

Anniversary's in May

Hannah Moran, Terry Coyle, Deidre Wedd
Denis Farrell, Fr Robert Francis Ryan, George Kura
Imelda Ewen, John (Merv) Maggin, Kathleen Butler
Kathrin De Fresne, Patrick David Mullens
Marie Chote, Petrus Pepping (Pe)

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.

Pro-Life—Rising abortion rates lead to decreases in birthrate, which can have long-term consequences at the population level. Fewer working age young people will be around to support growing numbers of senior citizens. For more pro-life information visit Voice for Life at www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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, 02 June 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2024/05/07/bible-stories-what-do-they-mean/>

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Latest Tūmanako update out now

The May edition of Tūmanako was emailed out last week. In it you can find some informative resources and articles, including:

- Resources for Pentecost Sunday;
- A Pentecost Quiz for those of you keen to test your knowledge;

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

· A video from Bishop John about his coat of arms (part 1 of a 5-part series);

· An update from Nick Wilson on the next stage of the Synod on Synodality. Head to <https://mailchi.mp/pndiocese/may-6730066> for the email content, and if you haven't signed up to receive our monthly newsletter head to www.pndiocese.org.nz.

Nick Wilson and Jessica Jackman to represent young NZ Catholics at Youth Ministry congress in Rome. Ka pai and congratulations Nick Wilson of Palmerston North and Jessica Jackman of Christchurch, who will represent young New Zealand Catholics in Rome at the International Congress on Youth Ministry, hosted by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life from 22 May to 26 May.



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The Holy Trinity Parish Rātini Kupu

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Pentecost Sunday



The Spirit Is For Everyone - [adapted from Jose Antonio Pagola]

Our life is made up of multiple experiences. Joys and troubles, successes and failures, are woven together in our daily life, animating or weighing us down. But often we are hardly aware of what's deepest in our own selves. What we grasp in our self-awareness is just a small island amid the wide and deep sea that is life. Sometimes, even what's most essential and decisive eludes us. In his precious book *Spiritual Experience*, Karl Rahner invites us to consider the inmost "experience" that occurs within us, though often unperceived: the living presence of God's Spirit who works from within our being. This experience can easily be smothered by many others that occupy our time and attention. It is a quiet presence that can be drowned out by other impressions and worries that take hold of our heart. Mostly, we seem to think that what's great and gratuitous must be something rare, but God's grace is not like that. There's a tendency in certain parts of Christianity to consider the living presence of the Spirit as something reserved to chosen and select people. But Rahner reminds us that God's Spirit is always alive in the human heart, since the Spirit is God's own communication in the innermost part of our existence. This Spirit of God is communicated and given even where apparently nothing is happening. The Spirit is there, wherever life is received and the duties of each day are carried out. God's Spirit works silently in the heart of regular and simple people, in contrast to the pretension of those who feels themselves the sole possessors of the Spirit. Pentecost invites us to seek that

presence of God's Spirit in our own selves, not to imagine it as a trophy granted only to the elite. We need to welcome the Spirit of God who is the font of all life. This Spirit is for everyone, because the immense Love of God is present to all the joys and groans, efforts and yearnings that spring from the heart of all God's children. association-ofcatholicpriests.ie



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Reflection -Holy Spirit took control of everyone . Different gifts and different ways to serve . Coming to faith is a journey for most of us as we discover God’s existence within the realities of our life experiences. This happens mainly through prayer and reflection. Just as the disciples gathered together to pray when they were anxious, so it is important for us to gather with our faith community to share the highs and the lows of our journey. Regular time to pray alone, to pray in community and time to reflect will pay dividends for us. Fear had caused the believers to lock themselves away. Can you recall a time when you have felt ‘closed in’ with a problem? What helped to free you from this? When Jesus appeared and breathed the Holy Spirit into his friends, this experience was totally life changing. How is it life changing for you? How do you use the Spiritual gifts you have been given in service of others? What fruits of the Spirit are manifest most in those closest to you? This week work on those gifts that are most neglected in yourself.

