

Anniversary's in August

Margaret Fletcher, Herbert de Stacpoole

Aimee Oldham, Kerri Hitchens

Monica Brick, John Seed

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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.

Royal Commission - St John of God Case Study- The Royal Commission into Abuse in Care has released a report into the Brothers of St John of God. This follows on from public hearings held in early 2022. The focus is on Marylands School, a residential school run by the Brothers in Christchurch from 1955-1983. Also investigated is Hebron Trust an organisation in Christchurch for at-risk youth run by a Brother of St John of God from 1986-1992. The report contains confronting material from the investigation and highlights the horrific abuse and failure to act on reports and disclosures of abuse appropriately. Te Rōpū Tautoko, the group coordinating Catholic responses to the Inquiry, are working through the findings alongside church leadership. They are updating the Tautoko roadmap of work to reflect the required actions. The aim is that all of us collectively implement meaningful change to the way we safeguard all those in care and respond to those who have suffered harm. For more information and to read the report visit www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz/marylands

Pro-Life—Amnesty International has long been renowned throughout mainline churches for its sterling work on behalf of prisoners of conscience and those undergoing torture, unjust imprisonment and the death penalty. Unfortunately a new focus on promoting abor-

tion rights has been introduced and ratified by the International Council of Amnesty International. For more pro-life information, go to www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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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



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Rātini Kupu

13th Here-turi-kōkā 2023

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

13th August, 2023

Fr Paul's Birthday—On the 26th August after Mass, there will be a pot luck dinner in the St Patrick's Hall to celebrate Fr Paul's birthday. All are welcome . Mark the date now!

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray. The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost. Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry. Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son. www.loyolapress.com



St John's College—This week has been one without major events happening, which has been a blessing. Our Y11 students sold their wares during lunch time as part of their commerce/business course, we still have our four visiting Japanese students with us, and our senior students had the opportunity to have a presentation from the NZ Police regarding a possible career in the police force. Don't forget we have our open day on Sunday 20 August.

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**

Welcom—August 2023 edition is out this week to parishes and schools for Sunday, 6 August 2023.

Contents include:

- New bishop for Palmerston North, Bishop-elect John Adams.
- Bishops urge New Zealand Catholics to study synod's working document.
- World Youth Day 2023 – pilgrimage from New Zealand to Portugal.

Aotearoa New Zealand's National Patronal Feast is on Tuesday 15 August. We celebrate the Assumption of Mary Mother of God because this illustrates for us the truth about Christ's promise of eternal life and the resurrection of the faithful. The solemnity of the Assumption calls us to appreciate more deeply the dignity of the human body and its intimate link to our spirituality. The gospel for this day highlights Mary's faith which enabled her to recognise the work of God in her



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people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and co-operative in God's plan of salvation.



Take heart, it is I;
DO NOT BE AFRAID.
Matthew 14:27

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of Calgary
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



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

The written word can sometimes seem cold and analytical, somehow lacking emotion and passion. This can be true even of the Gospel story. It is good to remind ourselves, therefore, that what we are reading in the Gospels is nothing more than the collected stories and memories of men and women who knew Jesus personally, were eye-witnesses to what he said and did, and who with fire and passion told and retold those stories. Behind each incident and event we are 'hearing' the voice of the eye-witness who was there and who saw it. Behind the words of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, we can, if we listen carefully, hear the voice of the person telling the story – Peter, James, Mary Magdalene, John, Mary, Jesus' mother and all of the others. Today, the eye-witness is Peter. He was there. It is his story that Matthew is writing down. The thing about telling a story is that, inevitably, no matter how we try not to, something of ourselves – our ideas, beliefs, values, etc – become part of



The OBLATES ALWAYS CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE

19th Sunday In Ordinary Time
13TH AUGUST 2023

Almost all of the disciples of Jesus, not once, but many times are guilty of saying and doing things that a friend would not say or do. Today's Gospel is a very good example of this, when he (Peter) demands that Jesus prove he isn't a ghost, and then begins to sink after getting out of the boat. But... who was it that had faith enough to get out of the boat in the first place? Peter!

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

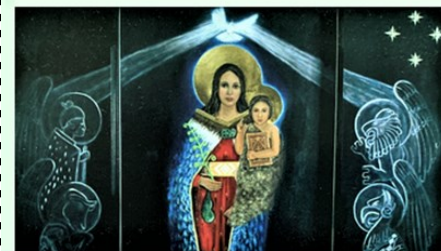
the story. Our Gospel today may well be as much about Peter as it is about Jesus walking on the water, and what we learn about Peter, the person trusted by Jesus to lead his Church, may be a great comfort for all of us who owe our faith to his faith.

Join us in what may be an 'unusual' reflection on this fascinating Gospel.

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Billings Method Training Session

Nelson 29 and 30 September
Billings Life is holding a Natural Fertility Management training session in Nelson on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 September for health professionals, those wishing to become accredited teachers of the Billings Ovulation Method and users of the Billings Method. The Billings Method teaches accurate, evidence-based, scientific self-knowledge about human fertility. It does not depend on regular cycles, thermometers, kits, drugs or devices. It empowers couples to take control of their fertility to avoid or achieve pregnancy or to monitor reproductive health. To register or for further details: Phone 0800 693 378 | Email: info@billingslife.org.nz www.billingslife.org.nz



Solemnity: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 Aug 2023 | Liturgical Year

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