

### 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

**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](mailto:gtgwai-pukurau@acw.org.nz)

**Prolife -A Voice for Life Pro-life Training Day** will be hosted by Voice for Life Auckland. The event will take place at the Reformed Church of the North Shore, Trias Road, Sunnynook, on 2 March, 2024. Contact [auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz](mailto:auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz) for more information. For more pro-life information, contact [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

**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](http://www.studyjoy.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).

What is the origin of All Souls Day?

The Church had an early practice of remembering the souls of the departed in the Mass. This included inscribing their names on tablets. A version of this is in every Mass today, in the prayer for the faithful departed in Christ known as the Memento of the Dead, as well as in the practice of offering Mass for particular individuals. The celebration of a special day began in some monasteries in the 6th century, and by the 10th century spread to dioceses, becoming fixed in some places to November 2nd, the day after All Saints Day. This date was itself adopted at Rome in the 13th century.



### 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

**5th Whiringa-ā-rangi2023**

**31st Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**5th November, 2023**

**Jesus and the Pharisees**—It is important that the homily should not distort the teaching of Christ by giving undue emphasis to some personal viewpoint of the preacher, one which does not receive similar emphasis in the Gospels. But in choosing to illustrate the dangers of Pharisaism the preacher is on solid ground; for the Gospels have many conflicts between Christ and the Pharisees and he denounces their approach. What follows are called the “Woes” against the Pharisees. It is a pity that this section has not been selected for any Sunday throughout the three year cycle, for it helps to give a picture of the dangers, not only of Pharisaism in the time of Christ, but of the perils of the false practice of religion in all ages, including our own. Pharisaism can be seen from several angles. It is the belief that one can save oneself through the observance of law, through the performance of works of piety, fasting, prayer and almsgiving with an eye on the praise of men. The Pharisees tended to put stress on little things (“Tithe of mint, dill and cummin”) while neglecting the much more important matters of faith, justice and mercy. They were noted for their zeal in making converts who in due time became twice as bad as their converters. The outcome was that the Pharisees tended to be hypocrites, a title which Jesus bestowed on them with great liberality. The “Woes” in Matthew against the Pharisees end with Christ denouncing them for violence, especially against the prophets whose blood they shed and whose tombs they later adorned. “You are the sons of those who murdered the prophets! Very well then, finish off the work that your fathers began.” Mat. 23:32. The finishing off of the work was the death of Christ for which the Pharisees were largely responsible. The works of piety, the strict observance of law was a defence mechanism at work within the Pharisees. They suffered from a sense of guilt which they refused to acknowledge, as the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican informs us. However, if guilt is not acknowledged within oneself, it seeks a victim outside oneself. We can say that Christ was the victim on whom the Pharisees projected their own unacknowledged sense of guilt. No wonder that the repentant sinner of the Parable who cried out, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner,” is exalted by Christ above the Pharisee who thanked God he was not a sinner. Today's Gospel is an invitation to all, especially the more pious and those who tend to be judgmental of others, to examine behind our good works. Are they an escape from a sense of guilt? If so, the remedy is not the rejection of piety and good works, but a search for a precious gift of God, the willingness to face up to ourselves by acknowledging our personal and national guilt. [associationofcatholicpriests.ie](http://associationofcatholicpriests.ie)

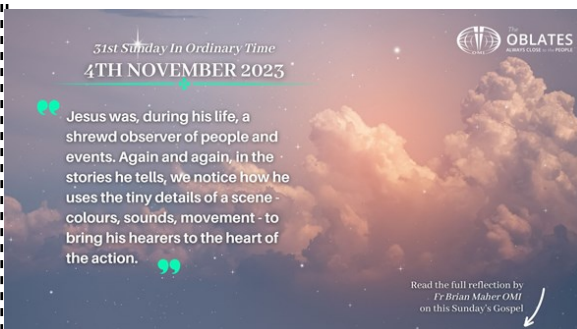
**The Gospel today** contains, I think, an insight into a quality of Jesus we can too easily overlook. When we list the qualities and virtues of Jesus, we rarely include it. When we examine our conscience we equally rarely include it as a possible place of sin. It is a quality that says to us: "I made you in my image and likeness. Go out into your world searching for my 'image and likeness' and rejoicing when you find it. You may be surprised where you find my image and likeness residing, but do not fear to acknowledge it and its value. Where it is missing, no matter where that is, challenge its loss with assurance and strength. Like the treasure buried in the field, this is a quality which can elude us very easily. It is also a quality which, when found and kept safe, will transform our lives. Curious?

