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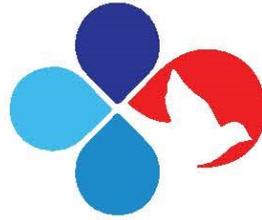
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**12th September 2021**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**COVID Delta Level 2**



**ST PATRICK'S**  
4 Munroe St,  
Napier

On Tuesday 7 September Cardinal John Dew advised that our churches and church buildings in the Diocese were to remain closed at COVID Delta level 2. When making this decision, in consultation with the other New Zealand Bishops, Cardinal John said: 'we do not know how long we will be in Level 2'. **A further update will be provided on Tuesday 21 September.**

The only liturgical activity allowed in our churches during this time are funerals and weddings with a maximum number of 50 people. Social distancing must be observed as must contact tracing and wearing of masks. The funeral director's instructions must be followed.

I know many people are finding the closing of our churches very difficult. However, at this challenging time with the COVID 19 virus we must follow the instructions of our Bishops and support their care and concern for each of us.

On a personal note we find it difficult as priests not to be able to celebrate Mass and the sacraments with our parishioners. We are very limited in our pastoral outreach at Alert level 2. However, we are able to celebrate the sacrament of anointing to those in hospital. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a family member in hospital who wishes to receive the sacrament of the sick.

**Hope in the midst of life changing events**

As we remember this weekend the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York and in the midst of this world wide pandemic of COVID 19 I think this reflection is worth sharing.

John Paul De Vito was on the 87<sup>th</sup> floor of the North Tower when the plane struck on September 11 2001. While many see this day in a very negative light, De Vito was able to see what happened in a more positive way. His heart aches for the thousands of men and women who lost their lives that day. However, as De Vito descended the stairs from the 87<sup>th</sup> floor he found hope.

De Vito explains: "What I experienced that day was the beauty of the world, not the evil of the world. I saw people helping strangers. I saw people passing out water". In fact De Vito did both himself.

De Vito said: "What individuals did that day, what firemen did that day, what police and emergency workers did that day just overwhelms me".

It took De Vito 50 minutes to make it to the first floor. As soon as he got there the South Tower fell. He ran in the other direction.

De Vito isn't planning anything out the ordinary on the anniversary of September 11. He plans to go to church and then go for a walk with his wife.

He said: "Each and every day is a special gift".

*Father Barry Scannell sm*  
*Parish Priest*

- SATURDAY VIGIL MASS** | 5.30pm
- SUNDAY MASS** | 10am
- MONDAY** | 12.05pm Service of the Word with Holy Communion
- TUESDAY–FRIDAY** | 12.05pm Mass
- FRIDAY** | 11.30am Reconciliation



**ST MARY'S**  
58 Osier Rd,  
Greenmeadows

- SUNDAY MASSES** | 9am & 5pm
- MONDAY & WEDNESDAY** | 9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion
- TUESDAY** | 5.30pm Mass
- THURSDAY TO SATURDAY** | 9.15am Mass
- SATURDAY** | Reconciliation after Mass



**ST THOMAS MORE**  
92 Wycliffe St,  
Onekawa

- SUNDAY MASS** | 8am
- MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY** | 9.15am Service of the Word with Holy Communion
- WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY** | 9.15am Mass
- WEDNESDAY** | Reconciliation after Mass



### St John's College, Hastings

Staff were back at school on Wednesday preparing for the resumption of learning at Level 2 on Thursday. We began the day with a liturgy in the Chapel before embarking on the task of planning for the boys return.

It was good to have all our young men back on Thursday and the resumption of face -to-face lessons. From next week until the end of term, students will be engaged in completing the practice exams. We have a revised format for these exams which provides more flexibility for teachers and students.

Please keep our young men, especially our senior students, and our staff in your prayers as we aim to complete courses in preparation for the NCEA exams.

**ENROLMENTS for 2022:** Please phone the school office, 878 6853, to make an enrolment interview with our Principal, Rob Ferreira.



### Sacred Heart College, Napier

We welcomed our school community back on site on Thursday. Our return began with a prayer and some time to reconnect in the staff room. As we were unable to hold our Open Evening this year we will instead be offering prospective students and their parents and caregivers the option of taking a tour of our school on Friday 17 September at 10:00am, 12:00pm or 2:00pm. Please let friends and family know, and ask them to call the school office on 835 3761 to book a time as numbers must be limited in line with Alert Level 2 restrictions. This week is Social Justice Week 2021 which will highlight the Beatitudes with the theme of encounter and community.

### NZ Catholic - special online edition

NZ Catholic has published a special online Lockdown Edition. The continuing Level 4 restrictions in Auckland mean the paper edition can't be printed at present, and Level 2 everywhere south of Auckland means it can not be distributed through Parishes. Click here to read a PDF copy:

[www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Special-Digital-Issue-Sept.1.pdf](http://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Special-Digital-Issue-Sept.1.pdf)

### Catholic Parish of Napier Administration and Mission Centre

The building consent for the Administration and Mission Centre has been lodged with the Napier City Council. We will shortly be launching a fundraising campaign to secure the remaining funding for the project. A special fundraising account has been set up specifically for this purpose. Details of this account are as follows:

*Catholic Parish of Napier – Fundraising 02-0630-0288045-015*



### ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL ENROLMENTS INTERMEDIATE FOR 2022

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Open Morning planned for 17 August due to the COVID lockdown. We will attempt to hold this early in Term 4 if possible and will inform you as soon as a decision can be made. In the meantime, please consider the invitation below.

#### FOR YOU - THE PARENTS

We would like to give you the opportunity to view our wonderful school and the Year 7 & 8 Intermediate Whanau as you consider your Intermediate options for next year.

