

Anniversary's in April

Adriana Koolen (Jean), Jack Hallagen, Murray Durham, Ellen Logan
Vaughan Hallagen, Brian Bird, Charlie Percy, Ivan Ujdur
John McDonald, John Stanely, Lenva Martin, Leo Frings (Geoff)
Malcolm Heaven, Michael Ransfield, Robert Frost (Bob)
Thomas Butler (Tom), Gavin Logan, James Cook
John Muelan, James Harris, Emmett McElhinney, William Field (Bill)

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>.

Pro Life—The Creation Museum in the US state of Kentucky is a state-of-the-art museum that has attracted millions of visitors. The exhibit "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" focuses on both scientific and Biblical truth about life in the womb, with breath-taking life-like models of preborn babies. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz

Farewell and thank you to the Diocese of Palmerston North from Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand | Sunday 14 April- Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand would like express their gratitude to the Diocese of Palmerston North for the support and hospitality we have received since we arrived there in 1894. A group of sisters will attend the 9.30 a.m. Eucharist at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Sunday 14 April, as we say farewell and thank you to the Diocese. This will be followed by morning tea. Anyone who would like

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

to join us for this time of thanksgiving is welcome.

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.

Sunday, 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, 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/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz



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The Holy Trinity Parish Rātini Kupu

14 Paenga-whāwhā, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter



Empowered with trust - This is one of the many post-resurrection appearances of Jesus, except that here more than elsewhere, he is at pains to convince them that he is real, that all has happened as foretold in scripture, and was part of a divine plan. It's an extraordinary fact that one of our basic attitudes towards God is one of fear. The first time fear is mentioned in the Bible is when Adam and Eve sinned. We are told that they hid, because they were afraid. From then on, most contacts with God begin with the words Fear not; be not afraid. This was even said to Mary, as it was to the shepherds. It is reckoned that Jesus used this expression several dozen times throughout the gospels. When the apostles cried Out to him in the storm, he replied, "Why did you fear, Oh you of little faith?" Today's gospel speaks of the apostles being terribly frightened. This seems strange, as the reason for the fear is the one person who had always been their best friend. This fear certainly shows up the limitations of our humanity. It was always a put-down, when I was a child, to be told that I was afraid of my shadow. Imagine Jesus pleading with them to believe him. He invites them to touch him, to give him something to eat, to examine his hands and his feet. Human nature is so fragile, and so fickle. I'm not blaming anyone here. Obviously, this is the first time the apostles ever came across a situation like this. We might think that seeing Lazarus, or the daughter of Jairus, or the young man in Naim, getting up and walking after seeming to be dead, should have prepared them for this moment. They had known Jesus on a personal basis, and had felt at home in his company. This time things were different. He had broken free of the constraints of the human body, and there was a unique presence in him that they had never seen before. We cannot grasp the utter transformation they felt, when someone they knew and loved was so utterly transformed, and now has an unearthly aura about him. While they still doubted, they were filled with joy and wonder as Jesus spoke to them about the promises of scripture, and how he had fulfilled them. Then he sent them to continue what he had begun. In the following line, that is not included in today's gospel, he promises that he will send them the Spirit and they will have a whole new power, when they will share in the new power into which he has now entered.



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World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Seminarian Appeal 28 April 2024 - On the 5th Sunday of Easter Time, 28 April 2024, we are invited to pray for those called to serve through priestly vocation. The day also marks the beginning of our National Vocations Awareness Week. We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood. Currently, we have one seminarian Dung Manh Phan at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. After returning from Vietnam, in July 2022 Dung studied papers for his degree. In 2023 he joined the year one cohort for his formation year 1 and this year, he is in year 2, studying fulltime towards his theology degree. Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen, and Duy Pham, from Vietnam, arrived in New Zealand in 2022 to learn English before hopefully joining the seminary. However, it was with sadness that Duy returned to Vietnam early this year, due to health reasons. For young people, remember that being a priest is always another option for your life. If you are thinking about it, please talk to any of our diocesan priests you may know. Parents, if your children are interested in the vocation of priesthood, please encourage them, and pray for them. Please feel free to contact our Diocese of Palmerston North Director, Fr Trung Nguyen on 022 062 6726 or email vocations@pndiocese.org.nz. We ask you to please support our Seminarians with financial support and prayer. Please continue to pray for more candidates. Thank you in advance for your contribution no matter how small.

