

## Anniversary's in October

Elaine O'Dowd, Fay Field  
Gerard Minehan Snr, Joan Brown  
John Alfred (Ian) Duthie, Leonard Myers, Norris Durham  
Maurice Reidy, Marion Brown (Twiggy)

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes will be available in our church foyers this weekend. If you are paying by direct credit and require a set of the "specials" please contact the office. The other options are paying by direct credit or using the special annual collection envelope that will be available in the foyers on the collection date. Your generous giving helps with the running costs of our parish and contributions to diocesan costs. **If you would like to be a planned giver please contact the office.**

**Pro-Life** - The New Zealand abortion law changed significantly in 2020 with the passage of the Abortion Legislation Act 2020. This new law has widened the parameters for abortion significantly in New Zealand and is now one of the most liberal abortion laws in the world. For more pro-life information, contact [www.voiceforife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforife.org.nz).

**This Sunday night** (8th October), John Cowan's guest will be broadcaster Clint Roberts. Born in Rotorua, Clint is co-host of ZM's drive show, Bree & Clint, with Bree Tomasel. Clint started working at The Edge in 2006. After filling in on the breakfast show at the end of 2013, he started co-hosting The Edge Afternoons with Guy, Sharyn & Clint and The Edge Fat 40 with Guy, Sharyn & Clint from 2014. In 2015, he hosted Hot Right Now on The Edge TV and co-hosted The Xtra Factor. He began co-hosting the breakfast show on George FM in 2017 and in July 2018, he left to co-host Bree & Clint. Clint is married to magazine editor Lucy Slight. They live in Auckland with their two daughters and two British Shorthair cats, Ziggy and Bowie.

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Corinthians - who were they? with Kieran Fenn fms.



Monday, 09 Oct, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Ko-ha.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/>

Muffin Talk - Interviews on radio, podcast, video.

Bible Studies, Ecumenism, Interfaith Relations

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

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### Job Vacancy | Caritas Aotearoa NZ

Caritas Aotearoa NZ has a vacancy for a Communications, Marketing & Engagement Manager. This is a permanent full-time senior leadership position, managing a competent and committed team. Based in Thorndon Quay, Wellington. For details and to apply, visit: <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4151885>

### 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

8th Whiringa-ā-nuku 2023

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8th October, 2023



Bishop John Lewis Adams is the third Bishop of Palmerston North. He was installed as the new Bishop of Palmerston North on Saturday 30 September, 2023. His motto 'show us your light and your truth' is taken from psalm 43, and is prayed in the hope that, as the psalmist implores, they will lead us "...to Your holy mountain, to the place where You dwell..."

### Our personal "Vineyard"

Our God is a God who trusts his workers. Just as the landowner gave the tenants a fully equipped vineyard in which to work and produce, God creates the possibilities for work, fruitfulness and success for us too. He provides us with opportunities and resources and trusts that we will make the most of these.

Our own, personal vineyards are completely unique. Do we recognize how our lives are moulded by God? Do we recognize the opportunities and resources that God has given us? Have we experienced the freedom and trust that God gives us? Have we responded responsibly or have we responded similar to the tenants at times? The first reading from Isaiah echoes this truth. The friend of Isaiah owns a fertile hillside, he spades it, he clears it of stones, plants the choicest vines, builds the traditional watchtower, installs the typical wine press and then anticipates an excellent and abundant harvest. What he gets instead are wild grapes. We feel the pain of unrequited love in the second half of the reading of Isaiah. We feel the pain of a broken heart acting out in anger—an earthy, anthropomorphic illustration of the disappointment God feels in his people who have not acted justly and with compassion to the lowly and oppressed. [associationofcatholicpriests.ie](http://associationofcatholicpriests.ie)

**At the very heart** of what Jesus preached and lived was the 'Kingdom of God.' I am convinced that our journey towards God is about understanding what Jesus meant by the Kingdom of God. I am also convinced that once we begin to take the Kingdom of God seriously we will be surprised by what we learn. Some of the surprises will fill us with wonder and thankfulness and some will challenge and might ever shock us. However, if they are of God they will lead us to peace, joy and happiness. This week's Gospel is about the Kingdom of God. It is yet another simple parable or story that Jesus told his followers. Its message for each of us who hears it is profound: Never, ever think that you can earn the Kingdom of God 'by right'. Nobody can claim a 'right' to belong to the Kingdom of God. Indeed, once we begin to think that we have earned 'a right' to it, it will be taken from us. All the things I do – praying, fasting, going to Church, offering sacrifices to God, denying myself things, none of them give me a 'right' to belong in the Kingdom. When the Kingdom of God is finally revealed on Earth, we may be very surprised by those who are at the centre of it. This is what Jesus says to us today: "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given

