



Parish Newsletter

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th September 2020 Emergency Phone 027 224 2100

Māori Language Week 2020 - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori 2020



KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI
14-20 MAHURU 2020

Māori Language Week has been on New Zealand's calendar for 40 years, in an effort to get New Zealanders celebrating te Reo Māori and using the language more.

Despite being an official language of New Zealand since 1987, the birth of Māori-language schools, Māori radio stations and a Māori television channel, te reo Māori is still very vulnerable. Therefore, Māori Language Week is but one effort, in a suite of efforts over a long term, to revive New Zealand's indigenous language. – Māori Language Commission.

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act is not an option of 'last resort'. It will not just apply to the 'exceptionally difficult cases'. It does not require that a person first make use of available treatments or counselling, nor that they first receive palliative care. A person does not need to be in physical pain.
- If euthanasia becomes legal in NZ, people will access it because they think they lack other choices. Even though quality palliative care is effective, there is no corresponding legal right to access palliative care. Under current law, people can already say 'no' to treatments and can receive whatever level of pain relief they need. These days, no-one need die in pain.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday 20th September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

First Reading: Book of Prophet Isaiah 55.6-9

Psalm: Psalm 145

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to Philipians

1.20-24,27

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20.1-16

COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

Collection 2020

Clergy Trust Fund: \$ 537.00

Parish: \$ 1451.89

NB. Payment via PayWave is available in foyer. Donations are not counted as Planned Giving.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATION

FIRST COMMUNION ST JOSEPH'S We regret to advise families that as we remain in level 2, preparation will no longer go ahead this Sunday 13 September. Information has been sent to enrolled families and new dates for preparation and the First Communion Mass will be confirmed as soon as possible.

FIRST RECONCILIATION FITZROY Unfortunately the disruptions this year have resulted in some changes to our usual schedule.

The First Reconciliation programme originally planned to start at Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy in term 4 has been postponed until term 1, followed by First Communion in term 2.

BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN – same as last week

Please contact Michelle with queries regarding the sacramental programmes,
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

GENERAL NOTICES

PARISH AGM: Postponed until after the Prime Minister reviews the levels on Wednesday the 16th and makes an announcement accordingly.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The usual monthly meeting on 17 September will NOT be held. We will meet at 11.30am Wednesday 30 September for a shared lunch and meeting with the National President Susan Dickson.

ONGOING REFLECTION & LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH: On Monday 21st September at 5.15pm - 6.00pm (in the Ngamotu Room at St Joseph's Church house - go to the back door). Tom Lawn will choose an article about an aspect of our Faith or some part of the journey we live as disciples of our Lord Jesus. The article for this month is "The moral bankruptcy of Neoliberalism" by Neil Vaney SM. To supplement this, we will take a deeper look at the 9 principles of Catholic Social Teaching – pick up your copy from the parish office.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

With the Covid 19 lockdown in NZ the Good Friday collection was postponed to this Sunday - September the 13th. Today, the ancient but fragile Christian communities in Jerusalem and the Holy Land face harassment, yet they remain courageous in their worship and charity. The Good Friday collection supports them and their schools, health clinics, community sports facilities, and church upkeep.

Scholarships are also provided for Bethlehem University (for Christians and Muslims) the Chancellor of which is De La Salle Brother Peter Bray (FDMG old-boy) originally from Waitara, Taranaki.

The greatly suffering Catholic communities of Syria, Egypt, Iraq and Iran will also be recipients of our Good Friday collection. You can support this collection in whatever way your parish arranges. Last year our Diocese collected a very generous \$21,538 for which we have received a thank you letter from the Holy Land Commissariat. Our prayers for peace in the region are also much appreciated. To learn about the work of the Franciscans in this region visit: www.custodia.org

GIANT PLANT SALE: 26th September – fundraiser for Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy. St Andrews Church Hall on Liardet Street. Donations can also be given – Phone Pat Schwass 753 9309

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK - Meeting Wednesday September 23rd 6.30pm in the Supper Room, St Joseph's Church Hall. The Church asks for our participation in creating an equitable and compassionate social order, promoting the culture of life and a civilisation of love.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is organising this meeting to mark Social Justice Week. Vonny Roche, Field Worker for the Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Society (PARS), will be speaking at this meeting. Come and listen to her story and take part in a discussion aimed at action to improve life for some of the most marginalised people in our community.

