

## Anniversary's in August

Margaret Fletcher, Herbert Stacpoole  
Aimee Oldham, Kerri Hitchens, Monica Brick, John Seed  
Barbara Bird, Cath Murphy, Mons Duffy

**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.

### Exploring the Seasons of Grief

A small group programme for adults Losses, big and small, turn your world upside down. Exploring the Seasons of Grief programme will help you through them. Many life changes need to be grieved, from the loss of a loved one to the loss of a job, from a breakup to a relocation, and all the rest of life's ebbs and flows. For many people, grief is the single most challenging thing they've ever experienced. Because we often don't talk openly about loss, everyone thinks they're the only one. When they find themselves in a group where they can just have open and regular conversations about their experiences, they often feel immense relief. Exploring the Seasons of Grief is a small group (4-7 Participants), peerbased educational programme. It provides an opportunity to examine how loss

### 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

and grief have impacted on one's life. It imparts knowledge, skills, and attitudes to enable participants to understand and manage their grief experience. *Dates: Tuesday mornings Aug 27th till Sept 17th Time: 10am till 1pm Venue: Waipawa Cost: \$30.00 Facilitator: Sally White*



**For sale –make an offer for a bathroom vanity. See Fr Paul if interested.**

**Pro-Life**—An Auckland VFL committee member recently met with the current CEO of Right to Life in Britain, Kiwi Alasdair Hungerford Morgan. Right to Life works across education, politics and the media, and has many supporters in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. For more pro-life information, visit [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).

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## The Holy Trinity Parish Rātini Kupu

18th Here-turi-Kōkā, 2024  
20th Sunday of Ordinary Time



### Reconciliation/First Holy Communion

We are offering this Sacramental programme starting in September. Your child must be 8 years of age or older. The sessions will be held after Mass on a Sunday which you and your child will attend together. The first lesson starts on the 8th September. If you would like to register please contact the parish office or the school office to request a registration form. There will be some forms available in the church foyers also.

**He is present among us** - Jesus is living food for us, sent from the Father in heaven. Unlike ordinary food, which just sustains bodily life, this food offers a life that is eternal. From the burning bush to the gentle breeze, God has made his presence known among us since the beginning of time. Being among us as food for body and spirit is a significant way of being present. Christ's eucharistic presence is in bread and wine, among the commonest elements of food and drink in his day. The Lord is present among us through everyday things. Bread comes from a process that starts with seeds of wheat mixed with water. These are brought together as dough and, after several stages of development, they end up as a unity which we call bread. Wine begins as a cluster of grapes which, when they are processed, they end up as what we call wine. A group of people gather together for prayer, each of them unique. After a process which is the work of God's Spirit, they become a unity, which we call church, or the Body of Christ. In communion, the (community) Body of Christ is being nourished by the (sacramental) Body of Christ. If someone invited you all to gather around me, as close as you can, because he was going to whisper to you, something else would take place that might surprise you. You'd notice that the closer you come to me the closer you'd be to each other. If you gathered closely around one person, you would be touching shoulders with each other. That is how community or the Body of Christ is formed. It is a question of bringing people closer to the Lord and, as a direct result of that, they end up being closer to each other. Throughout history, God has spoken to his people in surprising ways. He spoke to Elijah through the gentle breeze, and he spoke to Moses in the burning bush. The natives of Bethlehem weren't too excited that a new baby had been born and, later on, Herod would mock Jesus as a fool, and the soldiers would jeer him as a king. After the resurrection, Mary Magdalene thought he was a gardener, Peter thought he was a ghost, and the disciples on the road to Emmaus thought he was a stranger passing through. That he should present himself in so simple a form as food and drink is just what we might expect from "The God of Surprises."  
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**SUNDAY**  
18 AUGUST - 2:00pm

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## Fr Paul's Birthday Bash

When –18th August, 2024

Time - after Mass @ St Joseph's

Mass Time –10.30am

What to bring—Food to share

Where—St Joseph's Hall

Everyone is invited to come to this fantastic occasion to celebrate Fr Pauls birthday. Bring the whanau and lets share some kai together!

Archbishop Gábor Pinter appointed papal representative to New Zealand and delegate to Pacific Ocean.

Sacred Heart College Napier students – develop learner driver app.

