

# INTERESTING MUSINGS

## Sunday Readings

1st Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14  
2nd Reading Romans 8:8-11  
Gospel John 11:1-45

SVDP members are available to help those who need it –giving a ride to appointments, shopping etc. Ring Sue Cullen or Pam Reid or the office

## Weekday Mass Times

Monday.....St Patrick's.....9.00am  
Thursday.....St Patrick's.....9.00am  
Friday.....St Joseph's.....9.15am..  
Saturday.....St Joseph's.....9.00am

## Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil St Patrick's 5.30pm**  
Sunday St Joseph's 9.30am

## Adoration Times

St Patrick's— Thursday.....9.30-10.30am

## Coronavirus update

*Guidance to dioceses and parishes, issued by the NZ Catholic Bishops under the advice of Fr John O'Connor Acting Director, National Liturgy Office.*

Tēnā koutou katoa friends, The National Liturgy Office and NZ Catholic Bishops have received new important new advice today from the Ministry of Health. This advice specifically says we should desist with “the sharing of communion cups and shared holy water, and hand shaking.” Having received this, we are now updating our previous advice on these matters. We now ask that: At the Sign of Peace, people should avoid shaking hands or other contact with one another, and instead smile, nod or bow to one another. Holy Communion is not to be distributed from the chalice. Communion is only to be distributed in the hand, not on the tongue. Holy water is to be removed from stoups and containers at the church door. Priests should not touch children's heads when blessing them and then continue to distribute Communion. We are concerned there is a significant degree of fear among some parishioners, and it is essential that the Church is a safe place for people when they gather for Mass. We therefore ask each diocese, parish and Catholic community to respond with appropriate sensitivity to the fears that exists.

We wish again to emphasise with all parishioners the importance of good practices of hygiene, including regular washing of hands, covering coughs and sneezes with elbows not hands, staying at home if sick, and trying to keep a metre away from people who are unwell.

The Ministry of Health is closely monitoring the situation and following guidance from the [World Health Organization](#). For COVID-19 health advice and information, contact the Healthline team (for free) on [0800 358 5453](#) or [+64 9 358 5453](#) for international SIMS, or [see the latest health advice on the Ministry of Health website](#).

## NZ Catholic

*The March 22 – April 4 issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are:* Bishop Michael Gielen ordained at joyous Mass. Church reacts to coronavirus crisis. NZ priest speaks from virus-hit Italy. New chapel for largest Catholic school in NZ

**WelCom March** edition is out this week for Sunday 1 March. Contents include: Cardinal John Dew message at Waitangi – our heritage of religious tolerance, inclusion and acceptance in Aotearoa-New Zealand.

UAE Ambassador to New Zealand – a year on from historic ‘Human Fraternity For World Peace’ document signing by Pope Francis and Sheik Ahmad Al Tayeb in Abu Dhabi.

Christchurch mosque shootings 15 March 2019, remembered.

Post-Amazon Synod – Pope's Apostolic exhortation, issued 12 February 2020.

Wellington and Palmerston North diocesan Catholic Colleges' 2019 end-of-year-achievers and 2020 leaders.

Cardinal Tom Williams 60th jubilee homily.

Please note there are no Masses at Woburn for the foreseeable future.

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# The Holy Trinity Parish Voice

22nd Poutū-te-rangi, 2020

4th Rātapu of Lent



## Virus forces cancellation of Sunday Mass

With at least one Sunday Mass cancelled more are likely to follow as the Catholic Church responds to the coronavirus. The New Zealand government's cancellation of all indoor events of more than 100 people will have significant country-wide implications not only for Sunday Masses, but confirmations, first holy communions, funerals and marriages. Health Minister David Clark announced the new 100 indoor limit on Thursday. Reacting to the Government's decision, the Catholic Bishop of Auckland says he wants to keep people regularly informed of the measures the diocese is taking to keep us all safe. “As we know, this is a rapidly-changing situation,” Dunn said on his Facebook page. “We are carefully and calmly reviewing the advice from the Ministry of Health and will keep you informed of all decisions we have been obliged to make.” Dunn said that while the Mass is the core and source of Catholic identity, people who are ill, self-isolating or believe that attending Mass would put others at risk should stay at home. He said such people in the Auckland diocese are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass under these circumstances. “Older adults, people with underlying medical conditions, and family members of such individuals should take special care in discerning Mass attendance.”

“At times like these, our faith will help sustain us, and united with Christ we are never alone. Just as Jesus will never abandon us, so too is the Church committed to walking alongside all who are distressed and suffering.” The dean of St Patrick's Cathedral in Auckland, Father Peter Tipene has already announced that he is suspending all Sunday Masses. He says the 7 am and 12.15 pm weekday Masses will continue to be celebrated, as the threshold of 100 is not often passed at these Masses. Communications adviser for the NZ Catholic Bishops, David McLoughlin says the New Zealand Bishops will issue national guidelines in response to Thursday's announcement. The new measures announced by the government, do not apply to workplaces, schools, supermarkets or public transport. In Australia, where the limit placed on indoor gatherings is 100, there has been a wide-spread cancellation of Sunday masses. Many dioceses in the United States have stopped having Sunday mass. The New Zealand restriction on outdoor gatherings remains 500. [cath-news.co.nz](http://cath-news.co.nz)