All parishioners are invited to attend this meeting to mark Social Justice week. A simple supper of soup and bread will be served.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST DAY Sunday September 27th. A celebratory Mass to mark this occasion will be held on this day. All St Vincent de Paul members, Young Vinnie members and their leaders, and all our volunteers are asked to be present at this Mass. Near the end of the Mass we will be called forward for a special blessing. The time of the Mass will depend on the COVID restrictions on the day. Hopefully, the Mass will be followed by a “bring a plate” morning tea. Keep an eye out for further communication as the situation becomes clear.

NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY:

Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. Online Session (Retreat Day): Homecoming – A Journey of Transformation (Prodigal Son) with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 19 September, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-the-prodigal-son/>

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY NZ is offering a 6 day Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat –25 October, 10am to 30 October 4pm. St. Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Auckland. Apply to: chair@ignatianspirituality.nz

DIOCESE OF PN CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOUNDATION & TINDELL FOUNDATION FUNDING:

The October 2020 Funding Round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open. Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group. The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of PN/Tindall Foundation, and aligned with the diocesan goals.

We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria. Applications are now open and are due on Wednesday 30 September 2020. Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Catholic-Charities-Application-form-2020.pdf> or please contact Wendy Silver at wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 833.

NZ CATHOLIC: NZ Catholic is not delivering to parishes until all masses go back to Level 1. If you would like a hardcopy sent to you directly, please contact admin@nzcatholic.org.nz.

▲ HEALTH & SAFETY

▲ Level 2 – Attendance at Mass is limited to 100 per Mass centre!

Attendance at this Sunday’s Masses is via the online booking system

www.pndiocese.org.nz/booking/newplymouth

We hope there is no need to book online for Sunday 20th.

Please check our website for updates www.catholicparishnp.nz or phone the office on 757 3682

COVID 19 LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS include:

- the holy water fonts remain empty
- communion will be under only one kind – the host will be handed to each person. Please do not request the host via the tongue, please think of the consequences of contagion.
- Shaking hands at the sign of peace is not encouraged.
- **The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place for vulnerable people.** We recommend anyone who is unwell or has flu-like symptoms to remain at home.

Please continue to wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds) and dry thoroughly. Hand sanitizer is available at the entranceways; Cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth and nose with tissues - put in a bin immediately; Avoid touching your face, including your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

The Health, Safety & Wellbeing of our parishioners, priests, staff, and the wider community is of paramount importance.

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Vic Young, Leo Fleming, Dennis Crowley, Thelma Manton, Alice Fleming, Helen Leuthard, Ken Kennedy, Judy Scott, Joe Fleming and Therese Fleming

Weekly Masses 14th September to 20th September

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am 12.05pm	8.30am	8am 9.30am 11am 5.30pm
OLHC		9.10am	9.10am			5.30pm Vigil	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6pm Vigil	
Bell Block							10.30am C/S
FDMC				2.20pm			
SHGC -Mary's Chapel				10am			

If Level 2 is lifted, the Mass timetable for Sunday the 20th will revert back to usual times 9am and 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church. Check website for the update.

(C/S) denotes Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 11.30am – 12 noon St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to vigil Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

7.40am Morning Prayer St Joseph's Church House

Tuesday

1.00pm Intercessory Prayer Group in the Red-Carpet Room at St Joseph's Hall.

Wednesday

Adoration at OLHC after 9.10am Mass

5.30pm – Adoration at St Joseph's Church concludes at 6.30pm with Benediction

Saturday

8.10am Morning Prayer St Joseph's Church House

MONTH

21st September – Reflection Group @ St Joseph's Church House 5.15pm

26th September – Plant Sale at St Andrews

MINISTRY TEAM:

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