He Hikoi Whakapono | Journey of Faith – WelCom visits St Mary of the Angels Parish Central Wellington.

Plus, more features, local and international news and views, reflections and Young Church.

**In the last three weeks** our Gospels have journeyed through Chapter 6 of John's Gospel. Today, in our Gospel, we reach the climax of our journey, where John tells us that, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." Taken in isolation it is an astounding statement, and left without a context it suggests some kind of 'cannibalism' which would be offensive and abhorrent.

'Cannibalism' was, in fact, an accusation thrown at early Christian communities by their enemies. All of the accusations 'fake news' and 'conspiracy theories', but that's not new! Needless to say, everyone reading John's words already knew that the context was the 'Last Supper' and it was the Eucharistic meal to which he was referring. John states in the Gospel... "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" ... and he uses the present tense! Eternal life is for the 'here and now'. What a promise and what challenge. [b.maher@oblates.ie](mailto:b.maher@oblates.ie)

**St John's College**—This week teachers were busy completing the junior reports so that they could be sent out before the parent/teacher interviews to be held next week. We held the annual staff vs prefect's soccer match on Tuesday which ended in a 2-2 draw. It was a close game with the teachers managing to grab an equalizer at the death.

On Sunday afternoon the college had its Open Day which was well attended.

Thanks to the staff and students who took time out of their weekend to provide support. *Conor Bolton (DRS)*

**Māori Education Collection** | Sunday 25 August 2024 Māori Education is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled New Zealand and your donation is an investment also. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori is good for all New Zealanders. We are blessed to host the nation's two Catholic Māori Boarding Schools in our Diocese: Hato Pāora College and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. In them, staff are successfully bringing about outstanding results in the students they nurture, teach and shape. It is timely also to thank the many people who support all sorts of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help out. Thank you. 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 'Māori Ed' as reference.

### August WelCom contents include:

Bishop Owen Dolan – 70th anniversary of priestly ordination.

NZ Royal Commission on Abuse in Care – Catholic Church leaders welcome final report.

New Apostolic Nuncio – His Excellency

## Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Ulm Minster - The highest church building in the world with Beate Matthes A journey through the history and architecture of the German Ulm Minster from the laying of the foundation stone in 1377 to today.

Monday, 02 September 2024, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ulm-minster-the-tallest-church/>

YouTube Recordings

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**Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa**, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has asked for Christians around the world to pray that there may be reconciliation and peace amidst the violence and anger. Let us pray that "Mary Most Holy will open a glimpse of light for all of us and for the whole world", as Cardinal Pizzaballa has asked.

*O most glorious Mother of God,  
raised above the choirs of angels,  
pray for us with Saint Michael the Archangel*

*and with all the angelic powers of heaven  
and with all the saints,  
to your most holy and beloved Son, our  
Lord and master.*

*Obtain for this Holy Land, for all His  
children and for all humanity  
the gift of reconciliation and peace.*

*May your prophecy be fulfilled:*

*the proud are scattered in  
the imaginations of their  
hearts;*

*the mighty are overthrown  
from their thrones,  
and finally, the humble are  
raised;*

*Let the hungry be filled with  
good things,  
the peaceful be recognized as  
children of God*

*and that the meek may receive the earth  
as a gift.*

*May Jesus Christ, your Son, grant us  
this,*

*He who exalted you today above the  
choirs of angels,  
who crowned you with the diadem of the  
Kingdom,  
and has placed you on the throne of eter-  
nal splendour.*

*To him be honour and glory forever.  
Amen.*

**St Peter's College PN 50th Reunion** | Labour Weekend 25 – 27 Oct We are hoping to get as many registrations as possible by the end of August – if you haven't registered yet, please do so ASAP! Register at <https://www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee>.

**Pilgrimage with the Saints** tour 2025 Fr Chris Friel will lead this 17 day tour to Portugal, Spain, and France in 2025. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at [info@travlink.co.nz](mailto:info@travlink.co.nz) or phone 0800 99 77 88

**LifeTeen Aotearoa** Leadership Convention | 30 Aug – 1 Sept This Convention offers dynamic talks, training, and discussions with Life Teen International Staff and local experts, providing an invaluable opportunity for youth ministers of all experience levels across Aotearoa to learn, grow in faith, and connect with our church whānau. Visit <https://lifeteen.nz/convention/> for more information.

