

Anniversary's in October

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Sisters on a Mission—This week has been another incredible week learning about the story of God. A highlight for me has understanding on a deeper level what it means to be people in covenant with God. It has really given a deeper foundation to what we stand on as Christians. Jesus's blood really is enough. It was also fun getting to do Worship With the Word this week with Anita leading! We continue the story of God and His people, the Israelites, in the wilderness as they are being led by Moses towards the promised land. The first big event take place at Mt Sinai, where God makes a covenant with His people and gives Moses the Law. During this time, Moses spends 40 days with the Lord and gets the instructions for building the Tabernacle. While this is happening, the Israelites, under Aaron's supervision, build a Golden calf to worship. When Moses comes down from the Mt Sinai, he is so disgraced by the Israelites behaviour he breaks the stone tablets with the covenant on them, indicating that the covenant has been broken. Moses returns to the top of Mt Sinai to intercede and renew the Covenant. Following this, the tabernacle is constructed, and Moses anoints the Aaron as the Great High Priests. God continues to declare that the Israelites are His chosen people and reaffirms His commitment to them. "but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt." Deuteronomy

7:8. Moses is then instructed by God to send out 12 spies into Canaan. Only Joshua and Caleb come back with a positive report, and God's anger burns against the Israelites unbelief. As a result, He declares that this first generation of Israelites, except for Joshua and Caleb, will die in the wilderness and only the next generation go into the promised land. Korah's rebellion against Moses take place and 3000 die. God reinstates Aaron as

High Priest by miraculously causing his staff to bud. The Israelites see a number of other miracles during this time - God provides water from a rock, twice, He provides food from heaven called manna, He heals them from snake bites, and their clothes and shoes never wear out. The time in the wilderness comes to a close with Moses reading Deuteronomy and renewing the covenant as the people await the crossing of the Jordan into the promised land. Moses gives his final blessing and dies on a mountain in Moab after seeing the promised land. The themes presented in this story include: Gods relentless pursuit of His people. Gods has a plan for redemption. God remains faithful while his people are not. God meets people where they are. God is a God of Covenant. God's Character and Nature evident this week: God is faithful to His promises.

God is Holy. God is merciful. Blessings!

Veronica

Voice for Life invites you to be a voice for the voiceless by taking part in the National March for Life in Wellington, Saturday, 2nd December 2023. For more info: <https://marchforlife.nz/> For more pro-life info, visit Voice for Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz

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

22nd Whiringa-ā-nuku 2023

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

22nd October, 2023

Today, Sunday 22 October 2023 throughout the World is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday reminds us of the call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ. Hearts on fire, feet on the move (cf. Lk 24:13-35). The risen Christ, then, is both the one who breaks the bread and, at the same time, the bread itself, broken for us. It follows that every missionary disciple is called to become, like Jesus and in him, through the working of the Holy Spirit, one who breaks the bread and one who is broken bread for the world...

For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognized him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelization in today's world. It is first and foremost the celebration that all of us who are baptized are called to be missionaries. Parishioners are invited to support the work of Missio Aotearoa as we celebrate Mission Sunday. If you wish to support World Mission Sunday, and are not part of the Parish Planned Giving programme, there are envelopes in the foyer today and next Sunday 29 October, which is Mission Sunday Collection Day.

I desire to express my closeness in Christ to all the men and women missionaries in the world, especially to those enduring any kind of hardship. Dear friends, the Risen Lord is always with you. He sees your generosity and the sacrifices you are making for the mission of evangelisation in distant lands. Not every day of our lives is serene and unclouded, but let us never forget the words of the Lord Jesus to his friends before his Passion: 'In the world you will have tribulations, but be courageous: I have conquered the world!' (Jn 16:33).

Message from Pope Francis World Mission Sunday 2023.



Brother Peter Bray FSC from New Zealand is the vice chancellor of Bethlehem University on the Occupied West Bank. He has given the NZ Catholic Bishops his first-hand candid view on what is happening in the region now as fighting continues between Hamas and Israel. "This is a watershed moment that could have long-term impact on life here in the Holy Land," he says. "I was not surprised by the attack on Israel by Hamas. While I do not approve of violence as a response, given the ongoing and increasingly violent attacks on Palestinians by the Israeli military and the settlers over recent months, as well as the provocative moves by settlers around Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem during the Jewish feast, I can understand why the Palestinians reacted in the way they did." A statement based on his comments is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/peter-bray/>

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy—The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

Donations/Koha are appreciated.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/>

YouTube Recordings

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

St John's College—This week was the final week for interhouse competitions with tug of war and St John's Rules. The competition is tight this year so these last few events will decide the house shield winner. We had the Barry O'Connor Centre (Gym) re-opened after twelve months due to major renovations. It was wonderful to have this space available again for sporting events and whole school assemblies.
Conor Bolton (DRS)