## Facing the Covid-19 crisis

Is there a Christian way of facing the Covid-19 crisis? Yes, of course, there is. I can think of at least four characteristics: The first is the move from “I” to “we”. This is a frightening situation that we face together. The common good — the good of us all — must be given first place; within the common good, we will find our own good. That is a very Christian, even a very Catholic virtue. The second is an attitude of concern and compassion. Even if we must be isolated in our own homes or workplaces, modern communications allow us to stay in touch in a way impossible before. This is a great benefit. But, we need to choose to stay in contact, perhaps with a greater frequency so that people don’t feel abandoned. The third is a respect for truth. In recent years, the truth has suffered in public discourse, giving rise to a horrible expression, the post-truth era. In these days, we need to pay attention to science and medicine and less attention to opinion-makers and rumours. A society without truth cannot last. Today, right now, we need truth more than ever before. Lastly, as Christians, we can pray. We can pray in particular for scientists, medical personnel and politicians. These are wonderful people with a huge job of work before them. As we pray for ourselves and our families and friends, we pray too for all who look after the common good. (Kieran O’Mahony) *assoication-ofcatholicpriests.ie*

## First Things First

It’s late on Thursday evening as I write this Friday morning FFF post. I don’t feel as though I’ve accomplished very much today. I have found it hard to stay focussed, and some things that I knew I had to do today just haven’t got done. These FFF posts are usually prepared well in advance, but now it is late evening and I’m not ready for the early morning post. All in all a pretty messy and unsatisfying day. In my class with the seminarians this morning I reflected on the importance of keeping perspective. They understood well

what I was saying. Then I left the class and almost immediately lost perspective. I hope they did better than I did,

and I hope they don’t read this to learn of my poor example! Now in the still of the late evening I am sitting with this gospel reading for tomorrow: “One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. If you’re like me there are a dozen and more things pressing for centre space in your life. While some of these things are unhealthy compulsions and temptations, other pressures are good things and valid responsibilities like our concern in these days at the spread of COVID-19. But when we make these important things (eg. family and work responsibilities) the one central thing, we suffer stress and even life’s pleasures become a burden. A healthy and happy person is one who keeps first things first. I had a text message last week from friends whose 7 year old son playing with LEGO had without prompting produced this wonderful scene of Jesus on the cross with a group of witness at the foot of the cross. I was very moved at the spontaneity and capacity for reflectiveness of the child who was obviously focussed on what was important as he worked on his little project. Later in the day his mother sent me a second image of a further-developed crucifixion scene. I saved it as the desktop image on my computer where it remains as a way of helping me remember who and what must be first in my life as I work. *Foodforfaith.org.nz*



## St Johns College

Last week we were busy with three days of Year 9 camp which was held out at Riverbend in Havelock North. It was a busy three days for students and teachers alike. The boys had a great time and had a chance to get to know each other better and to engage with some of our year 13 students. Our Canoe polo players were involved in the Hawke’s Bay Regional competition which our senior A team won and our junior team came third. On Sunday, our senior students, along with those from our sister school Sacred Heart College, joined the Paki Paki community for mass. It is always enjoyable to see our students engaging with our Catholic family and the positive welcome they always receive.

## Invitation

Ordination To The Sacred Order Of Priesthood Of **Peter Trung Nguyen**  
11:00am on Easter Saturday , Saturday 18th of April 2020 , Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Ave Palmerston North, New Zealand

**Family Life Catholic Gifts** huge LENTEN SALE - 25% off everything - until 31st March. John Paul II Centre for Life at 569 Richardson Rd. Mt. Roskill. [catholicgifts.co.nz](http://catholicgifts.co.nz) or ph: 09 629 0820. All proceeds go to Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support.

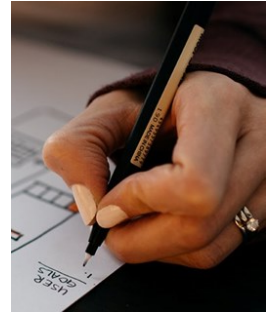
## Get your Life in Order

I don’t know about you, but I don’t have a lot of spare time in my life. Between working, going to church and chasing around four children, there is not a lot of spare time. And that is not necessarily a good thing. When we’re racing around and chasing our tails, we are so busy that we don’t have the time – or at least take the time – to stop and work on other areas of our life. It could be spiritual, health, fitness, reading, planning, studying – all the things that are not seemingly urgent, but in the long run, make all the difference. It’s a busy life and we all have places to be... except for now. The whole world has seemingly stopped. Everyone is being asked to work from home. It appears that we’re all going to be spending a lot of time sitting around. I just

## Anniversaries in March

Christine Wypych (Chrissy)  
Sybil McCloskey  
Doreen de Stackpoole  
Kathleen Kilkolly, Margaret Hallagan  
Thomas Lyons, Thomas Bird (Noel)  
Rosalie Beachen  
Joseph Carpenter

received an email saying my son’s soccer training is canceled until the middle of April, I have just read that I won’t even be able to go to Starbucks to drink my coffee. Even Disneyland is shut. There is nowhere we are going



to be able to go soon. Even churches are closed... which means that this is the perfect time to stop and work on your life. What areas need attention that don’t get it when your schedule is full? If you’re in business, you might be so busy all the time that you lack a moment to lift your head to check that you’re in fact going in the right direction. For me, I am working on a new book called The YOU Economy, which desperately needs my attention to be out as per what we are scheduled for, so I’ll use some of my downtime on getting it complete. Innovation in many areas of our life is crucial. We all need to work on aspects of our life including our health, spiritual health, fitness, our finances, and generally taking care of our future to ensure we are in good condition. This coronavirus might all be over in a few weeks and we’re back to being on the treadmill of life, so I encourage you to use your downtime wisely. You can watch show after show on Netflix, you can spend hours trawling through social media – or you can use your time wisely and evaluate the areas that really need some extra attention. *my-christiandaily.com*