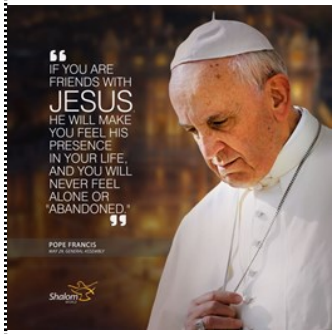
Anniversary's in October

Elaine O'Dowd, Fay Field, Gerard Minehan, Joan Brown, John (Ian) Duthie, Leonard Myers, Norris Durham, Graeme Black, Maurice Reidy, Marion Brown (Twiggy)

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.

Caritas and the New Zealand

Catholic Education Office join together in condemning the recent air strike on the Holy Family School in Gaza and call for an end to hostilities. The school, run by the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, housed hundreds of civilians whose homes have been destroyed since October 7. The air strike resulted in civilian casualties and serious destruction in the compound. "This attack is a tragic turn of events. Holy Family School was a place of refuge for the most vulnerable people" says Mena Antonio, Caritas Chief Executive. "This attack demonstrates that there is no place of refuge for displaced families amid the indiscriminate bombing, shooting, and shelling, which continue without regard for places of worship, hospitals, or schools." "Schools should be a safe haven. Our young people should not be seen as the collateral damage in any war. This violence must stop – and human dignity must be paramount" says Dr Kevin Shore, NZ Catholic Education Office Chief Executive. "Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand and the New Zealand Catholic Education Office today join together in calling for an end to attacks on civilians in the Holy Land, for all parties to cease fire and for an unhindered humanitarian corridor for the supply of water, food, medicines and essential supplies to reach those in need in Gaza" say Mr Shore and Mrs Antonio. Caritas continues to aid all who are in need regardless of nationality, religious belief, gender or ethnicities and continues to pray for peace and security for all peoples.



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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

New Zealand Catholic Medical Association Retreat | 15 – 16 Nov 2024

NZCMA is an organisation that provides community support and chaplaincy for those involved in providing health care in Aotearoa. We invite doctors, nurses, midwives, students, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles to join us. Retreat and Seminar 15-16 November 2024, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington. Details and registration: This link

Accommodation: There are limited spaces on -site (use booking ref BGRP—21024). You can email or phone the Home of Compassion directly.

Scam Alert

We have recently encountered several scam attempts involving Diocesan parish email accounts or accounts impersonating priests and other individuals from our Diocese. Please remain vigilant when responding to emails, and kindly inform your communities to be aware of these scams.

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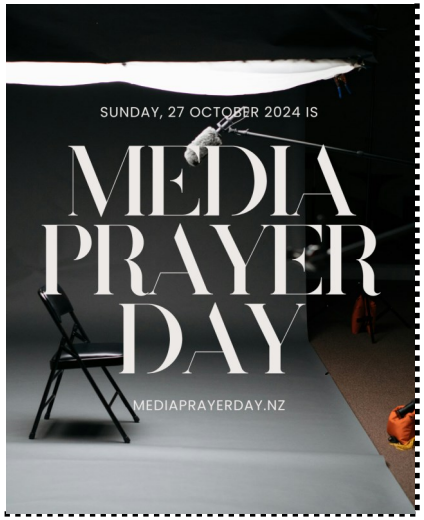
Rātini Kupu

27th Whiringa-ā-nuku,2024
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Media Prayer Sunday—E to matou Matua i te rangi,

Our Father in Heaven, We bring before You all who work within New Zealand's media. We ask for Your blessing on the producers, directors, presenters, writers, journalists, editors, technicians, publishers and the vast array of others who make up our media. Your Word instructs us to pray for people in places of responsibility. So God, to these media professionals, please grant wisdom and discernment. Help media decision-makers and content-creators to be sensitive to the well-being of their audiences and our communities. Use their words, pictures and stories to move hearts and engage people's minds towards goodness, truth and beauty. May their work bring healing, laughter and hope. Ka īnoi mātou mō rātou te hāpai ō, me rātou hoki kei te tihi o te aroaro. We pray for those behind the scenes and those in the spotlight. Mō rātou kāore e mōhiotia ana, me rātou hoki e rongonui ana. For the nameless, and the famous. Ākina rātou kia whakamahia ā rātou pūkenga e hua mai ai ko te mārama i te pō, ko te whakamārie ki te hunga mamae, ko te harikoa ki te hunga mokemoke. Prompt them to use their skills to shine light where there's darkness, to comfort those who are suffering and bring joy to the lonely. Ka īnoi mātou e tūwhera ai ngā ngākau ki Tō Wairua, e tahuri ai te hunga pāpāho ki a Koe kia riro ai i a rātou te māramatanga me te whakaoho. We pray for an openness to Your Spirit, that those who work in the media would look to You for wisdom and inspiration. May we, as followers of Christ, be slow to criticise - and instead seek to uplift, love and bless. Help us, when we experience media that is destructive or divisive, to maintain a constructive attitude of respect and prayer. May we always see others as You see them. By Your grace, we pray for our media to be raised to its highest purpose; to be a vehicle for good, for enlightenment and truth, and the flourishing of all people. Lord, make our media a blessing in this nation. Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tama, o te Wairua Tapu We pray all this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ
Āmene / Amen



