

Anniversary's in April

Adriana Koolen (Jean), Jack Hallagen, Murray Durham, Ellen Logan
Vaughan Hallagen, Brian Bird, Charlie Percy, Ivan Marko Ujdur
John McDonald, John Stanely, Lenva Martin, Leo Frings (Geoff)
Malcolm Heaven, Michael Ransfield, Robert Frost (Bob)
Thomas Butler (Tom), Gavin Logan, James Cook,
John Muelan, James Harris, Emmett McElhinney, William Field (Bill)

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- Pro-life people are invited to join the Auckland Equip Day on Saturday, 19th July, 9am—5 pm, at the Reformed Church of the North Shore, 74 Trias Road, Totara Vale, Auckland. Registrations can be made on the Voice for Life website at www.voiceforlife.org.nz/shop/individual-ticket-8tsb4-jm7ba. For more pro-life info, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

Hope and Renewal Summit | Save the Date—The Diocesan Pastoral Team is excited to announce the Hope and Renewal Summit. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, join Fr. James Mallon and parish leaders from across New Zealand as we embrace our mission, inspire hope, and transform our culture. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and collaborate with fellow parish leaders, priests, and community members.

2-4 October 2025 (for Clergy), 3-4 October (for everyone) at the Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North. Registration opens soon: join our email list at <https://news.divinerenovation.org/h/y/90965FA3EE808169> to get notified once registration opens.

Divine Mercy Conference | Auckland, May 23 – 25 2025—Divine Mercy NZ is excited to be bringing back to New Zealand Fr Chris Alar MIC from the US as keynote speaker, plus several other international speakers. Divine Mercy Conference 2025 will be in a real sense an encapsulation of all that has gone

before, and yet more, and to the point – how that is lived out, witnessed, in the Third Millennium. Please join us for this important event in the Jubilee Year. Registrations are essential:

www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz.

Live-In Retreat House Host – May to August 2025—Sister Eveleen Retreat House warmly invites expressions of interest for a short-term, live-in host role (10 hours/week, paid) with accommodation provided.

This is a unique opportunity for someone with: • A strong Christian faith • A heart for contemplative spiritual practice • A welcoming and discerning presence
Ideal for those on sabbatical, writing, researching, working remotely, or in transition, seeking a season of prayerful service.

To learn more or express interest, contact: Antje Duda antje_duda@sistereretreat.com, 022 563 6879 or Sarah Gardner



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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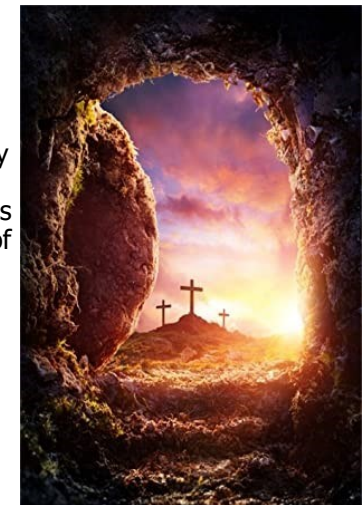


The Holy Trinity Parish Rātini Kupu

20th Paenga-whāwhā 2025
Easter Sunday



Resurrection: Where To Seek The One Who Lives? - Faith in Jesus, raised by the Father, didn't spring up easily or spontaneously within the hearts of the disciples. Before their meeting with him, now full of new life, the Gospel writers talk about their confusion, their search around the tomb, their questions and uncertainties. Mary of Magdala is the best prototype of what probably happens to all of them. According to John's story, she seeks the crucified in the shadows, "when it was still dark." Naturally she seeks him "in the grave." She still doesn't know that death has been conquered. That's why the emptiness of the tomb leaves her upset. Without Jesus, she feels lost. The other Gospel writers gather a different tradition that describes a search by the whole group of women. They can't forget the Master who has welcomed them as disciples: their love brings them to the tomb. They don't find Jesus there, but hear the message that points out to them where they need to direct their search: "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He isn't here. He has risen." Faith in the risen Christ isn't born spontaneously in us either today, just because we have listened from childhood to catechists and preachers. In order to open us to faith in Jesus' resurrection, we need to make our own way. It's decisive to not forget Jesus, to love him passionately and to seek him with all our energies, but not in the world of the dead. The one who lives must be sought where real life is. If we want to meet the risen Christ, full of life and creative energy, we need to seek him, not in a dead religion, one that is reduced to fulfilling and observing external laws and norms, but there where people live according to Jesus' Spirit, where people are welcomed with faith, love and responsibility for Jesus' followers. We need to seek him, not among people who are divided and engaged in sterile battles, empty of Jesus' love and of Gospel passion, but there where we go about building communities that put Christ in their center because they know that "where two or three gather in his name, there he will be also." We won't meet the one who lives in a faith that is stuck in routine, wasted in every kind of topic and formula separate from experience, but in a faith that seeks a new quality in our relationship with him and in our identification with his project. A Jesus who is obscure and inert, who doesn't fall in love or seduce, who doesn't touch hearts or spread freedom, is a "dead Jesus." He isn't the living Christ, risen by the Father, the one who lives and who gives life. (J A Pagola) associationofcatholicpriests.ie



Hidden Disabilities Sunflower

Scheme Launch- Our Diocese is proud to support the launch of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme, a powerful symbol of empowerment, respect, and inclusion for individuals with non-visible disabilities, as well as those with visible disabilities. The Sunflower allows people to discreetly indicate they may need additional support, understanding, or time, helping to create a place where everyone is recognised, respected, and included. In connection with the Jubilee of People Experiencing Disabilities on April 26–27, we give thanks for the unique gifts of every person and renew our commitment to building a welcoming, accessible, and loving community. Parishes are invited to send a representative to the official launch at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Sunday 27 April, 9.30am to learn how this initiative can enrich their community. For more information, look out for the slideshow after communion at this weekend's Masses or visit <https://hdsunflower.com/>.

