

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.

St Peter's College 50th Jubilee

St Peter's College in Palmerston North is celebrating their 50th Jubilee on Labour Weekend. More information and registrations at <https://www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee>.

Hospital Chaplain 0.6FTE

Hawkes Bay Hospital, Te Whatu Ora Te Matau a Māui, Hawkes Bay
Closes: 4pm, Monday 8 April 2024 <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/74543446>

Update on Archbishop Novatus Ru-

gambwa—Our Papal Nuncio has arrived in Rome after a smooth journey, following his departure from Wellington on Saturday. He will resume his rehabilitation there following the stroke he suffered in Wellington on 27 October. The bishops thank you all for having and keeping Archbishop Novatus in your prayers. More at: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nuncio>

Pro Life—Earlier this year, a group of students set up a pro-life club at Manchester University. Their first meeting attracted a large crowd of students who supported abortion. The pro-abortion students were beside themselves with rage, contorted faces, screaming and spitting, shouting threats of violence. The Police were called to protect the pro-life students. For more pro-life infor-

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

mation, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz

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.

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.

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The Holy Trinity Parish Rātini Kupu

31 Poutū-te-rangi, 2024
Easter Sunday

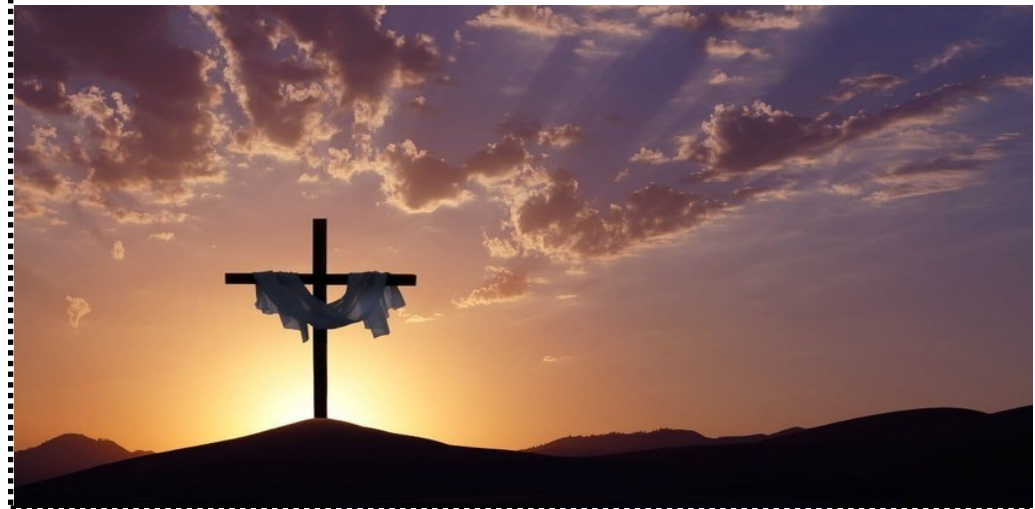


Discovering Easter

The resurrection is deeply mysterious and we can't quite experience its original impact in the hearts of his followers. This gospel, this great news, spans the centuries and is still a living force for here and now. In a sense, you and I are reflected in elements of that story, and may place ourselves within the account given by Saint John today. Am I like Magdalene, announcing the news of resurrection? Or like the apostles who respond immediately by running off to the tomb to see for themselves. On Easter morning, the stone was rolled back from the mouth of the tomb. Is my heart be like a tomb awaiting resurrection? Can I identify any "gravestone" that is holding me back from a fuller, freer life? It could be an addiction, a compulsion or some dark secret I have never shared with anyone. We can be sickened by our secrets. But as Pope Francis said, we are meant to be "people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!" If we too discover the risen Jesus, we can all find hope and joy, and go out to share them with others. associationofcatholicpriests.ie

Ngā Mihi a te Aranga ki a koutou katoa

Wishing you all a Happy Easter



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy
Bible Stories - What do they mean?
Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms.

Sundays, 07 Apr, 05 May 2024, 5-6pm
(Zoom). Koha
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/19/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

The Mystery of Miracles
Mondays, 08/15/22/29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm
\$25/session or \$80/series, incl. study material.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/01/11/the-mystery-of-miracles/>

The Stations of the Cross - Reflections on Wood Carvings.

