

### 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)

### 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 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**—The Auckland Voice for Life Training Day will be the ideal opportunity to meet other pro-life people, network, learn up-to-date and relevant information, and become better equipped. This free event will be held at the Reformed Church of the North Shore, Trias Road, Sunnynook, on 2 March, 2024.

### 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

Contact [auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz](mailto:auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz) for more information

**It has come to our attention** that there is another scam hitting our in-boxes, this time supposedly from Bishop John. It is a good time to remember to ALWAYS check the source email address. Our Bishop and our staff will only contact you via the diocesan email domain ([@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:@pndiocese.org.nz)), so if it is from gmail, or Yahoo, or any other, it is dodgy! Microsoft now embeds warnings into our emails. They stand as a constant reminder to keep vigilant! Please do not reply to them and keep safe from scams. Ngā mihi nui,  
*Christine Reilly*

### 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

26th Whiringa-ā-rangi 2023  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Congratulations** to the following children who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday—many blessings on them and their whanau

**Maisie Malcolm, Rex Malcolm, Millie O'Donnell, Emily Ayto, Ani Lorck, Georgia Carver, Chase Aati, Andrei Ramos, Anjie and McEidref Dabu.**



**A Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace**—Paul visualises Jesus Christ handing over the kingdom to God the Father at the end of time. This ideal kingdom is not something merely hoped for as a future gift, but something being worked for by Christians in the present time. The kingdom is indeed to be hoped for, but somehow it is also in our midst, in the process of becoming. Today's gospel shows how we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom in our world. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who eases alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be enfolded by the eternal love of God, in paradise. The best way to honour Christ our King is to work for the unfolding and promoting of his kingdom. In working for the relief of deprived, oppressed or marginalised people, we are serving Christ in person, because he fully identified with people in need, right up to his final moment in this life. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of living in a gated community, resolutely secure in a fortress, comfortably "keeping myself to myself" with the lame claim that "I do nobody any harm." To be deaf to the cries of my neighbour in need is to be deaf to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to be blind to Christ. To recognise Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king involves being carers or shepherds in some way ourselves; for the work of the Kingdom goes on until he comes again. [associationofcatholicpriests.ie](http://associationofcatholicpriests.ie)

**Rental needed**, family of four, 2 cats. Please contact Amanda O'Donnell – email [aodesign84@hotmail.com](mailto:aodesign84@hotmail.com) or phone 02102903844

**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**— After the hustle and Bustle of the last few weeks, we have had a quiet week. Junior reports are in the process of completion, teachers are busy planning for the Year 9 and Year 10 camps and we will have 6 students out next week doing the Awa run to raise money for students on the East coast in conjunction with the Young Marist Trust. Along with other students from Marist Colleges around the country, our young men will run 50 km's over three days along the Whanganui river. Conor Bolton (DRS)

**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**—St Nicholas - History, Legend & Culture with Beate Matthies.

Monday, 4 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

Donations/Koha are appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/st-nicholas/>  
YouTube Recordings

Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at:

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

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**Sister Eveleen Retreat House** ...is a spiritual haven nestled among the native trees on Scarborough Hill, Sumner, Christchurch.

It is owned by the Anglican Diocese but is run ecumenically. It was bequeathed to the church by Sister Eveleen who asked for it to be used as a 'house of spiritual prayer.' The team around Sister Eveleen Retreat House invites you to stay with us here at Sister Eveleen to rest, recharge your spirit, and experience a deeper connection with your faith. What does Sister Eveleen Retreat House offer? · Themed retreats throughout the year. The new retreat calendar for 2024 is taking shape. We offer retreats from 1 to 7 days, weekends or during the week, silent or quiet. These are led by experienced retreat leaders or spiritual directors from various Christian denominations. · Be a guest at Sister Eveleen and book a room (within the retreat house, including use of lounge, kitchen and chapel) for your own stay or self-guided retreat day (s). · Book Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a retreat-day for your pastoral, parish team, your prayer or committee. · Attend our regular prayer rhythm at Sister Eveleen or come up for a visit if you are in the area. If you would like to know more, explore our website, follow us on facebook, get in touch (via email or phone) or just come up for a visit. We look forward to welcoming you here at Sister Eveleen Retreat House. Manaakitia te Atua. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact SERH: (ph) 022 563 6879 (e) [enquiry@sistereretreat.com](mailto:enquiry@sistereretreat.com)

**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).



**This Sunday** sees the end of another Church year. In the course of that year we have walked with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, where we saw Jesus born in a humble stable. We watched him get lost and worry his parents and then return with them to his home in Nazareth. We saw his baptism by John and heard him call his first disciples. Then, week after week, in our Gospels, we had the chance to walk the narrow trails and tracks of Galilee and Judea with him, watching him heal and forgive, teach and proclaim the closeness of God's Kingdom. We followed the traps set by the Pharisees to ensnare him and saw suspicion turn to hate. We were there when he was betrayed, and we were forced to see him suffer so cruelly and die almost alone. Then.... On Easter Sunday morning we heard the rumours that his body was gone and that some had said they saw him alive. Gradually the rumours turned to certainty, and we encountered him ourselves meeting Thomas, talking to Peter and finally departing from our sight. But then another huge surprise.... Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. We witnessed the explosion of energy and life felt by the Apostles and over the next weeks we saw the first beginnings of the Church....And now we come to the end .... for another year. Each year, at this time, I ask myself this question: After another year of walking with Jesus through the Sunday Gospels, can I say that I have come to know him just a little bit more? Is he just a little bit more of a 'friend' to me, which is which he wants to be? Can I recognise him a little easier in the people I see each day? Is my own living a little better as a result of walking those trails with him? Sadly, too often my answers are not what I would have wished for, and I ask myself in frustration, "What was I listening to each week? How did I fail to truly hear it?" Then I remind myself that next week Advent begins and with it another chance to meet Jesus walking among us. And who knows? Maybe next year, when I ask myself the same questions, Jesus will be a little closer to me and his message a little more

evident in my life? And if not....then I get another chance....and another....and another. Our God never gives up on us! Join me in reflecting on this last Gospel 2023. The Feast of the Kingship of Christ. [b.maher@oblates.ie](mailto:b.maher@oblates.ie)

**This Sunday night** (26th November), John Cowan's guest will be singer Shane Hales. Shane Hales, known by the stage name Shane, grew up in Surrey, England, before moving to Australia and then New Zealand. He started his career in 1966 as a member of the Australian band The Pleazers before forming his own band, Shane. He became a regular singer on the television pop programme C'mon and was part of the C'mon 1968 national tour. His cover of Terry Knight's Saint Paul flew to the top of the charts and won the 1969 Loxene Golden Disc award for best New Zealand record of the year. Shane's debut album, Rainy Day Man, was released at the end of 1969 and a second album, Natural Man, was released the following year. Interest began to pick up for Shane internationally and he embarked on an overseas tour. While he was touring, he received word of the death of his fiancée in a car crash in New Zealand. He used the recording of his third album, Straight Straight Straight, as catharsis. He returned to Europe soon after the album's release, where he formed a new band, Killa-Hz. Shane was appointed a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit, for services to entertainment, in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours. He has continued to perform music regularly into the 2010s and beyond.

**Gifting Tree**

St Vincent de Paul has asked if the community of The Holy Trinity Parish can give an unwrapped gift or some Christmas food for our most vulnerable in our community. The gifts and food will be donated to Central Connect who have counsellor's and social workers as well as the home the CHB Foodbank. Please leave under the Jesse tree from next week.