Liturgy Centre, Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Te Rōpū Tautoko Anonymous Evaluation Form
Te Rōpū Tautoko, the Church group established to engage with

the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care, is seeking your thoughts on the Church's engagement with the Inquiry. Feedback received will inform Tautoko's final report, as a reflection of the broad reality of peoples' experiences. Takes 5 to 20 minutes to complete. Closes Friday 24 May. <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/anonymous-evaluation/>

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>.

Prayer Pastoral Aide for Presbyters
As part of the Year of Prayer called by the Holy Father and in preparation for Jubilee 2025, the Dicastery for Evangelization has prepared a prayer resource for Presbyters: With Peter and Paul Following the Master. It may be used freely in gatherings of presbyters; either together with their bishop, or divided into groups in the region. Download the pdf at: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/EN-Jubilee-of-Priests.pdf>

Prayer For Pentecost Sunday

Dear Heavenly Father,

On this Pentecost Sunday, we come before you as your daughters who are going through difficult times. We ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and fill us with your presence, strength, and comfort. Help us to remember that you are always with us, even in the midst of our struggles and pain.

We pray for a fresh outpouring of your Spirit upon us, that we may be renewed and refreshed in our faith. We ask that you grant us the wisdom and courage to face the challenges before us with faith and hope, knowing that you are our ever-present help in times of trouble.

May your Spirit fill us with peace, joy, and love, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. Help us to trust in your promises, and to rely on your strength to see us through every trial and hardship.

We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Thank you to those people who organised and took part in the recent Liturgies when Fr Paul was unwell. We would love more people on our list to call on. Please consider this ministry. If you are interested please contact Hamish or Fr Paul.

St John's College—This week we acknowledged anti-bullying by having a pink shirt day on Friday. Sacred Heart College along with the support of St Joseph's Māori Girls College, hosted the annual O'Shea Shield competition for senior Catholic schools in the Wellington and Palmerston North Diocese on Friday and Saturday. This is an awesome annual event which St John's competes in every year, and we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our sister schools for all the work and effort that has gone into hosting and planning this event. **Conor Bolton (DRS)**

Darkness was falling on the Michigan community where Penny lived with her family that included three young children. Penny was a nine-month-old dog best described as a mutt of medium size with short hair.

On this fateful day, Penny was let out into the yard for a few minutes before bedtime. A family member opened the door and called her. No response. Time passed as the family continued to call. Still Penny did not come. Reality began to sink in for the parents: Penny was missing. By this time, all was dark in the neighbourhood. It was time to go to bed; the parents prepared for a restless night. The next morning, father opened the back door. To his surprise, Penny lay on the step, motionless but alive. He examined the young dog and discovered a bullet hole in her shoulder. Quickly, he scooped up the dog and rushed to the veterinarian's office. After a careful examination, the doctor delivered the bad news. A bullet had passed through her lungs and had lodged in her heart. Surgery was not an option. At this point, the vet was perplexed. How did the dog even survive? Furthermore, he could not imagine how the dog made it back to the house. "She should have died instantly," the doctor stated. "We cannot remove the bullet. Surgery would

be too dangerous." The prognosis was dire. How could a dog survive with a bullet imbedded in its heart? No one knew if Penny would recover. The mother (we shall call her Mary) had an idea. She turned to her children with a request. "Let us all pray for Penny." That is what they did. Innocent voices lifted to heaven, asking God to save their beloved pet. To the amazement of all, Penny survived. Beyond that, Penny lived a long life, dying at the ripe old age of thirteen.

A friend told me this true story recently. Unlike most of the neighbors, they were not able to have an invisible fence for fear that an electric shock would hit the bullet and cause damage, possibly death to Penny. Mary is firmly convinced that the prayers of her children brought about Penny's miraculous recovery from what should have been a deadly gunshot wound. One question lingers after all these years. How did Penny get back to the house? She could not walk. Whoever shot her could not have known where she lived. If a neighbour found her, that person would have informed the family. Many years have passed since Penny died. Mary still shakes her head in amazement. Every now and then she would remind her children about Penny and the power of prayer. I told this story to my grandchildren, and they reacted with awe. Perhaps it was news to them that their humble prayers reach the ear of God. Our heavenly Father watches over the tiny sparrow, our families, and even a little dog named Penny.

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