

Anniversary's in March

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Doreen de Stackpoole, Kathleen Kilkolly, Margaret Hallagan,
Thomas Lyons, Thomas Bird (Noel), Rosalie Beachen
Peter Barrett, Joseph Carpenter

Cathedral Centenary | March 2025 -
The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit will be celebrating 100 years in March! There will be a free event on the weekend of 21 – 22 March to mark this special occasion, featuring coffee trucks, cultural food stalls, musical festivities and more! Everyone is welcome.

Pilgrimage to Hiruhārama/Jerusalem | Expressions of Interest. Join us for the first Year of Jubilee pilgrimage to Hiruhārama/Jerusalem on Saturday 8 March, traveling by van with stops at significant locations along the way. Departure: ~9am from the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, returning ~5pm. Cost: to be confirmed. Expressions of Interest: Due by 20 February. Email to bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz. Include your name, parish, and phone number. Option to join at any stop along the route or meet at Hiruhārama.

GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL: The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law. The Parliament is receiving submissions on the Gene Technology Bill until next Monday, February 17. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>

House to Rent - 2 Bedroom house with a sunporch, available to rent from the end of March. It has recently been redecorated. Well fenced section with established lawns and gardens. Very close to town and schools in Waipukurau. If interested contact Rose on 0272321963

Rite of Election | Save the Date - The Rite of Election for the Diocese will be celebrated on Sunday 9 March, 2pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Bishop John invites all members of the Diocese of Palmerston North to this important event. RSVP by 20 February to Donna Brown, pastoral@cathedral.org.nz.

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.

St John's College—Last week we held our athletics sports at the Hastings Sports Park. It was awesome weather and an awesome day of athletics. This week we held our annual swimming sports at the Hastings Aquatic Centre. This was our first time using this venue due to the closure of Frimley pool. Another awesome day of interhouse sport was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Kane Hokianga, Carl Gibbons and SJC staff for their mahi on both sports days. On Sunday, several of our young men were baptised. It is wonderful to see these young men say yes to Jesus and to receiving the sacraments. Please keep these young men and their families in your prayers as they embark on their faith journey. Conor Bolton (DRS)

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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

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The Holy Trinity Parish Rātini Kupu

2nd Poutū-te rangi 2025
8th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Ash Wednesday (5th March)—Mass will be at 9.15am at St Joseph's. Ashes will also be available on Thursday Mass and Sunday Masses.

Peace and Quiet

In today's world it's hard to find a little peace and quiet in order to meet oneself and God. It's not easy to avoid the constant harassment of all kinds of calls and messages.

The worries and hurry of each day take up our whole attention. Not even in our own home, pervaded by television and digital media, is it easy to find the tranquility and recollection we need to joyfully relax with God. Have we forgotten what it means to pause, interrupt our hurry, free our minds for a few moments and let ourselves be penetrated by the silence and calm of sacred space? Often it's enough to stand still and be silent for a short time, in order to quiet the spirit and recover lucidity and peace. How much we need to find the silence that helps us to enter into contact with our very selves in order to recover our freedom and to rescue once again all our inner energy. Accustomed to noise and agitation, we don't suspect the wellness that can come from silence and being alone. Eager for news, images and impressions, we've forgotten how to be nourished and enriched in the deepest depths of our being. Without some inner silence, we can't hear God, recognize the divine presence in our life and grow from within as human beings and as believers. According to Jesus, people draw goodness from the store of goodness in their hearts. Goodness doesn't blossom without help. We need to cultivate it and make it grow in the depth of our heart. How our lives would blossom if we stopped to notice what God is stirring up in our heart. associationofcatholicpriests.ie

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2ND MARCH 2025
MASS @8:00 AM

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit.
Luke 4: 43-44

2025 the year of Jubilee

Upcoming Jubilee Events:

8 – 9 March Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

8 March Pilgrimage to Hiruhārama Jerusalem

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy—

News Article: Interfaith Creek Clean-Up was a full success. Check out the article about it here:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/02/26/creek-clean-up/>

YouTube Recording (2min):

Lent - Why does it start on a Wednesday? - Prof Thomas O'Loughlin:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/02/12/prof-thomas-oloughlin/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Voice For Life-The New Zealand Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (NZCBR) is an educational human rights organisation dedicated to speaking out on behalf of the youngest and most vulnerable members of the human family. For more pro-life info, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