We would like to invite you and your child to come and personally view the school, meet the Principal, Deputy Principal, and teachers to see why St Patrick's is a great option for 2022. Please phone the School Office (843 9238) or email [admin@stpatsnapier.school.nz](mailto:admin@stpatsnapier.school.nz) to arrange a time that is suitable. Currently at Level 2, visitors are not allowed on the school site during school hours. Visits can commence when we are back at Level 1, but we are happy to discuss your individual circumstances/ requests over the phone. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

### LIVE ONLINE 5-DAY RETREAT – 12-17 September

During this time when we are unable to gather in our churches, Fr Vaughan Leslie is offering a 5-day preached retreat with prayer and reflections on St Theresa of Lisieux and St John of the Cross: 7:00am & 5:00pm Live, commencing Sunday at 5:00pm and ending Friday at 7am. This will occur on the Whanganui Parish YouTube Channel: Whanganui Catholic:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCOhvW87NsoEFVUzPfy8nu2w](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOhvW87NsoEFVUzPfy8nu2w)

*We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



### Care of Creation - Tip of the Month

What goes into the ground goes into the sea.



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## Feast of the Holy Name of Mary

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. This is a very special and important feast for those of us in the Society of Mary. It is our patronal feast day

## Social Justice Week - 12-18 September 2021

Social Justice Week is scheduled by the NZ Catholic Bishops for next week. Each year there is a different theme.

This year the theme of Social Justice Week is *A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church*, focussing on encounter and community through the lens of Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* on fraternity and social friendship. Parish communities are encouraged to take the time to sit with the messages of the encyclical and feel inspired to foster a community of encounter.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the agency set up by the Bishops to resource Parishes with material so each Parish can focus on the Social Justice theme as each Parish sees fit. For more information visit: <https://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

## Sacramental Preparation

The preparation of the children for First Holy Communion and for our young adults for the sacrament of Confirmation has been interrupted because of the COVID restrictions. We will recommence these sacramental programmes as soon as we return to Level 1.

## St Thomas More Lotto 2021-Round 4

Draw 3, No 25 - Bidy & Cliff Hair  
Draw 4, No 8 - Mary & Bill Patterson  
Draw 5, No 25 - Bidy & Cliff Hair  
Draw 6, No 11 - Pat Graham

*Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



## Passionist Family Groups

Passionist Family Groups have been established in Hastings & Napier parishes for 30 years and all past, present, and future group members are invited to celebrate this special birthday achievement by sharing a meal on Sunday 31 October at 12noon at the Napier RSA. (Covid alert level dependent). The cost is \$20pp. (If Covid alert levels have not dropped by the beginning of October we will need to postpone our celebrations until 2022.)

Your group leader has details of how to register - or contact Norma (06) 650 1679. Gather your group and live out the gospel value "See how they love one another".



## The October 2021 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 Palmerston North and the 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 Thursday 30 September 2021. 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](mailto:wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz) or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 833.

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### Mass Intentions and Anniversaries

**Recently Deceased:** Gerardene Turfrey, Mary Spurdle

**Anniversaries:** Warren Ogilvie (15/09)

**Prayers for the Sick:** Sister Linley Trower RNDM, John Malin, Maureen Kathan, Heather Malcomson, Colleen Davies, Allen Murphy, Marlene Chamberlain, Eddie Wilson, Alan Gardiner, Sheile Bowbyes, Joy Lyons, Margaret Richardson, Dan Keating, Arapera Riki, Naomi Tong, Stephanie Bearsley, Terry O'Leary, Peter Israel, Paul Diamond, John Zaloum, Colleen Parker, June Brodie, Rosealeen Bradley, Barbara Triska, Len Gavin, Ann Vaessen, Mandy Lane, Marie Stanford, Leo Baltussen

### Season of Creation

Wednesday 1 September was the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation which marked the beginning of a month-long Season of Creation for Christians throughout the world. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a page of resources. Keep checking the page for updates. The website is: [www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/season-of-creation-2021/](http://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/season-of-creation-2021/)

### St Vincent de Paul Taradale Conference

The September meeting of the Taradale SVdP Conference, on 15 September, has been cancelled due to Delta alert level 2. Thank you.

### PLANNED GIVING

For those who use planned giving envelopes, please save these until we are again able to celebrate Sunday Masses. The new planned giving envelopes for October onwards will be available for collection in the Churches when Sunday Masses resume.

Should you wish to pay directly into the Parish bank account in the meantime, the BNZ Bank account details are as follows:

**Account:** 02-0630-0288045-09  
**Account Name:** The Catholic Parish of Napier  
**Reference:** Your planned giving number  
**Code:** Your surname

If you would like to change from envelope giving to giving by automatic payment, please phone the Parish office 844 2224.

### Support Life Sunday

Respect Life Sunday will be renamed Support Life Sunday from this year to better reflect the active work Catholics must do to help people facing significant life decisions. Bishop Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the term "respect life" can seem passive.

"Support Life reminds us that we are all called to both uphold the dignity of all life and be active in the practical work needed to support people facing significant life decisions." Support Life Sunday is Sunday 10 October, with the theme "Honouring and Supporting Health Carers." Full details: [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/respect-life-sunday-now-support-life-sunday/](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/respect-life-sunday-now-support-life-sunday/)

### Napier Community Foodbank Trust

The Napier Foodbank is currently low on jam, biscuits, canned fish and sanitary items – which can be left in the collection bins at the supermarkets. Should you wish to make a donation to the Napier Community Foodbank Trust, the account number is 020766 0026618 02 Thank you so much for your continuing support.

THANK YOU!

**Last Week's Collection**  
Total - \$4,213

THANK YOU!

### Liturgy Readings

**This Week:** Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**Next Week:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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