

Anniversary's in November

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SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD FOLLOWING A SEPARATION OR DIVORCE This programme will assist parents/caregivers to understand the experience of family separation from a child's perspective and to learn about the most effective ways to support their child/children. During this programme, parents and caregivers will:

- Learn about how bereavement impacts on children
- Learn what parents/caregivers can do to help their child/children
- Learn useful ways to communicate with their child/children
- Learn the Seasons for Growth™ approach to understanding and managing change, loss and grief
- Learn about caring for themselves as a parent/caregiver and as a person

Date: 15th and 22nd November 2023
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: TBC
Cost: \$20
To Register: gtgwai-pukurau@acw.org.nz

Invitation to the Priest Jubilee Mass – Tuesday 28 November 2023

All parishioners are warmly invited to the Mass to celebrate the **Jubilees of Priestly Ordination**. The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 12.05 pm in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The presider will be Bishop John Adams. The priest celebrating Jubilees this year is Fr. Chris Martin (40 years).

National March for Life. You're invited to love them both by attending the seventh annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday, 2 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life that also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. www.marchforlife.nz

Mass for Life. You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 1 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Welling-

ton. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents

Pro-Life—The latest annual abortion figures were released on 1st November “with pleasure” by the Director General of Health. 14,164 babies were aborted in 2022, 907 more than in 2021. One third were repeat abortions. The workforce enabling and administering abortions has increased from 162 to 348 men and women. For more pro-life information, contact www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Dates to save

3rd December—Blessing of the Wreaths at St Joseph's

10th December—Mass at St Joseph's will be at 10am due to St Joseph's school leavers Mass

Wine and Cheese—10th December 4-6pm. Bring a little something to share

14th December—St Joseph's school prize giving

22nd December—Office closes reopens on the 16th January, 2024

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

12th Whiringa-ā-rangi 2023

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

12th November, 2023

Awake to the Lord

The wedding banquet is a consistent image of eternal life in the New Testament. We can only speak about the unknown and unfamiliar in terms of what is known and familiar. The wedding banquet highlights eternal life as that state in which the deepest hunger and thirst in our lives will be satisfied, especially the hunger and thirst for love, for God who is love. “O God, for you my soul is thirsting” (responsorial psalm.) In the second reading, Paul, without making use of the banquet image, speaks of life beyond death in a similar vein—it is that eternal moment when “God will bring them (those who have died) with him” and when “we shall stay with the Lord forever.” Eternal life will mean entering into a new and fuller relationship with God and, through him, with all creation. Yet, the parable warns us that it is possible to exclude ourselves from the banquet of eternal life. It was only those who were ready, who went in with the bridegroom to the wedding hall. When God comes to bring us, will we be ready? Life, including life after death is God's gift to us and a gift, by definition, can be refused. However, we will certainly be ready to accept this ultimate gift, if throughout our lives we have learned to be receptive to God. Our daily attitudes will determine our attitude at the moment of death. Today's gospel concludes with a ringing exhortation “Stay awake.” One important way in which we stay awake to God is prayer. “Why are you sleeping?” Jesus asked his friends, “get up and pray” (Luke 22:46.) To pray is to awaken to the Lord who is always awake to us. In prayer we look for the Lord, desire him, watch for him and think about him. To pray is to become like a child, to grow in receptivity to God's presence within us.

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Diocese of PN Annual Report Presentation – 14 November 2023

We wish to invite you to our Diocesan presentation on our annual report. Liam Greer, Diocesan Manager will be introducing the report and will discuss keys areas of focus for the diocese, followed by Bishop John Adam's who will share some initial ideas for the renewal of our Diocese. The presentation will be held in the St Peter Chanel Hall, 817 Gordon Road, Hastings West, Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 6.15pm. Please join us celebrate Mass at 5.30pm beforehand, followed by a cup of tea before the presentation commences.

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/>

500 Muffin Talk Broadcasts!

Check out the special anniversary broadcast on YouTube:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/11/01/500-broadcasts-of-muffin-talk/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Please pray for the family of Jenifer Wells. She died on 2 November at Princess Alexandra aged 92. Her funeral is at Oruawharo on Monday. May she rest in peace.