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy— Reflection on Genesis with the late Br Kieran Fenn:
https://youtu.be/0Yb6Nk8zUtU
Bible Stories - what do they mean? with Beate Matthies
Zoom. Sunday, 3 November, 5-6pm. Koha/Donation.
YouTube Recordings
YouTube and Muffin Talk recordings are available online at:
https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/
For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Caritas Employment—
Head of Justice and Peace: Reporting to the Chief Executive, this role will lead our Justice and Peace function, promoting Catholic social teaching, and driving advocacy and education programs. A key focus is on collaborating with tangata whenua and other partners to address social issues and amplify indigenous voices both locally and globally.
Pouwhakahaere - Chief Operating Officer (COO): Also reporting to the Chief Executive, the COO will optimise day-to-day operations and ensure the efficient delivery of finance and business services. The COO will develop strategies to align operations with our strategic objectives, ensuring sustainable growth and fostering a culture of continuous improvement.
Marketing and Communications Advisor: Responsible for developing, managing, and executing marketing and communication strategies that elevate brand awareness, increase donor engagement, and amplify Caritas Aotearoa's impact across all platforms. The Marketing and Communications Advisor will play a key role in shaping and amplifying messages, connecting with diverse audiences, and driving engagement to support their mission.
For more information or to apply, candidates can visit our website or reach out to us directly.

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity. When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him. When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth. Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death. *www.loyolapress.com*

An Unlikely Optimist - There are other stories in the gospel about blind people being healed, but the one about Bartimaeus is told in the liveliest way, and it has a nice lesson for us. The poor man had lost his sight, and when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he had to make a choice, quickly. He could just sit there and let Jesus pass him by, or he could grab the moment, and ask to be healed. Jesus was said to have the power to heal, but you had to get his attention and ask to be healed. In an American cartoon by Schultz, a sharp-tongued little girl called Lucy was trying to reform her schoolmate Charlie Browne. She glared at him critically. "Do you know what's wrong with you, Charlie Browne?" she said. "What?" he asked nervously. Lucy fumed at him and said, "What's really wrong with you is that, well, you don't want to know what's wrong with you!" Bartimaeus was not like that, for he knew quite well what was wrong with him, and was determined to have it cured! When he called out to Jesus, people around him tried to get him to shut up, and stay quiet. But he just shouted louder, and kept shouting until Jesus stopped and called him over. Although Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus stayed where he was and let the blind man come to him. If he really wanted to be cured, he would find a way to get to Jesus. It was obvious that the man was blind, and yet Jesus asked him "What do you want me to do for you?" The man had to clearly name his problem, and do so himself. If one of us needs to be cured of something, whether blindness, alcoholism, depression or any addiction, then we need to come to Jesus and tell him what's wrong. We need to NAME it. Of course he knows our needs, and yet he says "Ask and you will receive." "Your heavenly Father will surely give to those who ask." Bartimaeus's words were simple and uncomplicated. There was no long speech, no haggling or wheedling. "I want to see" was his direct reply. And Jesus told him that his faith had healed him. Rightly, this blind man knew that Jesus would not turn away from the cry of the poor. Just think of what he did: he threw aside his old cloak, got up, and ran to Jesus. The old cloak may be a symbol for his past, his darkness, his despair. He made an act of hope-filled faith, and Jesus did not disappoint him. All attempts of the bystanders to silence him made him more determined. He was clear about what he wanted, and knew who could help him. That's why Bartimaeus has a lesson for us all, here and now. *association-ofcatholicpriests.ie*

St John's College— This week has been a busy week at the college. On Tuesday night we had our sports prize giving, on Wednesday we had our Pō Tuku Taonga evening and on Thursday we had our final assembly and junior prize giving. Next week our Y13 students will be on retreat, we will have our leavers' dinner on Wednesday evening and we will have our Thanksgiving mass for our Y13 leavers on Thursday.
Please keep all our senior students in your prayers as they prepare for their external exams and especially our Y13 students as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. *Conor Bolton (DRS)*

Confirmation—We are going to be running Confirmation for our rangatahi this year. If your young person is at College or older and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please fill out the form in the foyer and return back before the 18th October. Any questions please do not hesitate to email or speak to Fr Paul