

### Anniversary's in November

Eric Du Fresne, Dianne Atkins, Phil McElhinney, Peter McConville  
Raymond Stowers, Wendy Fraser, Kirstie Grevatt, Norah Quinn  
Denise Reid, Patricia Minehan, Samuel Fletcher,  
Mike Alexander, Nicholas Story

**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](http://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, Wellington. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. [www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents](http://www.fli.org.nz/prolifeevents)

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### Pleroma Christian Supplies: New Manager Sought

Pleroma Christian Supplies is in search of a new Manager as the ministry, established in 1978 by Shirley and Ian Duthie, looks to continue its legacy. The organisation is seeking an individual eager to embrace the opportunity, based in Central Hawkes Bay, and lead this well-established and respected business. Pleroma Christian Supplies is a not-for-profit

### 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

Catholic Christian resource supplier (retail and wholesale) serving our dioceses and faith communities. Additional details about this exciting role can be found in the position advertisement <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71340271>

**Pro-Life** -There is a long history of Christians responding to the pro-life needs of their time. Jonathon Van Maren of Lifesite News recommends reading George Grant's "Third Time Around: A History of the Pro-Life Movement from the First Century to the Present". For more pro-life information, contact [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://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

19th Whiringa-ā-rangi 2023

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

12th November, 2023

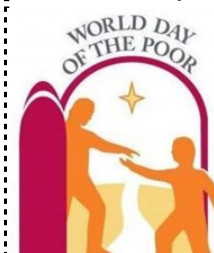
### Pope's World Day of the Poor message: Don't look away!

Pope Francis pens a message for the annual World Day of the Poor, stressing that “whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus.” Pope Francis has [released his message](#) for the annual World Day of the Poor, stressing that a “great river of poverty is traversing our cities”, and that every Christian is called to become “personally involved” in the struggle against it. His message for the World Day, which will be celebrated this year on Sunday 19th November, takes the form of an extended reflection on the Book of Tobit. The scale of the problem Pope Francis begins his message by stressing that “a great river of poverty is traversing our cities and swelling to the point of overflowing; it seems to overwhelm us, so great are the needs of our brothers and sisters who plead for our help, support and solidarity.” “We are living”, he continues, “in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard.” In particular, he stresses “new forms of poverty”, such as “peoples caught up in situations of war”, the “inhumane treatment” of many workers, and “speculation in various sectors”, which he said had led to “dramatic price increases that further impoverish many families”.

Our response - Faced with problems of this magnitude, Pope Francis writes, our responsibility is clear. We must heed Tobit's words to Tobias: “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor.” “In a word,” he continues, “whenever we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus.” Thus, “the parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37) is not simply a story from the past; it continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved.” The political process - Pope Francis goes on to point out that this year is the 60th anniversary of the publication of Pope John XXIII's landmark encyclical *Pacem in Terris*, in which he urged that “Every human being enjoys the right to life, to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, including food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and, finally, the necessary social services.”

How to act, Pope Francis asks, in the face of the failure of the political process to deliver these goods? The answer, he says, is two-fold. There is, on the one hand, “a need to urge and even pressure public institutions to perform their duties properly”, but, on the other, “it is of no use to wait passively to receive everything ‘from on high’”. Those living in poverty, Pope Francis stresses, ought also to be included in this search for “change and responsibility.” By Joseph Tulloch

[www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)



## Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Free.

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## The Annual Sick & Retired Priests

**Special Collection** - Sunday 3 December 2023- The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for 'overseas priests', retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated, especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

Mons Brian Walsh, Chairperson, Clergy Trust Fund

**St John's College**— This week was another busy week at SJC. On Tuesday we had Gum-boot Tuesday and a mufti day to raise funds to support young peoples' mental health. On Wednesday and Thursday our Year 9 students were out on historical trips where they look at the history of the Catholic Church in Hawkes Bay and on Thursday evening we had our senior, academic prize giving ceremony. We continue to have house masses at lunch time on a Tuesday, and thank

our parish priests in Napier and Hastings for always supporting us in providing an opportunity for our young men to experience mass and the Eucharist. *Conor Bolton (DRS)*

