

Anniversary's in February

Alan Cameron, Daniel Taylor, Margaret Parsons, Fred Allen, Mary Butler (Molly), Peter Robinson (Skip), Vera Lawrence, Jack Moran, Bernard Skidmore, George McGowen, Malcolm Wenzlick

I do not think that any one of us can read this week's Gospel without feeling uncomfortable. Luke, in a forceful and strident way speaks of those who will enter the Kingdom of God – the poor, the weak, the outcast, the sinner. He speaks of them as "YOU who are...". They are an identifiable group of people. In an even harsher and almost angry way he warns those groups who are responsible for poverty, persecution, discrimination and injustice. He mentions the rich, those who are self-satisfied and complacent, those who are proud and arrogant. These, too, are a "YOU..." a recognisable group of people. But who are these "YOU" he talks about. Am I part of the poor "you" who inherit the Kingdom or the rich "you" who will not enter the Kingdom? In relation to Elon Musk or Jeff Bezos I am utterly poor, but in relation to the homeless person on the street or the population of Gaza I am fabulously rich! There is cause in this Gospel for all of us to feel uncomfortable. For as long as there are homeless on our streets, people forced to flee their homes and countries, entire populations decimated by war, par-

ents forced to skip meals in order to feed their children, we should / we must be uncomfortable as Christians.

This is a Gospel we dare not ignore!

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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.

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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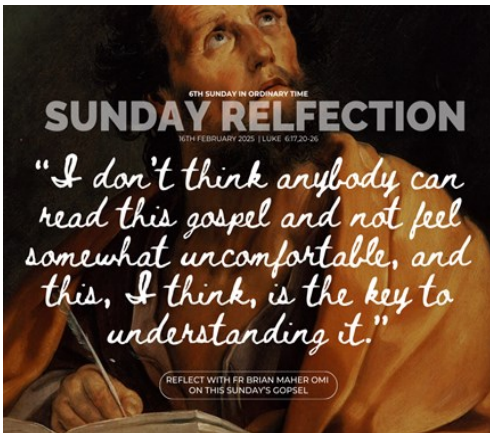
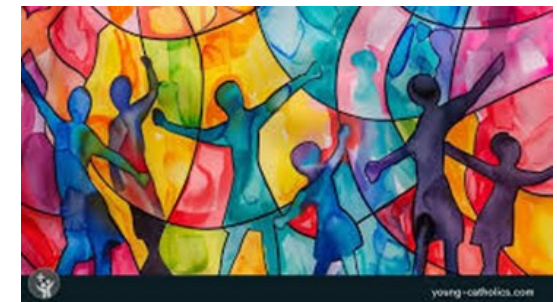
16th Hui-tanguru, 2025
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Roots that go deep

The Jeremiah text today speak about eager roots that stretch out to the sources of water. What are we striving for? He also mentions the heat and drought which inevitably comes. Life is like that. Ups and downs. Challenges. Crisis. Tragedy. Nevertheless, if one is plugged into God, the source of love, mercy, and goodness, one will still bear fruit and green leaves. If our aims are elsewhere, we are going nowhere. Even in a desert place we can still turn back and trust that God, for whom nothing is impossible. There can still spring up a river of life, by his grace. The homily could be Paul's message to the Corinthians, reminding the faithful of belief in the afterlife.. Is this something we ever think of? When have we last recalled our own mortality? When have we pondered about heaven? Do we truly believe that Jesus was raised from the dead? Do we believe that we too have a future? Perhaps it is time in your faith community to ponder these questions to simply keep the minds of the faithful heavenward. Another theme: Dependence is Not a Sign of Weakness. This is well rooted in salvation history. When mankind walks humbly, takes care of the poor, the orphan, the widow, the alien, and is utterly dependent upon God then true happiness and peace ensues. When mankind gets prosperous, fat, lazy, self-seeking, independent, and disregards the marginalized then trouble ensues. True happiness is nowhere to be found. The grace of God is scarce. The Beatitudes list the kind of people who are called Blessed. It is by no accident that these individuals are all utterly dependent upon God due to their circumstances – the poor, the hungry, the sad, the despised. They are the faithful, they are prayerful people. They are like trees who can weather the drought by stretching their roots to the underground water. They are dependent upon God and feel serene. On the contrary are those to whom Jesus says WOE. They have a false sense of security. They are well-off, socially popular and in need of nothing. It is difficult – but not impossible – to hold on to a sense of utter dependence upon God in these situations. Dependence upon God is not a sign of weakness; rather it keeps one in contact with a never-ending source of strength. *associationofcatholicpre-*

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REFLECT WITH FR BRIAN MAHER OMI
ON THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

2025 the year of Jubilee

Divine Mercy Conference May 23-25
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Divine Mercy NZ is excited to be bringing back to New Zealand Fr Chris Alar MIC from the US plus several other international speakers.

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Registrations are essential;

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Here's a view which many readers will recognise – [Aoraki](#) looking across Pukaki. I was on the road this weekend to celebrate weekend Masses in the beautiful Mackenzie Country: Saturday night in Twizel and Sunday morning in Fairlie. The landscape across the Mackenzie country is spectacular, different

each hour with big sky cloud formations changing in every weather to hide or highlight mountains. The cloud-piercing Aoraki was well hidden on my drive up to Twizel but visible for me to snap this picture on the way back to Fairlie after the Twizel vigil Mass. Half an hour later in Tekapo I couldn't resist a swim in the lake. Beautiful. But it's the people who are much more interesting and beautiful than the scenery. In conversations before and after Mass people were very open responding to my rather general questions with details of their life experiences present and past. What diversity and richness. What tragedies and joys. What endurance. What faith... ..not the lakes and mountains but the men and women who live and love and loved and lived in this place. And as I drove back home today I was aware of how skilled we are at appreciating the beauty of a landscape as the artwork of God. But then I was immediately concerned at the difficulty we often have recognising each and every person as the ultimate example of divine activity. Have you ever noticed that people never speak of an ugly or difficult tree, lake or mountain? But every day we attach negative labels to people. We forget that for all the beauty of the created world in which we live, it is only people who are created in the image of God. In the ultimate act of divine creativity God created people in the divine image Genesis 1:27 He tangata, he tangata, he tangata. Gratias Deo. *foodforfaith.org.nz*



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Incense - A Taste of Heaven? with Beate Matthies

Monday, 24 February 2025, 7-8pm (Zoom).
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/01/14/incense-a-taste-of-heaven/>

YouTube Recordings:

The Temple in Jesus' Time - Muffin Talk with Prof Amy-Jill Levine:
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/02/11/the-temple-in-jesus-time/>

Resources: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/>
For more information: www.studyjoy.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.

Voice For Life—According to Voice for Life National President Lydia Posthuma, the Health New Zealand (Te Whatu Ora) website futurewithin.co.nz reveals a serious inconsistency. While the guidance on this website values the life of the unborn child, Health New Zealand also oversees abortions. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

St John's College—This week we had our Y9 parents evening on Monday, our commissioning mass on Tuesday and the Y9 camp on Thursday and Friday, so a busy but productive week at SJC. We also had a black and white non-uniform day on Friday to commemorate the anniversary of Cyclone Gabriel.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND: The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

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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 Inter-Church 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

Audrey Moran – Would like to pass on her love to all the parishioners and thanks everyone for their kind thoughts and wishes.

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.

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