

Anniversary's in July

June Sullivan, John McLeod, 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

Pro-Life—A writer in a Christian magazine in the USA has argued that the widespread support of abortion is attributable to a tendency for the secular world to see sexuality as a “recreation” that demands a solution when pregnancy does accidentally occur. For more pro-life information, go to www.voiceforlife.org.nz

Role vacancy: Kaihāpai Māori - New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference
The Kaihāpai Māori (Māori Champion/ Advocate/Promotor) will support several of the bishops' national agencies in advancing a deeper understanding of the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi and a Māori way of working across all ministries. Firstly, through uplifting our knowledge and application of tikanga and te reo. Secondly, in seeking opportunities to uplift Kātorika Māori in their faith journey by identifying and assisting in national initiatives in relation to ministry to Māori. If you or someone you know has the ability to engage in and demonstrate tikanga Māori and fluency in te reo Māori, please consider this role. Visit <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/kaihapai-maori/> for more information

St James' Catholic School, Palmerston North 65th Jubilee | 9-10 September 2023 To register your interest, email sjs65jubilee@stjamescatholic.school.nz by Monday 31 July 2023. There is a \$10 registration cost to help cover our costs, however no charge to current school families. Further information will be emailed to you upon registering your interest.

St Joseph's Catholic Church
Dannevirke, Celebrating 125 years Jubilee— 14 & 15 October 2023 Please register your interest by emailing stjodvke@xtra.co.nz with your details.

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

This Sunday night (30th July), John Cowan's guest will be author & MasterChef Australia winner Julie Goodwin. Since becoming the first-ever winner of the competitive cooking reality show MasterChef over a decade ago, Australian mum-of-three Julie Goodwin has become a household name. Her long-time dream of opening a cooking school was realised when she became the resident weekly cook on the Australian breakfast show Today and began her almost ten-year tenure as a monthly columnist for the Australian Women's Weekly. When her first cookbook, *Our Family Table*, was published, Julie became one of Australia's best-selling authors; her book held the number one slot in the book charts for over ten weeks. She has published further cookbooks, including *Heart of the Home*, *Gather*, *\$20 in 20 Minutes*, *Homemade Takeaway* and *The Essential Cookbook*. In 2015 Julie appeared on *I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!*, and in 2016 joined the Central Coast's Breakfast Weekday Show with Rabbit. In 2022, Julie returned to 'MasterChef Fans and Favourites', where she shared her struggles with mental health over the past decade. Using her privileged position, she has vowed to keep the conversation going and is working with Beyond Blue, an Australian mental health and wellbeing support organisation.



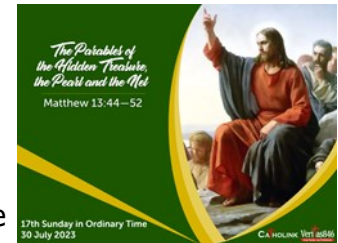
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Rātini Kupu

30th Hōngongoi 2023
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

30th July, 2023

The Priceless Pearl—Those of us reared in the country are familiar with how fiercely an old farmer can cling on to his land. Even a miserable patch of grassy bog feels like an insurance against abandonment. But hanging on is not the answer. It only sows bitterness and frustration in sons whose best years are squandered in waiting. Sons who in turn never learn themselves from the mistakes of their fathers. Love alone can guarantee security and care in one's declining years. Possessions provide only the illusion of security. Elderly farmers are not the only ones who hold on to things for security. Others have their own holdings from which only death can separate them. It may be property and wealth, status and prestige or power and influence. It may even be an awful lot less, trivial comforts and an easy life. It may be a sixteen-hour day or the thankless responsibility of high office. Or a reputation we can no longer live up to. There is nothing more pathetic than an ageing beauty queen who refuses to accept the ravages of time. “Ask what you would like me to give you,” God said to Solomon. “Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil,” he replied. It is the kind of gift we all need. Possessions come in many forms. It is not so much these possessions that we should rid ourselves of, as the demon of possession itself that should be exorcised. Poverty has become a dirty word in the world we live in. We should not let an Ethiopian famine or a Rwanda disaster make us forget that poverty is also a Christian virtue. It is no accident that Christ began his Sermon on the Mount with “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Or that the only condition for his followers is that “they leave all things.” Or that the rich young man should have failed all because he failed this one test, “for he had great possessions.” Or that the pearl in today's parable could only be bought by “selling everything he owns.” The trouble with most people is that they want it both ways. All this and the good life too. But they can't have it both ways. There is a pearl for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay. A price tailored to each individual circumstances. Detachment is that price. To be able to walk away from what we cherish most without so much as looking back with regret. Our tragedy is not that we cannot find the pearl but that we are unwilling to pay the price. associationofcatholicpriests.ie



St John's College

This week we hosted Francis Douglas Memorial College from New Plymouth for our annual sports exchange. These exchanges are a wonderful opportunity for students from Catholic schools to engage in sport and fellowship. Thanks to all the families who billeted the visiting players. This week also saw the bi-annual joint SJC/SHC school production. This year the two schools put on the musical, Godspell with shows running from Tuesday to Friday at the Hastings theatre. Thanks to all the budding thespians and musicians and the hard work of the directors and back stage crew.