**Sunday's Gospel** is important, maybe more important than it appears at first sight. It is also very challenging and, if we take it seriously, very energising. We are always tempted to choose what is easy and comfortable. To sit on the couch watching TV and eating chips is so much easier than going to the gym and crunching muscles until I ache all over. It is easier and more comfortable but even as we do it a small voice tells us it may not be the best thing to do. A student in school may be tempted to just do enough to stay out of trouble and sail along well within their comfort zone. But no good teacher or good parent would be satisfied with that. Settling for the minimum in anything we do is tempting and easy but never truly satisfying. As Christians the temptation is also to settle for the minimum we have to do to get to Heaven. It is easy and comfortable to say my prayers, keep the rules, attend Church and do people no harm. But just as in the gym or in school Christianity calls us to so much more than the minimum. This is the message of today's Gospel. It is also the challenge Jesus places before us. Settling for the minimum, doing what is easy and comfortable is not compatible with the Gospel and will not gain us entrance to the Kingdom of God.

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**In proportion to one's ability** - We know from experience that different people have different abilities. A person with an ability to listen to others may not have the ability to be a good administrator. Someone who is well able to mend a leak or fix a washing machine may have little or no musical ability. An effective teacher may be a hopeless mechanic. We learn from experience whose good at what, and we relate to people accordingly. We tend to entrust people with tasks that are in proportion to their ability. We also learn from experience what our own abilities are, and what our limitations are, and we tend to take on tasks that correspond to our abilities and avoid tasks that do not. The rich man in today's parable was well aware of the abilities of his servants. Before he set out on his journey he entrusted his property "to each in proportion to his ability." He knew what each of his three servants was able for, and he only gave as much responsibility to each of them as each could carry. The man who received five talents of money was capable of making five more; the one who received two talents was capable of making two more; the one who received one talent was capable of making one more. The first two servants worked according to their ability. The third servant did not, giving his master back the one talent he had been given, instead of the two talents he was capable of gaining. What held this servant back from working according to his ability was fear. "I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground." Many of us may find ourselves having some sympathy for the third servant, because, deep down, we are only too well aware how fear can hold us back and prevent us from doing what we are well capable of doing. Fear can be a much more powerful force in the lives of some than others. There can be many reasons for this. Those who have experienced a lot of criticism growing up can be slow to take a risk and may develop a fearful approach to life. We are familiar with the Irish proverb, Mol an oige agus tiocfaid siad. Praise the young and they will make progress.

The converse can also be true. Criticize the young and they will be held back. Unfair criticism can stunt our growth and prevent us from reaching our God-given potential. We hide what we have been given in the ground. There it remains safe, but useless. Jesus was only too well aware of the disabling power of fear in people's lives. It is striking the number of times in the gospels he addresses people with the words, "Do not be afraid." When Simon Peter fell down at Jesus' knees saying, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," Jesus replied to him, "Do not be afraid, from now on it is people you will catch." When fear threatened to hold Peter back, Jesus called him forward into a new way of life. Jesus was present to people in ways that released them from their fear. In particular, he did not want fear of failure to hold people back. He could cope with failure in others. He knew that many people could learn from failure. There was little to be learned from staying put. There was much to be learnt from striking out, even if failure was experienced along the way. The tragedy of the third servant in the parable today is that, out of fear, he hid what had been entrusted to him, even though he had the ability to use it well. We have each been graced in some way by the Lord for the service of others. If I hide what the Lord has given me, others are thereby deprived. Most of us need a bit of encouragement to place our gifts at the disposal of others. Part of our baptismal calling is to give others courage, to encourage others. A couple of verses beyond where today's second reading ends, Paul writes: "Encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." In these difficult times for the church, the ministry of encouragement is all the more necessary. There is much to be learned from the mistakes of the past, but the Lord would not want us to go to ground. Now is not the time to hide our Good News in the ground out of fear. Rather, it is a time to encourage each other to share this treasure so that the church may become all that God is calling it to be. [associationofcatholicpriests.ie](http://associationofcatholicpriests.ie)