For the last seven years, Pope Francis has asked us to contemplate the Poor around us on the World Day of the Poor, being the Sunday before the Sunday we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe. We gather, says Pope Francis, "to receive once more the gift and strength to live lives of poverty and to serve the poor." Material poverty can be obvious, but Pope Francis prompts us to seek out other – less obvious – forms of poverty and address their causes. We are called to not only acknowledge every poor person but also every form of poverty. Men and women devoted to care for the poor do more than give charity; "they listen, they engage, they try to understand and deal with the

difficult situations and their causes." Getting to the causes of poverty can be difficult. Archbishop Helder Camera of Brazil was praised when he gave food to the poor but ridiculed and dismissed when he asked why the poor had no food. Pope Francis suggests other forms of poverty arise from war, from economic and ecological speculation, inadequate wages, unsafe work places, a sense of hopelessness especially among our young. We surely meet Christ in the poor and so we are cautioned "not to turn our face away from anyone who is poor" and not to turn away from many situations causing poverty. In the absence of a Diocesan Commission for Justice Peace Development and Ecology (JPDEC) the JPDEC Steering Group is asking all Parishes to mark Sunday 19 November, the World Day of the Poor, with an examination of the Poor and forms of poverty in each parish area. Parishes are also asked, importantly, to determine the causes of such poverty. Pope Francis' Letter for the 7th World Day of the Poor and other excellent resources can be found at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor>. As always Caritas provides us with some great ideas, liturgy and action plans and even some tips for homilies – listen out for them. According to the Caritas website, don't be surprised if your priest checks-in with you while he prepares the homily. All parishes are encouraged to share with the Steering Group their findings, before the end of November. Please email pndiocesepj-sc2022@gmail.com
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Warning - Scam Calls Posing as our Priests - It has come to our attention that scam calls are being made where they have pretended to be one of our diocesan parish priests. Using the priest's name, they ask for help in the form of gift cards or money. Note that none of our priest's will ask for any money or gift cards and if in doubt ring the parish phone number. If you receive any such calls or texts, that are requesting such, please ignore and do not reply. Text's often say, "they are in a meeting, so do not phone, but text back and that your help is critical and highly appreciated". - Do not reply. You can report their phone number to Department of Internal Affairs, by forwarding the text to 7726, then send in another text the scammers phone number. Then block the scammer's number immediately. If you receive a text/email which seems strange, always check the phone number (or email address). If it is a scam, the details will be slightly different. If in doubt, please do not respond to the text but delete it. If you have been scammed, it's important that you contact the police on 105

This Sunday, we will hear the parable of the 'Wise and Foolish Virgins'. Is it a story of hope or of warning? Is the intention of the parable to make us feel good about ourselves or to challenge us to be better or live differently? Like all parables, the meaning is left for us to find for ourselves. Therefore, I would be doing the parable a disservice if I tried to answer it for you. It is, however, an important parable, told by Jesus to a people who were occupied by Rome and suffering the loss of their pride and dignity. Matthew, when he included it in his Gospel, was writing to the next generation of Christians. Now Jerusalem is destroyed and the Temple torn down. Suffering has become persecution. The followers of Jesus now live in fear of their lives. Today it is our turn to hear the same story and it is told to us in the context of our lives. It is told to us carrying our own crosses, facing our own suffering, living with our own fears and doubts and anxieties. A parable speaks anew to every generation who hears it. But it is always

Jesus who tells it. When it is read for us, it is Jesus who is speaking...and that is important. And when Jesus speaks this parable, he is speaking with an understanding of our lives, of our fears and of our pain...and this too is important. No matter what Jesus says to us, he says it with an understanding of our lives and of our circumstances. He tells us the parable wanting nothing other than our happiness and peace. We must reflect on today's Gospel knowing this. b.maher@oblates.ie

Archbishop Paul Martin SM presented with symbolic Metropolitan's pallium in Mass at St Mary of the Angels Wellington NZ Archbishop of Wellington New Zealand Paul Martin SM received his Metropolitan Archbishop's pallium and also blessed the iconic Holy Mary Mother of God artwork during the same 5pm Mass at St Mary of the Angels church in Wellington yesterday. A brief story/statement is available online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/pallium/>

The pallium – a white band of lamb's wool adorned with black crosses and worn over the shoulders and chasuble – is the traditional, historic insignia of a metropolitan archbishop of the Catholic Church and is bestowed by the Pope. "It's an ancient part of our Church tradition and I am extremely humble wearing it today," Archbishop Martin told the crowded church in his homily during the Mass



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