Pope's climate exhortation a clarion call, say NZ Catholic Bishops

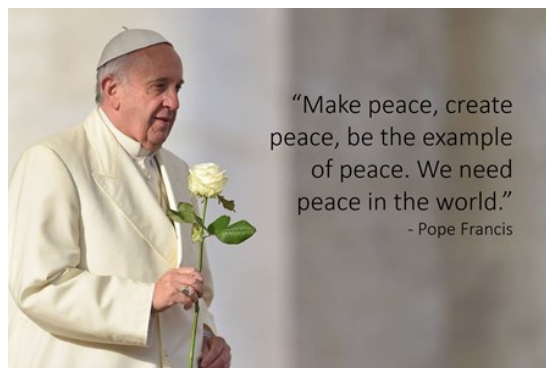
Bishop Stephen Lowe as President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has issued a public and media statement on

The Central Hawkes Bay Parish community warmly invite the parishioners to farewell Vicar Joan and her husband Andrew in a service at **St Mary's Church, Wai-pukurau on the 29th October at 2pm.** This will be followed by an afternoon tea party in the hall. At 6pm a BYO finger food and drinks there will be a gathering at the Vicarage

Laudate Deum. In it, he says: "Laudate Deum is a clarion call to us all, as individuals, as industry and as nations, to examine whether our attitudes and actions towards care of Mother Earth are consistent with the passing on of this taonga, this treasure, to our future generations. "Bishop Steve's statement is attached. It is also online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/laudate-deum/> Additionally, Caritas Aotearoa NZ has published two articles on Laudate Deum which you are invited to read:

· What does Laudate Deum mean for climate action in Aotearoa New Zealand? <https://www.caritas.org.nz/advocacy-newsletter/laudate-deum-nz-climate>

· How does Laudate Deum relate to the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand? <https://www.caritas.org.nz/advocacy-newsletter/laudate-deum-can-z-work>



Rendering to Caesar

No sooner had the Berlin Wall fallen, marking the end of the Cold War, than another ominous divide in our world made its appearance. This new division is between the Muslim world and what was once the Christian West. The Muslim world has experienced an extraordinary growth in fundamentalism. Many countries there have imposed or are seeking to impose the law of the Koran as the law of the state. Algeria in North Africa, just off the southern tip of Europe, is presently the scene of a murderous East-West conflict. Some European countries feel threatened, particularly France, with its large Muslim population and close historical ties with Algeria. Muslims demands that their schoolgirls be allowed to wear the veil in French public schools. Strange how people so often adopt the attitudes and strategies of their adversaries. Muslim fundamentalism in Arab countries has been matched by a noticeable "move to the right" in western countries. Now even the more moderate mainstream parties are calling for tighter immigration laws. The signs for the future are ominous, to say the least. The clash between religion and the secular state is not new. The story of the Christian West is largely a history of this conflict. For the first few centuries of its existence, Christianity was fiercely persecuted by the state, leaving in its wake, a bloody trail of martyrs. All that changed with the conversion of the emperor Constantine. Soon Christianity became the state religion. Now the boot was on the other foot. The high point of the power of religion came at Canossa in the high Middle Ages when an excommunicated emperor knelt in the snow and humbly submitted to a pope to regain his imperial crown. In the Caesar-God contest, that round went decidedly to God. All throughout the Middle Ages the church extended its sphere of influence into the secular domain. With the break-up of Christianity in the sixteenth century the process began to reverse. The French Revolution marked a decisive turning point in favour of the state. Napoleon made the point dramatically, when he took the imperial crown from the pope and placed it himself on his own head. Ever since the state has been clawing back the

ground once claimed by the church. And the church has ceded its former influence reluctantly. The boot has changed feet once more. Today's gospel, with its famous "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" has a particular topicality in our world. While the principle is clear and unambiguous, its application in particular circumstances is quite another matter. The Catholic Church Catechism points out three circumstances where citizens are obliged in conscience to refuse obedience to the civil authorities. They are when the laws are "contrary to the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons and to the teachings of the gospel." The principle is clear. However, its application may not be so simple when there is an apparent clash of rights. The complexity of these issues may render them unsuitable topics for the pulpit. What the preacher can and must do, is advise believers on the obligation of Christian behaviour in all circumstances. No matter how deeply they hold their convictions or how warmly they espouse their causes, they must never resort to violence. And that includes intimidation in all its forms. Muscular crusades, whether modern or medieval, cause irreparable harm. The end never justifies the means. We live, even in Ireland, in a world of pluralism. There are others whose principles and beliefs differ radically from ours. The state must also take cognisance of them. Our only resort is persuasion. Persuasion is always a gentle art. We best persuade by living our Christian lives to the full, remembering always that "the anger of man works not the justice of God." (Liam Swords) *association-ofcatholicpriests.ie*

