

Anniversary's in March

Christine Wypych (Chrissy), Sybil McCloskey

Doreen de Stackpoole, Kathleen Kilkolly

Margaret Hallagan, Thomas Lyons, Thomas Bird (Noel), Rosalie Beachen,
Peter Barrett, Joseph Carpenter

Email Addresses—I have had trouble with the storage on the parish computer and as a consequence I have lost some email addresses. Please email the office at cat.chb@xtra.co.nz so I can update our address book. Many thanks.

Adoration—It is a privilege to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament regularly in our Parish. As we uplift our parish family in prayer, it's a blessing on all!

The first Friday of the month, there will be Adoration from 10am until 3pm, commencing after Friday Mass at 9.15am.

MASS OF THE OILS -Mass of the Oils will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North on Tuesday 26 March at 12.05pm. Any singers who want to join in the choir at the Chrism Mass are most welcome. If you can participate, please rsvp to music@pncathedral.or.nz and they will email the music for the Mass. It would be wonderful to have representation from the wider Diocese. Also, if you require transport, please contact the office.

Pro Life -So-called "safe zones" are areas created around the premises of abortion providers, where it is prohibited to carry out peaceful, pro-life witness. A breach of the

Please take a look at the new entrance way to the presbytery—Landscaping was done by Tony Kuklinski. This was to make the entrance more welcoming—what do you think? Thanks for a great job!



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Mass Times

Sunday—9.30am @ St Joseph's

Saturday—Vigil -5.30pm @ St Patrick's

Week Day

Saturday—9.00am @ St Joseph's

Tuesday—9.00am @ St Joseph's

Thursday—9.00am @ St Patrick's

safe area legislation by any person offering assistance to a woman to choose life for her child could result in arrest, being charged in court and a fine of up to \$1000. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Vacancy: Director, National Liturgy Office - The NZ Catholic Bishops are seeking applications for the role of Director of the National Liturgy Office. This important role promotes sound liturgical practice, supports the liturgical aspects of the work of national agencies and provides resources for parishes and schools in Aotearoa. Ad hoc projects include preparing national liturgical events and providing an Aotearoa point of contact for major liturgical initiatives of the universal Church. Key to the role is good working relationships with people involved in liturgy at the diocesan level and sharing the bishops' commitment to a bicultural and inclusive approach to liturgy. If you have a passion for the liturgical life of the Church, qualifications and experience in liturgy and good relationship-building skills, please consider applying. The role is part-time (minimum 20 hours per week negotiable) and fixed term (two years). The office has space alongside the NZCBC Secretariat in Thorndon, Wellington; however the role can be based remotely

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17 Poutū-te-rangi, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent



Gospel Reflection: With Great Love Comes Great Sacrifice -This passage opens with the arrival of some Greeks who had come to worship at the festival happening then. Jesus responds by saying that "Whoever serves me, the Father will honour." He also said that "whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also." We should not, therefore, be surprised if we encounter trials and challenges and the need to make sacrifices. Jesus made much greater sacrifices during his lifetime. Whoever loves Jesus will serve him. The story of the seed dying to self in order to bring new life, parallels Jesus dying on the cross for all people and to bring life to those who choose to follow him. There is a challenge here for God's people to be willing to die to our selfish desires and ambitions and to put God first in all aspects of our lives. This is a special moment in the history of the world and of God's kingdom. Jesus is about to be sacrificed for the salvation of all mankind. The judgment of the world has begun. Satan, the ruler of the world is being deposed and driven out. God speaks from heaven as he reaches out to the people. But the people who heard it reacted in different ways. Some rationalise it as thunder, others thought it was the voice of an angel. God is present in that moment. Finally, Jesus states openly what is about to happen – that he will be lifted up (on a cross) and that all people will be drawn to him. There is a great paradox here. This sign (the cross) of failure and rejection becomes the sign of hope, renewal and redemption for humanity. **GROUP DISCUSSION** • What is God calling us to sacrifice for His kingdom and so that we can become more like Jesus?

Development Partnership In Action, Cambodia - Our partnership with Development Partnership in Action (DPA) in Cambodia prioritises the wellbeing, productive livelihoods, and climate resilience of Khmer Loeu people in remote locations. Thousands of indigenous farmers and their families have benefited from agricultural training and support protecting their customary land. The Phea family live in Mondulkiri province in Cambodia. They are reliant on growing rice for both their income and food. In 2020, they joined a local rice growing co-operative that is supported by our partner, DPA, and this transformed their lives.

Faith In Action • Do something to serve the poor and vulnerable in your community. You could volunteer at a shelter, deliver groceries to an elderly neighbour, or donate to a local charity that helps those in need. • Make a list of ways in which you hear God's voice and experience his presence in your life. Over the next week, take special care to listen closely. Share what you learn with your family, friends, or prayer partner.