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025—Pilgrims of Hope. The page is here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Internationally, preparations for Jubilee 2025 are underway. The Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelization

has prepared supporting resources and has asked local bishops' conferences to promote and distribute these as well as to collaborate in the preparation of local opportunities. In response, the NZCBC has created an informative, indexed webpage dedicated to Jubilee 2025. It contains background information, links to online resources, and links to other websites for a broader coverage. The page is here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> All parishes are encouraged to learn the newly composed hymn as well as incorporating the Jubilee Prayer in their gatherings. Both are among the many resources on our new Jubilee webpage. The page will be updated regularly. We invite everyone to explore the contents and become familiar with what is planned for the Jubilee. This includes advice and guidance for people planning to travel to Italy next year for the pilgrimage which is part of the year. During 2024, the focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope. There'll be more specific details about the Jubilee Year when Pope Francis publishes his special Papal Bull on the subject, expected on 9 May (next month). The Papal Bull will also be published on our Jubilee webpage. Each diocese will be invited separately to identify representatives to meet with the Jubilee National Delegate, currently Catherine Gibbs, to develop local responses to this wonderful, hope-filled event. "The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope." – Pope Francis.



St John's College—The last week of school has been relatively quiet after a busy term. We celebrated mass as usual in the chapel at lunch time on Tuesday with the students from Redwood house and we have planned for students to attend the various Anzac ceremonies that will occur on 28 April. Winter sport practices are now in full flow as our young men transition into the new sporting season. A reminder that the St John's College prospectus evening will be held in the PAC at 7:00 pm on Thursday May 9. Wishing our students and teachers a restful and productive break. Conor Bolton (DRS)

All of our journeys to and with God are unique and precious to each one of us. The call and invitation is the same – to believe and then witness to the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. How we do that, when we do that, even whether we do that is part of our own unique journey with God. In our Gospels after Easter we are allowed to join Peter, the Apostles, and the closest friends of Jesus in their journeys to belief. Like us, their journeys are unique and precious. We meet them at times frightened and sad; at other times overjoyed and excited. We meet them in moments of doubt and moments of certainty. We meet them troubled and alone and we meet them calm and united. Their journeys were taking them to the conclusion that, incredible as it seemed, Jesus had truly Risen from the Dead – not a 'ghost' or a 'vision' or a 'mystical experience' but the real, flesh and blood person they knew and loved. Through fear and doubt; through struggle and disbelief; slowly, one small step at a time, their journey arrived at that place of joy, peace and calm where they could truly say, "He is Risen." Our journeys move towards the same conclusion. Through the witness of the Apostles and the Gospels; through the gift of the sacraments and especially the Eucharist; through our own struggles and doubts; through our prayer and reflection we can, like them, arrive at the place where we too can say with calmness and certainty, "He has Risen from the Dead, and I am a witness to that fact." Reflecting on Sunday's Gospel we can, if we allow Jesus to open our minds, move ever closer to the joy, peace, and con-

tentment which our God wants for us. b.maher@oblates.ie

Repent and be forgiven

"You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer, and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations." This prediction or mandate of the risen Christ is echoed by Peter in the first reading, "Now you must repent and turn to God, that your sins may be wiped out." In John's epistle too, we are urged to stop sinning, and if we have sinned the sacrifice of Christ can take our sins away. People who live without thought of God or of His will, may silence their consciences with the promise of repenting some future day. But is it possible that a change of heart can happen in a single day? Can we our character and habits possibly improve by an act of our will? Some may be inclined to wonder, "Why all the fuss if everyone is a sinner, and if forgiveness is easily got?" To this, St. John has a sober warning, "We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments." Knowing God has a moral dimension and has almost nothing to do with intellectual understanding. To know God means to have a close and personal relationship with our Maker and Father. This happens most surely if we live in imitation of Christ, or put on Christ, as St Paul says. Being Christians gives us the great privilege of a relationship with Jesus; but it also makes great demands on us, for we cannot be like Christ unless we aim to become pure in heart. There was a poor and simple man who regularly visited a certain church, and there pray on his knees before a large crucifix. When he was asked why his lips never moved while praying before the cross he said, "I just look at him, and he looks at me." Words had given way to contemplation. Those who look long enough at Christ, will finally become like Christ, seeing him as he really is. association-ofcatholicpriests.ie