## Bishops Prayer for Election

God of Nations

Bless our nation as we approach our election in these uncertain times,

As we discern our choices, guide us with your spirit

Grant us humble Parliamentarians of integrity who seek to serve for the common good.

E Ihowa Atua, unite our nation in the desire to protect the sanctity and dignity of every human life in all its stages. Help us recognise our families as a treasure and enable us to support those families that struggle.

Make us mindful of those in need in our communities and ready to work together for a just community. May we always delight in the beauty of your creation and ensure this beauty is enshrined for our children's children.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord  
Amen

en to a people who will produce its fruit."

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## October WelCom contents include:

Ordination and Installation of Bishop John

Adams as new Bishop of Palmerston North

NZ Catholic bishops publish expanded statement on importance of respecting all life – Te Kahu o te Ora – A Consistent Ethic of Life – and encourage everyone to read it.

Bishops issue statement ahead of general election 14 October 2023.

National Assembly of Diocesan Priests, 9–13 October, Rotorua, first such meeting since 2018.

Catholic Enquiry Centre's new director, Rebecca Taylor-Hunt, reflects on first few months into the job.

Synod on Synodality begins.

WelCom wins 2023 Australasian Catholic press award.

October – month of Rosary and World Mission Day.

The Hastings Hibernian Catholic Education Trust was set up to mark the Centennial of St. Joseph's Branch No. 172 of the New Zealand District of the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society. The objects of the Trust, as established, are to generally provide financial support for the educational needs of students, who practice the Catholic Religion, provided they reside in New Zealand and are nominated either by a Branch of the Hibernian Society in New Zealand, or by their Parish Priest. The administration of the Trust is vested in a "Trust Board", made up of the four Trustees represented by St. Joseph's Branch No. 172, and the National Body of the Society.

Applications are now called for from those who meet the criteria of needing financial assistance for the furtherance of their education. This assistance may be in the form of supplementing costs of fees, books, and travel and/or accommodation overheads. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications for assistance. The decision of the Trust Board will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. Applications must be in the hands of the Secretary on or before 1 November 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo

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**Pope's climate exhortation** a clarion call, say NZ Catholic bishops— Pope Francis' Laudate Deum climate change exhortation is a clarion call, says the Catholic Bishop of Auckland, Bishop Stephen Lowe. "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," says Bishop Lowe, who is also President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. Overnight, New Zealand time, Pope Francis published a document he called Laudate Deum (Latin for Praise God), addressed to "all people of goodwill on the climate crisis." Laudate Deum is an "Apostolic Exhortation" building

on his 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si' (Praise be to you) on the care of our common home, the Earth. Its publication coincides with the start of a major Synod of bishops, priests and lay people in Rome that is discussing the future direction of the Catholic Church. "Already, within our islands, we have seen the unprecedented storms including the January storm event in Auckland and the massive destruction of Cyclone Gabrielle," says Bishop Lowe. "In the South Island we have seen the rapid receding of our glaciers. Within our nation we have a growing number of people from Kiribati and yet we forget they are here as climate refugees as their islands and many islands of the Pacific become subject to rising sea levels. To our south the melting of Antarctica is a growing concern. "At Mass we often pray the Confiteor, the prayer where we confess not only 'what I have done', but also 'what I have failed to do'. And yet so easily we can be oblivious to our 'sin', and, in the climate case, be dismissive of what is shaping up to be a massive global challenge," said Bishop Lowe. "The Holy Father exhorts us in Laudate Deum to be involved, in our homes and in our spheres of influence, because 'every little bit helps'."

Bishop Lowe adds that Pope Francis says in Laudate Deum: "Yet what is important is something less quantitative: the need to realise that there are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles and convictions within societies, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes (LD 70)." It can be read online here: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2023/10/04/231004a.html>

