

Anniversary's in July

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

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>

E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā iwi, tēnā koutou katoa.—Applications are invited for the position of Prison Chaplaincy Director

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

for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC). This national role gives pastoral and professional leadership and support to the Catholic chaplains who provide chaplaincy services in the country's prisons. It is also a critical role, leading an important national ministry of the Church. If you or someone you know has experience as a prison chaplain (or in other pastoral or chaplaincy roles) and team leadership experience combined with theology and pastoral qualifications, please visit: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison

St James' Catholic School, Palmerston North 65th Jubilee | 9-10 September 2023
We are thrilled to invite you to the St James' Catholic School 65th Jubilee Celebrations! We are running some great events over the weekend of the 9-10 September 2023. We would appreciate your help in spreading the word to any past and present St James' students, staff and members of the school community! We look forward to seeing you all in less than 3 months!! To register your interest, email us at 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.



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Rātini Kupu

9th Hōngongoi 2023
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9th July, 2023

Becoming like children

“Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee” was the refrain of a popular Gospel song some years back. Putting your hand in somebody else's is a gesture of intimacy, which is very characteristic children with their parents. To a loving father or mother a child will give its hand unquestioningly, with complete trust. Holding his or her father's hand there is nowhere the child will not venture. It is not only willing to be led, but positively wants to be brought somewhere. Somewhere in the growing up process we outgrow our dependency on our parents, and having lost the need for their guidance, even God can become remote for us. Only those who are children at heart can fully understand what Jesus tells us about God — that God reveals Himself to “mere children.” Growing up means ceasing to be dependent. We exchange a child's dependence on people for an adult's dependence on things, like money, alcohol, success and influence. But these props are notoriously fickle and the adult world is often plagued by stress and anxiety. Our props may provide temporary relief but can still leave us — as Jesus puts it — “labouring and burdened;” labouring under illusions of grandeur and burdened with unrealistic targets. The heaviest load we have to carry is that of our own unfulfilled ambitions, the burden of our bruised egos. Only a return to humility can restore our lost innocence and our lost paradise., that honest humility that accepts our creature-status, our status as children before God. To enjoy the peace of Christ we must “put our hand in the hand of the man from Galilee”, who guides us along life's journey and helps us to find the way home. ‘Come to me’, he says, ‘all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.’ In spite of all our problems, we trust him when he says, my yoke is easy and my burden light. associationofcatholicpriests.ie

Day of prayer for Seafarers

Let us remember all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen, women and their families. Away from family and friends for many months at a time, working long hours and navigating some of the world's most dangerous stretches of ocean, seafaring can be a tough, lonely and hazardous career. On this Day of Prayer for Seafarers 9 July, we pray especially for these 1.3 million hardworking men and women who are often forgotten.

A Prayer for Sea Sunday

Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you for your creation and all the beauty in this world. We thank you for the ocean, in its abundance, and for the people who toil on its surface. Without our brothers and sisters who are seafarers, we would not be able to enjoy all the blessings of this world. Enfold them in your fatherly love, guide their passage through storm, swell and darkness. May we always be mindful of our Global Family and be truly grateful for the sacrifices seafarers make each day. Amen



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 or call 0800 22 10 22 to donate.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy—Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 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 Sunday night (9th July), John Cowan's guest will be astronomer Rangī Mātāmua. Rangī's career in Māori astronomy began in 1995 when he asked his grandfather about Matariki. He went on to write his MA thesis on traditional Tūhoe weaponry, and his 2006 PhD at Massey University was titled *Te Reo Pāho: Māori Radio and Language Revitalisation*. He moved to the University of Waikato, becoming a Māori and Indigenous Studies professor. In 2021 he became a Professor of Mātauranga Māori at Massey University's Te Pūtahi-a-Toi School of Māori Knowledge. In 2019 Rangī was awarded the Prime Minister's Science Communication Prize for his work writing and speaking about Māori astronomy and Matariki, and in 2020 won the Callaghan Medal for his work engaging the public at the boundary between science and traditional Māori knowledge. In 2021, he was awarded Fellowship of the Royal Society Te Apārangi, in recognition that his work has revolutionised the understanding of Māori astronomy, and in particular, Matariki. In 2022, he was appointed to the newly-created position as the chief



advisor to the Government on Matariki. In the 2023 New Year Honours, Rangī was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Māori astronomy. He was named the New Zealander of the Year at the 2023 Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year awards, recognised for his efforts to push Mātauranga Māori to the forefront and pioneering the formation of the country's newest public holiday, Matariki

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.

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.



Today's Gospel is, for me, the most beautiful piece of scripture we find anywhere in the Bible. "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." This is the invitation of Jesus to us today. All of us, in different ways, labour and are overburdened and all of us, in our own ways, spend our lives searching for our place of 'rest'. Mindfulness, living the 'present moment', yoga, centring prayer, inner awakening, and hundreds of other forms of meditation all have this in common – a search for that 'place of rest' within us. For us Christians we find this place of rest in the person of Jesus – in his words and deeds, in following the example he leaves us. I began this reflection, certain that I would easily accomplish the task of sharing the beauty of this Gospel. I mean, when we are talking about rest and peace, gentleness and humility, unity and joy, how can we go wrong? What happened as I reflected was something else entirely. Instead of feeling rest and contentment, I found myself becoming uncomfortable, experiencing a certain sense of disappointment. My 'easy' reflection became quite a journey for me – a surprising journey, but a God-filled one. We never really know how God works. Like the 'mere children' Jesus holds before us in our Gospel today, we are asked only to do what children do instinctively – trust and believe what they are told. As they grow we teach our children NOT to trust others or believe what they are told. It is an important lesson since not everyone is trustworthy and trusting leaves us open to abuse and manipulation. Unfortunately, we carry this mistrust into our relationship with God, which is so sad since God is love, and in God, we can always trust – fully and completely. Becoming a 'child' again in a Spiritual sense, simply means learning once more to trust that what God wants for each one of us is 'rest' and peace and happiness. When Jesus says, "Come to me.....and you will find rest", we can believe it. In the Gospels – the words and deeds of Jesus - we will indeed find the rest we spend our lives searching for. Join me in reflecting on this absolutely beautiful Gospel. Many thanks, Brian.

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Dear People of the Diocese of Palmerston North—I want to take this opportunity to write this short message to you as you hear the news that I am to be the next Bishop of Palmerston North. I am very happy to be soon living among the people of the Manawatu and I'm excited to be sharing with you the great adventure of faith. I assure you of my desire to be a good and holy bishop as we together work to make the person of Jesus Christ known and loved by the people of our region. I will take the opportunity to visit the parishes of our diocese as quickly as I can over the weeks and months following my ordination. During that time I hope to spend as much time as possible listening to your experiences of the grace of God in your life and the hopes and fears you have for the Church in our diocese. I also intend to take seriously the role of the episcopal ministry of sanctifying, teaching and governing the People of God. So that, to quote the Second Vatican Council, we might continue to become "a people brought into unity from the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." Finally, I want to make the renewal of our parishes a first priority in this diocese so that our experience of Sunday mass and our general experience of parish life might lead us all to an ardent spiritual reawakening and greater desire for each of us become missionary disciples. I please ask of you your prayers as I finish my time in Christchurch and prepare to shift north to join you all. *In Him Fr John Adams Bishop Elect Diocese of Palmerston North*