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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 key 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.

**Greetings and Peace,** I trust that this mail will find you well. You have been a faithful supporter of the work of the Pontifi-



cal Mission Societies for some time now. We support the work of the Church not only through financial help but most especially through prayers. I appeal to you to please say a little prayer for our Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa. He has been our Apostolic Nuncio here in New Zealand and Oceania for the past three years now. He was found very sick and was rushed to the hospital. He suffered from a severe stroke and is now in the Lower Hutt Hospital. May I ask you to please pray for him. Let us in a special way ask the intercession of Mother Suzanne Aubert, the founder of the Sisters of Compassion whose process of Beatification awaits a miracle. You may find the prayer in the link below. I encourage you and your family to please join us in praying for Archbishop Rugambwa every 9:00 PM wherever you may be. This way you are joining all others who are praying at that particular time. Surely you may also organise another time with someone. But many who would receive this email and will also pass it on to their friends and relatives will be joining us in the spirit of Prayer at 9:00 PM from tonight, Saturday, onward. I will keep you informed, *Sincerely,* Fr Bernard Espiritu, SVD

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

The statement of faith is to be made before saying the prayer for Venerable Suzanne Aubert's intercession. We believe in God's everlasting love for all, and that through faith and great confidence in that love, our petitions will be granted. Therefore, in the desire to promote God's greater honour and glory, we gather together to pray through the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert for Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa

Prayer for the Cure: God our creator, the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert powerfully expressed the compassion of Jesus for the sick. Now we ask you to grant, through her intercession, the complete cure of Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa. In gratitude, we pray the prayer of Suzanne Aubert

Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us. Suzanne Aubert pray for us (3)

**Joint Anglican-Catholic Bishops' statement on Palestine** - The Anglican and Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand, have jointly issued a statement expressing their horror at the latest acts of violence in the Holy Land and joining international voices in calling for an immediate ceasefire. Their joint statement is online here in PDF format: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Joint-Anglican-Catholic-Bishops-Statement-on-Gaza.pdf>

**Sacred Heart Parish Eketahuna** | 125 Years - Celebrating 125 yrs on Sunday 26th November with mass at 5 30 P.M Followed by finger food, drinks and cutting of cake. Come and join us in the celebration. Names need to be in by the 17th November for catering purposes. Replies to Eketawere@slingshot.co.nz or phone Margaret 06 375 8416

**St John's College**—Last week was a busy one ending with sports prize giving on the Thursday evening. This week has been equally busy. On Wednesday we had our leavers' retreat followed by the leavers' dinner, and on Thursday we held our Leaver's Mass to farewell our Year 13 students. Two wonderful days to end off the year for our senior students. Our senior students are on exam leave from Thursday this week, and will return for the academic prize giving in two week's time.

*Conor Bolton (DRS)*

**November WelCom** contents include:

- NZ Catholic and Anglican bishops issue joint statement on the Israel Palestine conflict.
- New Zealander Br Peter Bray, Vice Chancellor Bethlehem University – asks for prayers and provides a perspective to the conflict.
- New bishop for Hamilton Diocese – Bishop-elect Richard Laurenson.
- Pope Francis to attend COP28 climate conference in Dubai, 30 November–12 December 2023.
- Laudate Deum – an overview of Pope Francis' new Apostolic Exhortation on the environment.

Synod of Synodality synthesis issued. Hikoi Whakapono – WelCom's Journey of Faith visits Te Awakairangi Catholic Parish, Lower Hutt. Plus, more features, local and international news and views, Young Church and reflections.

**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

