

Anniversary's in September
Eileen Butler, Martin du Fresne
Mary Fieldsend, Robert Gordon
Zita Ryan, Ruth Lawrence

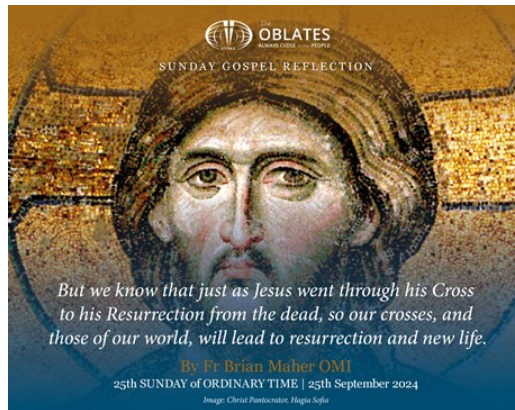
Adoration—It is a privilege to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament regularly in our Parish. As we uplift our parish family in prayer, it's a blessing on all! The first Friday of the month, there will be Adoration from 10am until 3pm, commencing after Friday Mass at 9.15am.
2025 enrolments open for Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College
Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is accepting enrolments for first semester 2025 from

23 September to 22 November 2024. Courses offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies, and a new micro credential on Managing Church Organisations. Contact admin@ctc.ac.nz to register or visit www.ctc.ac.nz for more information

Needed for St Vincent de Paul – we are currently experiencing a huge demand for goods so if you have any spare bedding, linen, towels, tea towels, kitchen goods such as pots, pans, cutlery, plates etc please donate to the parish office .

Job Vacancy 1 Chief Operating Officer
The Christchurch Diocese is seeking a Chief Operating Officer to lead a passionate and committed team and contribute to shaping the future of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. This role's primary objective is to support the bishop in his pastoral mission for the diocese through the management and leadership of resources, staff, and the delivery of outcomes. This includes, but is not limited to, leadership and management of the diocese teams, financial and asset management, strategy and planning, relationship management, communication and engagement. For a full

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



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Applications close 25 September at 1pm.



It is love that gives value to everything
- Suzanne Aubert

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The Holy Trinity Parish *Rātini Kupu*

22nd Mahuru ,2024
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Like Father, Like Son

St Mark traces the profile of Jesus as a strange and disconcerting Messiah. That is what Jesus was in reality for Peter and, as we know, Mark echoes the catechesis of Peter and his itinerary of discovery of the Messiah. The emphasis throughout is on the newness and originality of Jesus in the context of human history. He is on an entirely different level compared with the traditional teaching of the Scribes and Rabbis, and, even, the Law itself, because of the sublimity of his message. Beside him, all else is second-rate or old-fashioned. The life of Jesus unfolds as an enigma at the centre of which lie his Passion and death. That he comes from a modest, unpretentious background, that he presents himself without rank or title, without wealth or backing, that he makes no effort to command everybody's obeisance by means of some great cosmic sign — all of these are already disconcerting enough. All limits are exceeded, however, when he announces a most sinister ending of his life as being on the way. He is going to allow himself to be arrested, insulted and crucified like a common criminal. This enigma can be articulated in two great rhetorical questions that dominate the Gospel: who is Jesus? (from 1:14 up to Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi, 8:30) and Where is he going? (from 8:22 to 16:8). The answer — that he is the Son of God — runs through the entire Gospel, but somewhat like an under-surface stream that cannot be heard unless one listens attentively, as, for example, when Jesus holds up the little child. When a pope or bishop takes a little baby from its mother's arms to raise it above the crowd, he is repeating what was a significant gesture of Jesus. It is not just a demonstration of the kindly nature of a good man; it is a sure sign of the Kingdom and an indication of the kind of Messiah that Jesus was proclaiming himself to be. By this gesture, Jesus expresses the absolute newness that he himself is. In our ordinary world, deference would be given to grown-ups; Jesus gives it to the child. What is it in the child that merits this? Surely, it is that the child is an explosion of joy and life, is full of spontaneity and confidence, is without deviousness and mental reservations, and has the freshness of the dawn or the fountain-head. The child is like Springtime, like the rising sun, the bearer of the future. The child sparkles and makes everyone else sparkle, even the one with the murkiest face. The Messiah is not to be a prince or a hero in worldly terms. Rather, A child is born to us (Is 9, 5.) His first appearance is in swaddling clothes. The Son of God wished to be born, to live and to die as a child, innocent and unsuspecting, poor and dependent, because the Father's House is the Kingdom of children. Unless we become as little children, we cannot enter it. What a disconcerting Messiah Jesus is! He never ceases to astonish us. The child, the Messiah — and the Father, what a trinity! Another case of Like Father, like Son. *associationofcatholicpriests.ie*



Celebration Sunday 2024 -6th October

'Let my actions be a continual prayer and speak to you of my love'

'Mā aku mahi ka rangona tonutia ngā karakia me taku aroha ki ā koe'.

– Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

On the 6th October we will join with the Sisters of Compassion and all peoples of Aotearoa, New Zealand to celebrate the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa. Following her example, we pray that our actions will be a continual prayer that speak of Christ's love for all.

Our Gospel this week is a little like 'Groundhog Day' – we find ourselves hearing almost exactly the same words as last week. Yet, as with every Gospel, there is always something new to surprise and challenge us. I began wondering why Mark would want to give us a second Gospel which has exactly the same message and almost exactly the same formula of words as we read last week – That the Son of Man would be delivered into the hands of men. They would kill him, and after three days he would rise again. There has to be something so important in these words, and their implications for us, that Mark simply had to repeat them again and again. I did not expect to find myself reflecting on 'hope', or maybe I should say, on the difficulty of being a person of hope in our present world. My reflection challenged me, even troubled me a little, yet paradoxically it left me hopeful. The journey to Hope is a difficult one, maybe an extremely difficult one, but it is a journey we are called to make. Like it or not a Christian has no option but to be a person of hope and our faith communities have no option but to be communities of hope. "See how they love one another" was said of the first Christian communities – even by their enemies! That has to be the way we make hope visible in our world. If they did it, so can we!

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Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

—Church buildings inspired by Vatican II - with the example of St John the Baptist Church, Mairangi Bay presented by Beate

Matthies

We will hear about Church Councils, the background of the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II) and some of the changes that resulted from this significant event.

Tuesday, 24 September 2024, 7-8pm, St John the Baptist Church, 395 East Coast Road, Mairangi Bay. Free.

YouTube Recordings

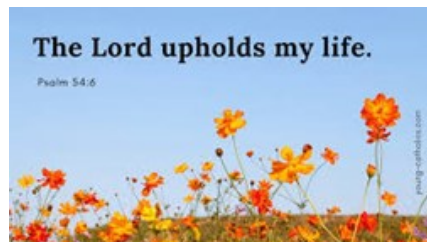
YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/video-clips/>

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Divine Renovation Open House:

New Plymouth—As a priest or active parishioner, we know you want to see your parish come alive. But the problem is, without seeing the example of other parishes doing things differently, it's difficult to see what's possible. Does the thought of parish renewal make you feel overwhelmed or doubtful whether you could ever see something great happen in your parish? We understand how parish renewal can seem intimidating. This is why we're inviting priests and parish leaders like you to our upcoming Divine Renovation Open House. A two day event where you will connect with parishes that have come alive by pursuing mission, hear inspiring stories of what they've learned in their journey, and be encouraged by seeing hope for what's possible in your own parish. We will be joined by Bishop John Adams and Bishop Michael Gielen as we break open this important conversation. Learn more and register by visiting www.divinerenovation.org/openhouse.
When: 3 PM Friday 22nd November to 4 PM Saturday 23rd November, 2024
Where: Catholic Parish of New Plymouth, 573 Devon Street East, Fitzroy, New Plymouth 4312 Cost: \$85



St John's College Hastings

As term three draws to a close our senior students are busy with benchmark exams and external exams, which are sat internally but marked externally. On Sunday, the College celebrated the last combined mass for the year with Sacred Heart College at St Peter Chanel Church in Hastings. As always these masses provide a chance for our students to connect with our Catholic communities. During the week the St John's U13 rugby team played against the Lindisfarne College U13 rugby team for the Father Fisher Cup. This is an annual event. The game was close with the lead changing several times but unlucky for St John's, Lindisfarne were the victors in the end winning 39 – 36.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

In the footsteps of the Saints - pilgrimage from Lisbon to Paris with Fr Chris Friel. Join us on this a Journey Of Faith as we explore major Catholic sites of Portugal, Spain and France. This 17 day Pilgrimage Tour commences Lisbon on 11 June 2025 and concludes in Paris. Visit sites and places of religious significance and miracles, as well as experiencing fabulous places of general touring interest. Pilgrimage Tours - Ph: 0800 99 77 88

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Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disci-



ples were aware that a new situation was emerging. Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all. Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.
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