Available in English, Fijian and Samoan. \$7 incl. postage in NZ

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/08/11/reflection-on-wood-carvings/>

When I was a child all family meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner (or dinner and tea as we called the midday and evening meal) were eaten at the kitchen dining table. Sunday evening was an exception. Cheese on toast (mousetraps) or saveloys (with toast and tomato sauce) made an informal meal eaten not at the table but in relaxed comfort perhaps watching the Wonderful World of Disney or Country Calendar. Our family had simple table rituals. We started eating only when everyone was ready to eat, and we didn't leave the table until all had finished eating, then we could ask and be given permission – and then it was to the dishes. It all sounds a bit regimented today, a bit quaint perhaps, but that's the way it was and these simple family table rituals opened the way for a lot of good family round-table interaction. There would be conversation about everything that had happened in the day. Great stories were told. Some of our best family laughs happened at the table and some of our biggest fights too. The table was a place of gathering and a place of interaction. The table was a place of nourishment. The table is also a significant place of encounter in the scriptures: "My table thou has furnished" (Psalm 23) and in the gospels Jesus

spends a lot of time eating and drinking at table. On the night before his final

suffering Jesus gathers those closest to him to the table for a meal, the Last Supper which for us is the First Eucharist. Today, with this evening's Mass of the Lord's Supper we enter the [Paschal Triduum](#), the journey through the suffering and death of Jesus to his resurrection. In this Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper we are not simply remembering an historical event, but seeking to actively encounter Christ in our present-day lives.

Those who seek the fullness of life with Jesus are offered resurrection. In the hours that follow the Last Supper Jesus suffers and is put to death. Three days later God raises Jesus from death in the event which offers us hope in every suffering. Just as the table was a place of engagement and encounter for my family, the table in the household of Jesus is also central. It's a place of service, for the two who were sent to prepare the upper room and for those who cooked and served. The upper room table was a place of robust honest conversation: one of you will betray me ...

who? The table of the Last Supper was a place where tables turned: Jesus the Master kneels to wash the feet of his friends. While the table of God is the place where everyone is welcome, it's also a place from which we all at times distance ourselves: too much preparation is required and after time we feel as though we have lost our appetite and no longer have the taste for a conversation is uncompromisingly real. Then our pride prevents the humility required for a return and for the service. Let's enter these Triduum days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday to Easter Sunday aware of our longing for the new life of Easter, and praying for each other

foodforfaith.org.nz



New life, with Jesus—The Easter story begins very early in the morning of the first day of the week while it is still dark. As an old man, John would later write that 'the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining'. But he links this strictly to one condition: 'Whoever loves his brothers and sisters,' John says, 'lives in the light.' On the other hand, 'whoever prefers to hate... is still in the darkness.' (1 Jn 2:8-11). On Friday, as we remembered the sufferings and death of the most marvellous human being the world has ever known, we came face to face with the dark side of human nature, the darkness that led the enemies of Jesus to torture, humiliate, and finally murder him on a cross. On that black day in Jerusalem, the capacity of human beings to hate, hurt and harm one another went completely out of control. It's no wonder, then, that 'darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon', that 'the sun's light failed', and that 'the curtain of the temple was torn in two' (Lk 23:24). Between light and darkness, between good and evil, one mighty struggle is still going on. It's going on in the physical cosmos, in human societies, and within our own personalities. Although the darkness often appears to be stronger than the light, it has not yet triumphed. The light is remarkably resilient. Often in danger of being extinguished, it manages to survive, and even to win many victories. The words of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of modern India, still ring as true as when he spoke them seventy years ago: 'When I despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but, in the end, they always fall.' The words of the Easter Vigil liturgy express the same truth in an equally appealing way: 'The power of this holy [Easter] night,' it proclaims, 'dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.' Our celebration of Easter reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world. Jesus was buried

at sunset, as darkness was once again creeping over the earth, to all appearances a victim and a failure. But on the third day afterwards the sun came up on him victorious and triumphant, alive, powerful and influential. Once again, 'the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world' (Jn 1:9) So we celebrate his resurrection today by rising from darkness and death ourselves. The Risen Lord himself, represented here by this beautiful Easter candle burning in our midst, is asking us to leave behind the works of darkness, to renounce and reject anything and everything in our lives which is dark, sinister and evil, and as persons connected to him by baptism, to 'walk always as children of the light', following in his footsteps. So we are now invited to renew our baptismal promises. Reject darkness, evil



and sin in every shape and form. And promise to follow Jesus Christ from now on, in a life of light, goodness and love, a life shaped by his own powerful example, a life supported and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom he first gave us at baptism and whom he gives us again right now. So together, dear People of God, let us renew our baptismal promises, and renew them as loudly and enthusiastically as we can. associationofcatholicpriests.ie

St John's College—This week we remembered that it is Holy Week. On Holy Thursday we began the day with the first station of the cross, then our prefects embarked on their annual Way of the Cross Walk visiting Catholic schools and communities in Napier and Hastings, saying a station of the cross at each venue. It is a great way for our young men to connect with our Catholic communities. Holy Thursday ended with a liturgy and the final stations of the cross before our students headed off for the Easter week-end. Our gateway students recently completed a two day, first aid course so now, along with their health and safety training, they are ready for their work placements next term. Finally we would like to wish all those in our community a happy and blessed Easter celebration. *Conor Bolton*