The Compassion Soup Kitchen

Appeal 2025 takes place in a time of crisis when the demand for food and essential services in the Wellington region is rising, the charity says. In the past six years, the demand for food at Compassion Soup Kitchen in central Wellington has increased by 600 per cent, from 10,000 meals served in 2018 to 70,000 in 2024. This is a reflection of the growing number of people in the community seeking support and is seen as a reminder that, despite the best efforts of organisations like the Compassion Soup Kitchen, what is provided is still not enough. A Compassion Soup Kitchen statement noted that the recent rise in unemployment "may explain why more people have come looking for a hot meal or the support we provide through our clothing room". "Here, our whānau can pick up essentials such as underwear and socks, or perhaps a warm jacket or a pair of shoes. Every week we are seeing our clothing room emptying, despite our efforts to keep up with demand. "Thanks

to the generosity of our supporters and donors, we have been able to sustain our services in recent times. The kindness of those who give has helped keep alive the mission of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert, who began supporting those in need many years ago." The organisation asked people to support the Compassion Soup Kitchen Appeal 2025, which starts on March 1. "A warm meal or a new pair of trousers can provide dignity and hope to those who need it most. Together, we can make a difference." For more information on how to donate, please visit www.soupkitchen.org.nz.

Manager | Pleroma Christian Supplies

Pleroma Christian Supplies is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Manager to oversee their daily operations. The successful candidate will be responsible for managing the store, leading a team of dedicated staff, and fostering a welcoming environment for customers, online, by phone and face-to-face. If you have a passion for Christian resourcing and a strong desire to serve the community, this is a fantastic opportunity for you. Apply online at <https://www.seek.co.nz/pleroma-jobs?jobId=82041170&type=standard> or directly to The Trust Board Chair, Chris Duthie-Jung, c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz.

Diocesan Outreach Assistants | Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is seeking Diocesan Outreach Assistants (DOAs) in the Diocese of Palmerston North to help share the stories of suffering and persecuted Christians in 2025.

This part-time role involves delivering several parish presentations per year and handling some administrative tasks (calls, emails, bookings).

Key responsibilities:

Raise awareness of persecuted Christians and encourage prayer.

Inspire parishioners to take action and support ACN's mission. For details and to apply, visit www.aidtochurch.org/work, call 0800 242 322 (10am-7pm NZST), or email Cecilia: cecilia@aidtochurch.org. Applications close: 17 March 2025

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Wanted—small garden hand tools for the Young Vinnies at St Joseph's school. These will be used for the children to garden for others. Please drop off directly to the school. Many thanks.

As Christians, our journey must always be to see the person of Jesus more and more clearly. Pope Francis, in 2013, described it as an "invitation to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ."

The first thing to say is that it is a journey we must make with humility. The only reason we are able to encounter Jesus is because he chooses to reveal himself to us. It is a lifelong journey into a relationship with a living person – Jesus. It begins with the Gospels because it is there that we meet Jesus, the man, walking the roads of Israel, healing, teaching and preaching the coming of God's kingdom. By using the gift of reflection, given to us by God, we can truly come to meet Jesus in the Gospels. Today, as we once again read some of his 'sayings' we can, perhaps, see a face of Jesus we haven't seen before. If we do, we can store it away, adding it to all the other faces of Jesus we have seen in the Gospels, until one fully formed, living person, steps from the pages to greet us, b.maher@oblates.ie



Prayer for Pope Francis

Loving and merciful God, we come before you in prayer, lifting up your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the source of all healing and we ask you to surround him with your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigour to continue leading your Church with compassion and wisdom. We place Pope Francis in your hands, trusting in your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift and his spirit be strengthened in your peace. May your will be done in his life, O Lord and may your healing power be with him always. We offer this prayer in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Credit – Caritas Jerusalem

February/March WelCom last ever Issue- contents include:

Pope Francis' health – messages and prayers from Church representatives and global leaders worldwide

WelCom's future – a statement from Archbishop Paul Martin SM and Bishop John Adams

The Jubilee Year of Hope – opening celebrations in Wellington and Palmerston North dioceses

Priestly ordination for Archdiocese of Wellington – Fr Matthew White

Interview with Home of Compassion Tumu Whakarāe | Co-Chief Executive – Deacon Rebecca Packer

WelCom's annual student award and leaders' feature – 17 Catholic Colleges' Dux, PA, Special Character 2024; Student leadership teams 2025

'State of the Nation' 2025 – Salvation Army Report; Caritas CEO Mena Antonio; Society Plus, more features, local and international news and views, reflections, Young Church.