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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - 23rd MARCH 2025

Dear Friends,

The following article is from the latest New Zealand Cath News. It presents a good summary of where we are at in regard to the recent Synod in Rome.

Archbishop Paul Martin SM was one of three New Zealand representatives to participate in the two sessions of the Synod on Synodality, held in October 2022 and October 2023. They were key moments during a years-long process that included Catholics around the world.

The new process announced on Saturday (Rome time) is “a process of accompaniment and evaluation of the implementation phase by the General Secretariat of the Synod”, said Cardinal Mario Grech, the Synod’s general secretary.

Cardinal Grech, who detailed the plans in a letter to the world’s bishops and through them to the People of God, said although this new period of accompaniment will culminate in an ecclesial assembly in Rome in 2028, that will not be a new Synod.

“Instead, the focus will be on consolidating the path taken so far,” he said.

Archbishop Martin said this allows the implementation phase of the Synod on Synodality to take on a new energy.

“The work of carrying forward the Synod’s outcomes was always seen as the work of the local churches, and we are considering how that can be done in Aotearoa New Zealand,” he said.

Cardinal Grech said that local churches would receive and apply the Synod’s final document, which was directly approved by Pope Francis.

The Vatican will publish a supporting document in May this year to provide guidance for the Synod’s implementation. From June 2025 until December 2026, there will be a period for local implementation paths, followed by diocesan and then national initiatives in 2027.

“And in early 2028, we will host continental assemblies, allowing us to replicate the same local-national-continental rhythm from the Synod preparations, supporting the Church’s global process,” Archbishop Martin said.

Blessings

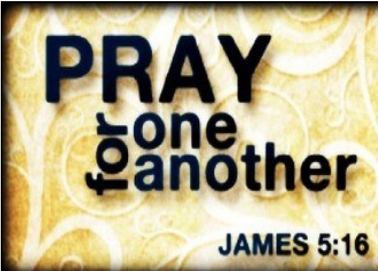
Father Bruce

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE recently hosted the AGM of the Wellington and Taranaki regions in the parish centre, attended by 31 people. Our guest speakers were Sister Sosefina and Sister Alisi, who spoke to us about their work with Compassion Housing and the wider Horowhenua area.

PLEROMA STALL We want a volunteer for 1 Sunday a month. Male or female. If you are interested, please ring Cathy Moore at 0276 222 082

RIDE Bill Swann would appreciate a ride to church for the Mass on Saturdays from 7 Lancaster Street. Phone 367 2061. Thank you.

Tidy clean car trailer for sale. Please contact Father Bruce.



Submit your prayer request.

PRAYER CHAIN

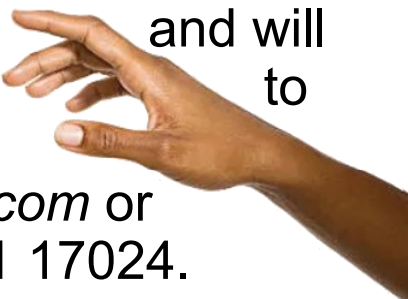
Pray for the intentions of your fellow

parishioners in your own home and in your own time. Phone the Parish Community Line: 022 314 4642.

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Prayer Intentions are collected twice a week
- They are given to the Prayer Chain in complete privacy.
- You can use the language with which they feel comfortable because we have people in the Prayer Chain able to translate
- The Prayer Intentions will then be destroyed.

URGENT NEED for volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy Programme. This important ministry is at risk of not being able to continue due to a lack of volunteers to lead. We urge you to please consider donating some of your time towards this programme. No prior teaching experience is required and training can be provided. If you are able to help please reach out to Tekea at bwebwent@gmail.com or via phone or text on 021 081 17024. Thank you!



TUESDAY SOCIAL CLUB At 12pm in the Parish Centre for a happy gathering of cheery individuals..

St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

This time of Lent reminds us of the call to Prayer, Fasting and Alms giving. The Vinnies ministry is clearly one avenue to follow through on this call and the response that we are receiving is certainly testament to this. We receive many comments from those offering prayer for our work in addition to the tangible support of food and other donations for us to put to good use for those in need in our community. There is no let-up in demand, so your continued support is invaluable and greatly appreciated. You are welcome to contact us any time. Just pick up the phone and give one of us a call.

SVdP Levin Bank Account for donations: 11 6932 0308328 11

Bernie 021 406 427
John 027 626 4792
Kilian 022 695 0056
Bridget 021 482 178

BABY ASSIST

Last Saturday an event was held at the Vinnies Centre where various toys and equipment were distributed to babies and mothers. Other items have been given to the Teen Parent Unit at Waiopehu College, with whom we have an ongoing relationship to assist the young mothers. Thank you for all your donations that make these services possible.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

For families in crisis - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Loving and Merciful God, we come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom.

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord."(*Jeremiah 30:17*)



We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always.

We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

From Caritas, Jerusalem

ANOINTING MASS

2pm on Wednesday the 26th March.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the Church every Friday at 6pm.



BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL 2025: PUT YOUR COMPASSION INTO ACTION

Giving envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 are now available in the foyer and side chapel. Every donation will support Caritas' life-changing humanitarian and development work around the world - and create change not just for today but for the future. This year, Caritas are encouraging you to give online or through direct deposit if possible, to reduce costs and make processing donations faster. To learn more or donate visit caritas.org.nz. Thank you for your generous support.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX - PREPARING FOR END OF LIFE.

Advance care plans, enduring power of attorney, funeral planning, coping with grief. Thursday 27 March, 10-11:30am at Mezzanine Room, Levin Library. Koha will be appreciated. RSVP and enquiries : Eileen: 027 4698 113, eileen@gordon.kiwi or Vic: 021 311 686, vjgregory@gmail.com.



May the souls of our beloved dead and the souls
of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Fr Harry Costello Paul Darbyshire Bob Te Miha

Suzanne Aubert says...

Let us accept all with faith, from the Hand of God, whatever it may be, wherever it may come from.

Reflection:

There’s something magic about opening presents. The remembrance of the sender. The intrigue of carefully undoing the wrappings – or tearing them off, if that’s the kind of person you are. The wonder when the contents are finally revealed.

God gives me presents all the time. He looks at me, loves me, and gives me what he knows is best for me. Some presents give me pain, some pleasure. All are chosen specially for me and wrapped with love and tenderness and will bring me to the Giver if I accept them in the spirit in which they were given.



Prayer:

Lord, teach me to accept everything as a gift from you.

W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

Monday, 24th March	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 25th	9:30pm	Holy Mass, The Annunciation of the Lord
	1:00pm	Tuesday Social Group
Wednesday, 26th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 27th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	7:00pm	Christian Meditation in the Side Chapel
Friday, 28th	11:10am	Exposition
	12:10pm	Holy Mass, Reconciliation
	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross, St Joseph’s Church
Saturday, 29th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 30th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	11:00am	Legion of Mary Kiribati Group (Chapel)

BOOKINGS
Please book the venues of your events/activities at the foyer of the Church. Those who have booked will have priority. Please follow the **Guide-lines for Use**.
Clean the kitchen, close the windows, turn off the water heater, etc.

Readings at Sunday Mass

(23/3/2025) **1st Reading:** Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Psalm Response: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

(30/3/2025) **1st Reading:** Joshua 5:9-12 **2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32