Today our Gospel is so utterly simple.

The parables are short, just a few sentences, and so easy to understand. But hidden in the words, hidden in plain sight, is the answer to what we all wish for our children and search for ourselves: 'Happiness'. It is 'a treasure hidden in a field' or a 'pearl of great value', but the utterly amazing revelation of these parables, and it may come to us as a shock, is that this great treasure and pearl of great price is not somewhere 'out there', waiting for us after we die. The treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great value HAS already been found. Happiness – that which we long and yearn for – is already ours if we want it. We won't gain it without some risks, and losses, and doubts, but it is there for us... and it is ours to pass on to our children. Isn't that amazing? Join me in reflecting on this fascinating Gospel.

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17th Sunday In Ordinary Time
30TH JULY 2023

And here today, in our Gospel, he is telling us – showing us – that the 'Kingdom of Heaven' is a 'great treasure' or a 'pearl of great value'. But read it again; it is not a treasure or a pearl that is still to be searched for or hoped for. It is a treasure or a pearl which has already been found! 'The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found...!'

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

Understanding and Recognising PTSD | August 2023

The cyclone caused immense physical and psychological harm to people we love and care about. During the recovery phase, it is important that all members of our communities have the latest and most up-to-date information about identifying and managing the effects that we will see or may be seeing of trauma and PTSD. Community Evenings with Michael Hempseed are being held in Waipukurau, Hastings and Napier in August. No RSVP required. More information available at: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/communityevenings>. **When -21st August @ St Joseph's Hall 7-8pm**

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 07/14/21 Aug & 04/11/18 Sep, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series. All sessions are connect but also stand alone.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/10/women-in-the-bible/>

Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

St Joseph's Hall

Together with the principal of St Joseph's school, the Parish leadership team proposes to transfer ownership of the parish hall to the school, subject to a satisfactory agreement on the ongoing availability of the hall for parish activities. The costs of operation and maintenance of the hall are a drain on parish finances. The hall is a valuable asset to the school, and it has been the major user for some time. The use by the parish has been infrequent. Diocesan authorities have been consulted, and the approval of the Ministry of Education is being sought. Before a final decision is made, the leadership team seeks the views of members of the parish. If you have comments or queries, please send your thoughts in email format or discuss with parish team members or Father Paul. Our email is cat.chb@xtra.co.nz

Episcopal Ordination & Installation of Fr John Adams | 30 September 2023 at 11am | Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North- The clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North welcome you to great joy to the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Reverend John Lewis Adams as Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North. All members of our Catholic community and guests are welcome to attend this joyful occasion for our diocese. Livestream will be made available for those unable to join in person.

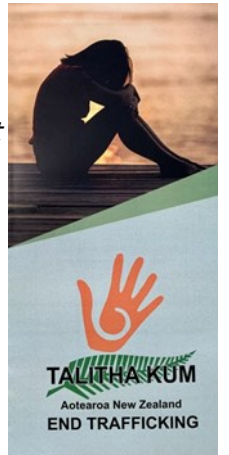
Modern slavery covers a range of exploitative practices including forced labour, forced marriage, human trafficking and slave-like conditions. This happens in Aotearoa New Zealand through such activities as debt bondage, immigrant workers to work in industries here including construction, dairy farming and fruit picking. Slavery exists in many supply chains and legitimate businesses as well as sex slavery which involves an exchange of sex for money and/or drugs. The International Day of Prayer against trafficking of Humans is on Sunday 30 July. Let us remem-

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ber all those caught up in this tragic situation.

St Bakhita pray with us to rid the world of modern slavery, so that no children or adults are subjected to the inhumane treatment you suffered. Bless us God, With hearts that grieve injustice. May your Spirit be with us And Christ companion us. May your blessing flow in us, Strengthening our commitment To stop the trafficking and slavery of humans In this country and around the world. We ask this. Confident that you desire Freedom for all people. Amen



First Reconciliation/Communion

We are taking registrations for our Sacramental programmes. There will be forms in the foyers or please email the office for a form. If your child attends St Joseph's school you can register at the school office. Children need to be 8 years or older. Email the office on cat.chb@xtra.co.nz