Good Friday Collection | 29 March 2024- The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country is forwarded to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year, it is very much appreciated. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit (parish bank account number) your name as payee, and 'Holy Places' as referee

Easter Sunday Dues Special Collection | 31 March 2024- Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Dues/Offerings Special Collection. The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and the care that they receive. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit (parish bank account number) your name as payee, and 'Dues' as reference.

Statement from the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand—Caritas Lent Appeal Each year, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand runs the Bishops' Lent Appeal to support their work to aid and empower the most poor and vulnerable in our society. The Caritas mission, as the Catholic agency for justice, peace, and development, is of vital importance to us all, especially the vulnerable communities they work with across the Pacific and beyond. The Bishops' Lent Appeal is the most direct way of providing the resources Caritas depends on to continue this

vital work. For our Catholic community, Caritas is the means by which we help our brothers and sisters in need – upholding their human dignity through partnerships grounded in Catholic social teaching. Over the last couple of years there has been a drop in giving to Caritas, putting pressure on their ability to fund programmes that serve those most in need. We ask that during this time of preparation and almsgiving, you make a special gift to the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 online at www.caritas.org.nz using the envelopes provided at Mass. This act represents the giving of alms and will mean so much to those that Caritas helps.

Palmerston North's Nick Wilson appointed Chair of the NZ bishops' Council for Young People - Nick Wilson of Palmerston North is the new chair of the bishops' Council for Young People. Nick is the Diocesan Young Catholics Team Leader for the Diocese of Palmerston North. He works as the Manawātū Catholic Tertiary Chaplain and is on the Diocesan Leadership Team. A statement about Nick's appointment is attached, as is a photo of Nick. The statement is also online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nwilson-cyp/>



Stations of the Cross—21st March @ 7pm at St Joseph's. Reconciliation will be available afterwards.

Reconciliation—24th March @ St Joseph's at 4pm
St Patrick's 23 March from 4.45pm (prior to Mass)

For Others' Sake - Martin Luther King once wrote about a time when he knelt in prayer in the kitchen of his home in Alabama. Stones had been thrown through the window because of his call for civil rights for black people. His wife and children were in danger. He was already a respected academic and a promising career lay ahead. In prayer he found himself asking if it was right to put himself and them in danger? It was in that moment he decided to put the will of God and the welfare of his people before his own security and that of his family. He chose to serve God by working for those who were most oppressed. In a sense, he chose to die so that others could more fully live. It was a striking echo of what Jesus says in the gospel reading, that the grain of wheat must fall into the ground to yield a rich harvest. Jesus himself was the supreme expression of this principle. He is the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, and in dying yields a harvest of life. He describes that harvest in prophetic words: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." If God worked powerfully through the life of Jesus, He worked even more powerfully through the death of Jesus, a death that reveals the power of God's love, even more fully than his life of healing and ministry, for the amazing love revealed in his death on the cross drew people to God, and continues to do so. Over the centuries, millions of people, by looking upon the crucifix, have experienced God's personal love and compassion and found themselves drawn to God in return. In accepting the loss of so much that was dear to him, in particular, his vibrant life and warm companionship with others, Jesus drew people of all nations to himself and, thereby, to sharing in God's life. It was when some Greeks (i.e. foreigners) came to hear him speak that Jesus made this declaration; and then he asked: "What shall I say? Save me from this hour. No, it was for this reason I have come to this hour." In these lovely spring days we may find ourselves sowing some seeds in the garden. The seed that dies in order to yield a new

form of life is as familiar to us today as it was in the day of Jesus. This phenomenon of nature can speak to our own experience as much as it did to the experience of Jesus. Each of us in different ways has to accept some significant loss if we are to remain true to our deepest and best self, true to what God is asking of us. Then there are other losses in life that we do not choose, but that are forced upon us. These are losses we have no choice but to accept. We may have to accept the loss of people we love and care about because of choices they make themselves. Parents may not wish to see a son or daughter go far away to live and work, but they accept this necessary loss out of respect for the one they love. In accepting the losses that life imposes, in letting go of those we love, we often find something fuller and richer, just as Jesus' disciples received him again in a new and fuller way through his resurrection from the dead and the sending of the Spirit. At the end, for each of us, there is the final, unavoidable struggle to let go of our very life, with all the loss that is entailed in that. As we face of all these inevitable losses that are integral to life, we are strengthened by the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself." We trust and believe that, at the end of the day, after we have struggled through all our losses, the Lord will draw us to himself, and, when that happens, we will lack nothing. *associstionofcatholicpriests.ie*

Easter Timetable
Holy Thursday – 7pm @ St Joseph's, Waipukurau
Good Friday – 3pm @St Joseph's, Waipukurau
Easter Vigil – 5.30 @ St Patrick's, Waipawa
Easter Sunday - 9.30am @St Joseph's, Waipukurau

