

Anniversary's in May

Hannah Moran, Terry Coyle, Deidre Wedd
Denis Farrell, Fr Robert Ryan, George Kura
Imelda Ewen, John (Merv) Maggin
Kathleen Butler, Kathrin De Fresne,
Patrick Mullens, Marie Chote, Petrus Pepping (Pe)

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—A peaceful gathering was held on the evening of 12 March at Parliament Grounds in Wellington, to remember the vulnerable, and reflect on the injustice of thousands of lives lost by abortion. Voice for Life has a petition calling for the House of Representatives to repeal the Abortion Legislation Act 2020. If you would like to learn more or sign the petition, please visit <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/petition>.

St John's College -This week we held our Parent / Teacher Interviews for both senior and junior students on Monday and Tuesday. Last weekend myself, our Principal, George Rogers, along with our four senior school leaders, attended the Marist Leaders Forum which was hosted by Marist College in Auckland. It provided the opportunity for principal's and senior students from the nine Marist schools to network and share ideas. This week we began our STEAM programme for students from several local intermediate schools, to give them a taste of the things they can look forward to when they start secondary school at St John's College. *Conor Bolton (DRS)*
Hope and Renewal Summit
Is there more to parish life than just Sunday Mass? Yes—so much more. The Hope and Renewal Summit is a national gathering for Catholics across Aotearoa who are ready to rediscover the vibrant, Spirit-filled life of the Church be-

yond the pews. Whether you're a parish volunteer, a parent, a young adult, or someone who simply wants to see their faith community come alive—this Summit is for you. 2-4 October 2025 (for Clergy), 3-4 October (for everyone) at the Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North. Join clergy, parish leaders, and lay people from around the country as we ask bold questions, explore real answers, and learn how to build thriving parishes where faith is lived, shared, and grown. Registrations now open! For more information and to register: hoperenewalsummit.com



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



11th Haratua, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

NZ bishops celebrate election of Pope Leo XIV - The Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand has received news of the election of Pope Leo XIV with great joy. Bishop Steve Lowe, president of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference, says there is trust in the Holy Spirit and the College of Cardinals that Pope Leo XIV is the right man to lead the global Church at this time. On Friday morning NZ time, Cardinal Robert Prevost OSA was elected the new Pope, and took the name Leo. He becomes the first North American Pope, but has spent much of his ministerial life overseas, predominantly in Peru. He is a member of a religious order – the Augustinians – and becomes the second consecutive Pope to have such a background, following the Jesuit Pope Francis. “While a new Pope is often unknown to most people around the world, we know from his experience in leadership in Latin America, as a leader within his religious order and as prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops that Pope Leo understands the Church and its needs,” Bishop Lowe said. Bishop Lowe said the choice of the name Leo could offer a glimpse into the type of pope he seeks to be. “In the coming days, we will learn more about Pope Leo XIV, but the last Pope to take this name helped develop some of the Church’s key social teachings,” he said. A transformative encyclical letter, *Rerum Novarum*, was published in 1891, and has been the inspiration of many teaching documents in the years since. In his blessing to the crowds in St Peter’s Square, Pope Leo spoke about the importance of Catholics being willing to proclaim the Gospel, work for justice and peace, to be missionaries in the world. New Zealand Catholics will immediately take up the practice of praying for the Pope in every Mass celebrated throughout the country. “In parishes, in Catholic schools, in our outreach ministries and in Catholic homes, prayers will be offered for our new Holy Father, that God



will provide him with all the strength needed for this immense task,” Bishop Lowe said. “There is a real sense among the faithful that the popes that have been elected in recent decades have had the right attributes to lead the Church at that moment. We trust that will be the same with Pope Leo XIV.”

Dear Parishes and Diocesan Faith

Communities, As a follow-up to the successful launch of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme (HDSS) at the 9.30am Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday 27th April to celebrate the Jubilee of People who experience Disability, can I ask you to please put in your parish newsletters for each Sunday in May my contact details to progress this diocesan initiative. You can find more details about the HDSS at their website:

www.hdsunflower.com/au

If anyone in your parish or faith community is interested in the HDSS, please contact me by email: David Loving-Molloy as Leader and Advisor for Inclusiveness: catholic.deaf@pndiocese.org.nz

World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Seminary Appeal | Sunday, 11 May 2025. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, 11 May 2025, we are invited to pray especially for those called to the priesthood. This day also marks the beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week. We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training and following their call to priestly service. At present, we have two seminarians, Zung Manh Phan and Sy Nguyen, studying at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Zung is in his third year of formation and has a special interest in pastoral care and parish ministry. Sy is in first year and brings a strong passion for youth outreach and community service. Last year, Lam Van Nguyen and Hung Van Nguyen returned to Vietnam to continue their studies and improve their English. Hung returned to Vinh City and, with great joy, we share that he has recently passed his IELTS exam. He plans to return later this year to prepare for seminary. In the meantime, he is actively assisting in a parish and teaching English to local children. Lam, now back in Saigon, is preparing for his English test. Please keep him in your prayers as he works toward this important step. We are also encouraged by the growing interest in vocations — eight young men have expressed a desire to begin seminary formation next year. With a cost of

\$60,000 per seminarian per year, along with \$20,000 per year to cover the fixed costs of running the Seminary, your support is more important than ever. We invite you to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially. Your contribution, no matter how small, makes a significant difference. Specially marked envelopes are available in the church foyer.

Alternatively, you may give via direct credit to [insert parish bank account number].

Please use your name as the payee and 'Seminary Appeal' as the reference. To our young people: priesthood is always a beautiful and courageous option for your life. If you are thinking about it, please feel free to speak with any of our diocesan priests. Parents: if your children show interest in a vocation to the priesthood, we encourage you to support them with love, openness, and prayer. For any enquiries and support, please contact our Diocese of Palmerston North Vocations Director, Fr Trung Nguyen on 022 062 6726 or email vocations@pndiocese.org.nz

It is so easy to take our faith for granted, to skip along on the surface of belief, never taking time to plumb the depths of the 'Love story' we share with God. It doesn't surprise or shock me that so many people either don't, or can't, believe in God. The immensity of what we assert as Christians cannot be overstated. In the context of our Universe we are insignificant, tiny, not even a dot in time or space. Yet, as the Psalmist says, "You have made us little less than Gods." Can this actually be true? In this week's Gospel Jesus says, "I and the Father are one." If true, it means that our God walked on this earth with us, but how can it be true, given the majesty and vastness of the universe. Join me in exploring these questions in the context of this week's Gospel. b.maher@oblates.ie

An Irish blessing

*There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavor.
There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.*

- Author Unknown

Mother's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
We lift up all mothers today and
thank them for their guidance and love.
We ask You to bless them
with Your own special love, today and always.
Amen.



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

- Bible Stories - What do they mean? with Beate Matthies
- Sunday, 01 June 2025, 5-6pm (Zoom). <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-14/>
- 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: Christian Blind Mission - with Murray Sheard: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/04/22/christian-blind-mission-muffin-talk/>
- For more information: www.studyjoy.nz



Pope Leo XIV: Greetings to Rome and to the world - Peace be with you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you. This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions. Let us keep in our ears the weak but always brave voice of Pope Francis, who blessed Rome - the Pope who blessed Rome and the world that day on the morning of Easter. Allow me to continue that same blessing. God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace. Thank you Pope Francis!