When I was a child all family meals, breakfast, lunch and dinner (or dinner and tea as we called the midday and evening meal) were eaten at the kitchen dining table. Sunday evening was an exception. Cheese on toast (mousetraps) or saveloys (with toast and tomato sauce) made an informal meal eaten not at the table but in relaxed comfort perhaps watching the Wonderful World of Disney or Country Calendar. Our family had simple table rituals. We started eating only when everyone was ready to eat, and we didn't leave the table until all had finished eating, then we could ask and be given permission – and then it was to the dishes. It all sounds a bit regimented today, a bit quaint perhaps, but that's the way it was and these simple family table rituals opened the way for a lot of good family round-table interaction. There would be conversation about everything that had happened in the day. Great stories were told. Some of our best family laughs happened at the table and some of our biggest fights too. The table was a place of gathering and a place of interaction. The table was a place of nourishment. The table is

also a significant place of encounter in the scriptures: “My table thou has furnished” (Psalm 23) and in the gospels Jesus spends a lot of time eating and drinking at table. On the night before his final suffering Jesus gathers those closest to him to the table for a meal, the Last Supper which for us is the First Eucharist. On Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper we enter the Paschal Triduum, the journey through the suffering and death of Jesus to his resurrection. In this Mass of the Lord's Supper we are not simply remembering an historical event, but seeking to actively encounter Christ in our present-day lives.

Those who seek the fullness of life with Jesus are offered resurrection. In the hours that follow the Last Supper Jesus suffers and is put to death. Three days later God raises Jesus from death in the event which offers us hope in every suffering. Just as the table was a place of engagement and encounter for my family, the table in the household of Jesus is also central. It's a place of service, for the two who were sent to prepare the upper room and for those who cooked and served. The upper room table was a place of robust honest conversation: one of you will betray me ... who? The table of the Last Supper was a place where tables turned: Jesus the Master kneels to wash the feet of his friends. While the table of God is the place where everyone is welcome, it's also a place from which we all at times distance ourselves: too much preparation is required and after time we feel as though we have lost our appetite and no longer have the taste for a conversation is uncompromisingly real. Then our pride prevents the humility required for a return and for the service. Let's enter these Triduum days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday to Easter Sunday aware of our longing for the new life of Easter, and praying for each other foodforfaith.org.nz



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Bible Stories - What do they mean? with Beate Matthies
Sunday, 04 May 2025, 5-6pm (Zoom).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-13/>

Luther's Wedding with Dr Nicholas Thompson

Monday, 28 July 2025, 7-8.30pm

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/luthers-wedding/>

YouTube Recording - Muffin Talk:

Ecumenical Good Friday Walk - with

Charles Grinter:

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/04/11/ecumenical-walk-muffin-talk-with-charles-grinter/>

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For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

EASTER ON AIR

This Good Friday, the Christian Broadcasting Association (CBA) will once again bring the Easter story to life on Newstalk ZB. A highlight of the broadcast is 33 AD, a special segment that transports listeners 2,000 years back in time. It imagines how Newstalk ZB might have reported on the unfolding events of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, and its aftermath—had a radio station existed at the time. These three-minute ‘news headlines’ capture the significance of Jesus' sacrifice in a compelling and immersive way. Each year, an estimated 300,000 listeners tune in to experience this powerful retelling. Tune in to Newstalk ZB this Good Friday and be part of the story!

2024 Peter's Pence Collection

Thank You, Dear Parishioners of the Diocese of Palmerston North, On behalf of the Diocese, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our parishes for your generous contribution to the 2024 Peter's Pence Collection. Through your collective efforts, an incredible \$12,884.80 was raised. This offering is a testament to the spirit of generosity and unity that continues to thrive across our diocese. Your generous support

plays an important role in the apostolic and charitable mission of the Holy Father, enabling him to respond to those suffering due to war, oppression, natural disaster, and poverty around the world. His Holiness is thankful and assures his prayer for the faithful of our Diocese. Thank you for your faithful witness to the Gospel and your continued commitment to the mission of the universal Church. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and compassion. Sincerely in Christ, +John Adams- Bishop of Palmerston North

FOOD FOR FAITH FOR EASTER

This Easter Octave week Fr. John O'Connor will offer daily encouragements using the Easter Gospel readings for each day. Try this as an Easter Retreat in Daily Life at www.foodforfaith.org.nz. An opportunity to experience the heart of Christian faith in a few minutes each day.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. [John 20:1–3](https://www.bible.com/bible/1/John/20/1-3)

