suzanne Aubert. *The Sisters of Compassion*

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

Manaaki Tangata, Haere Whakamua
Care for people, moving forward

COMMUNITY RAFFLE

Tickets \$2 each
Lots of donated prizes to be won
The raffle closes on Friday 16th June
Tickets can be bought from the school office or any of our school whānau

ALSO

COMMUNITY SHARING

You are invited to listen to Ms. Noetzi share her testimony, her journey and how you can help on:

Saturday 11 June at St Patrick's Church during mass at 5:30pm
and
Sunday 12 June at St Joseph's Church during mass at 9:30am

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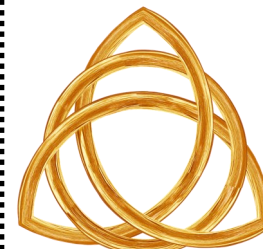
Rātini Kupu 4th July 2023 The Most Holy Trinity

4th July, 2023

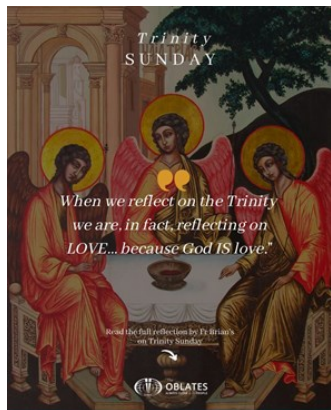
Not such a remote God

In bygone times practically everybody agreed about the existence of God. At those days, religious divisions came from conflicting beliefs about God, rather than any conflict between theism and atheism. This is not the case nowadays. Not only do many openly profess their lack of faith, but the quality of life we pursue tends to promote a kind of atheism in all of us. Especially in our large cities, surrounded by a world of largely human inventiveness, people are at a distance from the things of nature. As a result even the rural-based of our population are bound to feel in some degree God's apparent remoteness from our situation, God's silence, remaining hidden to the end of our earthly days. Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, the revelation of the mystery of God's inner life. This mystery will remain for all of us as long as we live in this world, even though the veil which covers it is lifted ever so little. Our Bible assures us that not only is our God a personal God, but God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Although we cannot even begin to give a logical explanation for this, our faith enables us in some small measure to experience the presence of God. How this can happen is stated by St Augustine in a most beautiful passage from his "Confessions" (p. 211). "What do I love when I love my God?" he asks. Then he continues; "Not material beauty or beauty of a temporal order; not the brilliance of earthly light, so welcome to our eyes; not the sweet melody of harmony and song; not the fragrance of flowers, perfumes and spices; not manna or honey; not limbs such as the body delights to embrace. It is not these that I love when I love my God. And yet, when I love him, it is true that I love a light of a certain kind, a voice, a perfume, a food, an embrace; but they are of the kind that I love in my inner self." "So tell me something of my God," he asks. And loud and clear they answered, "God is he who made us." Seeing God will change us utterly, and this salvation is a pure gift that always comes from the Father, announced and realised in his divine Son, and made effective in each of us through the action of the Holy Spirit. St Paul tells us that "in one Spirit we have

access through Christ to the Father" (Eph 2:18). But the God's reaching down to us must be answered by the up-reach of our soul to God. To succeed in this we must break free from the sinful pursuits which hold us captive. Then as Paul says, like mirrors we will reflect the brightness of the Lord, until finally we are changed into that image which we reflect (2 Cor 3:17f). For this great promise, glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever, Amen. *association-ofcatholicpriests.ie*



Trinity Sunday, when we celebrate the greatest mystery of the Universe. Many of us, growing up, were taught not to bother reflecting on it. We were told that it would be pride to even imagine we can understand the mystery of the Blessed Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. While that is true, it is also untrue! When we reflect on the Trinity we are, in fact, reflecting on LOVE.....because God IS love. Yes, it is a Love which is always beyond our understanding and we will never grasp or comprehend it. We start knowing and accepting this in humility and trust. But..... we were created, we are told, "in God's image and likeness." Therefore, deep within us there is something of the love of the Trinity – a hint maybe, a whisper of a love we share with God, but always and only in a very human, flawed way. When we love or allow ourselves to be loved; when we feel the joy, peace, and that deep contentment that comes when we are 'in love' with another person, we are, for those briefest of moments, glimpsing the love that IS, in a perfect way, the love/life that is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Reflecting on something does not necessarily mean trying to understand or 'solve' it, as if it was a mathematical equation to be proved. Any person who has been 'in love' at any level will know that it is a set of countless paradoxes, an emotion, a decision, an experience that is beyond words. Reflecting on love – reflecting on the life of God – of the Blessed Trinity – is more an acceptance of, or a surrender to, something we know is real and vital and good, yet is beyond our grasp.



Love is who God is, and how God lives. The love we experience is how God shares 'his' own internal life with us. It is therefore something we can, indeed

must, reflect upon, not to understand it but simply to 'enjoy' it, to 'rest' in it. Brian

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From Bishop Michael Gielen:

"It is with joy I announce that Fr Rick Loughnan has been honoured by his Holiness Pope Francis with the title of Monsignor, which designates him as a Chaplain of the Holy Father. "This honour has been bestowed upon Monsignor Rick in recognition of his many years of faithful and humble service to both the local and national Church. "I join with you in congratulating Monsignor Rick and his family on this special occasion."



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 by 20th June?

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rIdawic/01H1SKWCBD1NMRYQ9A7C9NP15Y/en-rc>



Shared morning tea this Sunday after Mass at St Joseph's to celebrate our Feast Day. See you there!



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy of 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

This week St John's College hosted St Pat's Town for our annual, traditional exchange. The exchange has had to be cancelled the last three years due to Covid concerns, so it was exciting that that the two schools could square off again on the sports field. Sports being contested included hockey, rugby, basketball and soccer. It was fitting that at Tuesday mass, Fr. Arthur said a prayer for the teams and the exchange. **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

Prayer for concluding the Marian month of May.—Earlier this year the Secretariat for the Synod wrote to all bishops' conferences and invited us to arrange a celebration of a moment of Marian prayer in preparation for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. This is intended to coincide with the memorial of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the conclusion of the Marian Month on Wednesday 31 May. Memorial of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary & conclusion of the Marian Month. Prayer for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

E te Atua aroha mā te whakapuaki i tō mātou whakapono
Loving God in professing the faith
In which we are united as your people we unite ourselves with the yes



your mother Mary, the first disciple.
E te Atua, te Puna o ngā mea ora katoa, te kaihomai o ngā mea pai katoa
O God, Source of all life, giver of all that is good
We, your people of Aotearoa New Zealand meet in the bonds of your love.
Keep us faithful in our response to your love.
E te Atua aroha, ka karangahia houtia mātou e koe ki ngā hua o te ora.
Loving God, you call us anew to the abundance of life.
In these years of renewed synodal reflection we are listening for your voice.
Now we pray for those who will take our voice to the October Synod dialogue in Rome.
E te Atua, mā roto i te korowai o Maria te whāea o tāu tamaiti, tō mātou whaea anō hoki
O God, under the patronage of Mary, the mother of your son, and our mother
May we grow as people of communion, participation and mission.
We pray that those entrusted with leadership of your church will be open, that together we may enlarge the space of your tent in our land and in our world.
I tēnei wā, ka whakahoungia e mātou tēnei oati tapu
We pray, turning to Mary with new fervour. In union with her Son Our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God forever and ever.
Amen