

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.

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, 22 and 29 April 2024, 7-8.30pm, \$25/session, incl. study material.

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

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Pro-Life—Dame Colleen Bayer, DSG, has served for thirty-two years as Family Life International (FLI) Chief Executive, and now her daughter Michelle Kaufman has been appointed as the new Chief Executive/National Director, taking on the role of leading this vital pro-life and pro-family apostolate into the future. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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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

Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We're on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well. Reporting to the CE, they will need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas' mission is a plus. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team. For more information, visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>



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The Holy Trinity Parish Rātini Kupu

21 Paenga-whāwhā, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter



Background on the Gospel Reading - This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd. Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees. Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow. The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd. Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd. www.loyolapress.com



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

This Sunday (21 April), John Cowan's guest on Real Life will be broadcaster Judy Bailey. Judy joined the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation in 1971, working as a reporter on news and current affairs programmes. She presented the regional news with John Hawkesby for Auckland from 1980 to 1987 in the programme Top Half. Judy went on to front ONE News, the highest-rated evening television news programme in New Zealand, for twenty-six years. On leaving TVNZ, she presented Māori Television's ANZAC Day pro-

gramme for many years. In the 2010 New Year Honours, Judy was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to broadcasting and the community. Judy has written several books, including *Evolving*, about finding health and happiness as we age, released at the beginning of April. Judy lives in Auckland and is married to producer and director Chris Bailey, with whom she has three children and seven grandchildren.

Fr Craig Butler to represent NZ in Rome- Congratulations Fr Craig Butler, Whanganui Parish Priest, who will represent the Catholic priests of Aotearoa New Zealand at a gathering of 300 priests from around the world at the Vatican at the "Parish Priests for the Synod: An International Meeting" in Rome from 28 April to 2 May. Fr Craig was nominated by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference to attend the gathering, which is being held as part of the countdown to October's second session of the Synod on Synodality. Further information is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/300priests/>



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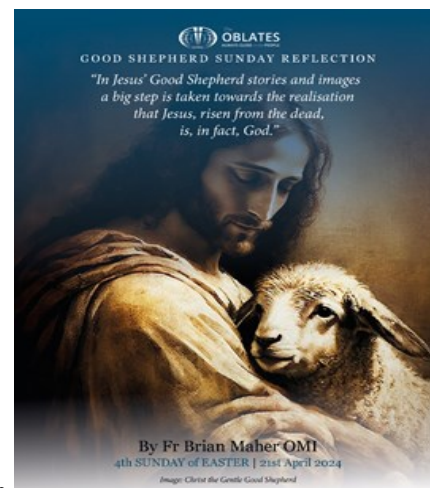
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This week is traditionally called 'Good Shepherd' Sunday. The Gospel is from John, one part of his section on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. The image of the Good Shepherd comes to us from the Old Testament where it was used frequently to speak of God's relationship with his people. Jesus would have fully understood the Old Testament imagery when he spoke of himself as the Good Shepherd. However, Jesus is not just repeating the Old Testament images, he is developing them. By speaking of himself as the Good Shepherd he is not just referring to God's care, protection and leadership of his people, he is also talking about his own relationship with the Father. Once the reality of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead was accepted by the early Christian communities, the question became, 'Jesus did rise from the dead, so who exactly was he?' In Jesus' Good Shepherd stories and images a big step is taken towards the realisation that Jesus, risen from the dead, is, in fact, God. As a people, Jews respect God so much that they will not dare to even call him by name. That Jesus might use well known Good Shepherd imagery to link himself so closely with the Father is a step which cannot be overstated.

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No Faith in Fossil Fuels Climate Action Week | 3 – 12 May

Following on from the immensely successful 'E tū te Mana o Te Ao - Building a Climate of Hope' Webinar Series and Palmy Climate Conversation Starters held in June last year, the Religious Diversity Centre's Climate Action Group have partnered with Greenfaith and other local groups to organise and promote 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels week' in Palmerston North. Everyone is welcome to attend, no registration needed. Two events are organised: Friday May 3rd, 10am-1pm - A Solidarity March at Te Marae o Hine, in The Square with MP Teanau Tuiono as guest speaker, organised in conjunction with Extinction Rebellion Manawatu. Participants are invited to carry banners that call attention to the urgent need for a just transition to renewable energy, a sustainable future, an end to fossil fuels, and a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty. Sunday, 5 May, 7:30pm - A Multi-faith Prayer Vigil at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Broadway organised in conjunction with Palmerston North Interfaith Group with the theme: "Hear the Cry of the Earth! Hear the Cry of the Poor!"

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter Year A (Good Shepherd Sunday) remind us that Jesus Christ leads us through the gate of salvation. In the first reading Peter calls all to conversion. The psalm reminds us that God is always caring for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The second reading tells us that when we stray, we can return to the Lord. And in the gospel Jesus promises to lead his people to safety and warns us to be cautious about who we follow. Jesus as the Good Shepherd: This image is meant to evoke the idea of a shepherd who knows his sheep by name and is willing to lay down his life for them. Jesus says that his sheep hear his voice and follow him, and that he knows them and they know him. This theme emphasizes Jesus' love for his followers and his willingness to protect and guide them through life. young-catholics.com