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*Christ is Risen!  
He is risen, indeed!  
Alleluia!*

# Bishop Michael's Easter Message



I am very sure that Easter 2020 will stand out in our memories as a unique experience. Every year we have this opportunity to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and this year it will happen with the shadow of Covid-19 virus hanging over us. As I write these words, I have no idea what we will be called to do as a community in the next few days as we cope with the outbreak of this illness. Even in our technologically advanced society, we have little control over this tiny invisible virus that makes us ill and can be fatal.

As a Church we have been in daily contact with the Ministry of Health and we will do whatever is necessary to keep people safe. This may mean stopping public gatherings and so restricting our ability to worship together. If it was to happen that Masses needed to be cancelled, this would be upsetting, but we can still worship God through our own prayer and spiritual reading. For those of you who have access to the internet I would encourage you to use the great resources that are available.

We are in the midst of a crisis, but there is also the opportunity to appreciate each other and support each other. We can watch out for those who are vulnerable and keep in contact through phone or text. Sometimes it takes a crisis to realise what is really important. One of the truly valuable things we have is our faith. The Easter message is at the heart of our Christian faith - that Jesus conquered even death and won for us eternal life.

We will still celebrate Easter this year of 2020, but it will be more uncomfortable than usual and probably quite different. The threat of illness and death brings anxiety but it can also highlight the sacredness of life. Through these difficult days Jesus is with us, and we remember that his life and sacrifice showed us that after suffering and death comes resurrection!

Yours in Christ

✝ MICHAEL



Bishop Michael welcoming the Very Rev Tony Curtis, the new Anglican Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin. Photographer: Julianne Clarke-Morris/ Anglican Church in Aotearoa, NZ & Polynesia.

## Integrated Schools and Government in dispute over school funding inequity – in the meantime, parents shoulder the burden, and wait in hope.

Although hopeful that the dispute between Government and Integrated School Proprietors may be resolved amicably, Integrated schools are still considering legal action after being deliberately left out of the \$396 million Government funding package, announced by the Prime Minister at the Labour Party Conference in December last year, to upgrade state school properties.

Following the announcement, Paul Ferris, Chief Executive of the Association of Proprietors of Integrated Schools, said integrated schools were very disappointed to be excluded from the package.



Paul Ferris QSM

Under the legal agreements covering integrated schools, the Government is required to pay for their maintenance on the same basis as state schools, once a school's proprietor has completed upgrading it to the same standard as state schools. Integrated schools have over 90,000 pupils. Most state integrated schools have completed the upgrades, many of them years ago.

Mr Ferris said he at first assumed the Government had made a mistake when there was no mention of integrated schools in the announcement.

"I was hoping to go to the detail and find that was an oversight in the announcement, because in every way in our legal agreements, we would expect to be treated the same way.

That's the partnership arrangement we believe we have with the Government. Because it's maintenance money they're giving, then we would share in maintenance money given out by the state."

"The Prime Minister says she has visited many schools in New Zealand and she is yet to see a school that does not need extra funds for maintenance. We can assume she has visited some integrated schools and will have seen the same need there."

"Integrated schools provide the Government with 11.4 per cent or \$3.9 billion of the capital invested in school buildings for teaching and learning in this country at no cost to taxpayers. State and state integrated schools operate on the same maintenance budgets for buildings."

"Why would a government think that the 90,000 students in these state integrated schools would not benefit from the same chance to do catch up maintenance? Taxpaying parents, who have already saved the Government millions by funding the schools through attendance dues, feel that they should also share in the opportunity to catch up."

Mr Ferris said either the Government was admitting the Ministry of Education did not administer maintenance funding of state schools well, or it was deliberately excluding children from families that have chosen an education in a state integrated school.

"Is this a bias or an oversight? This is a government that highlights its desire to lower costs of education to parents in state and state-integrated schools. Why would it expect parents to pay more for the education of their children when we have a partnership with the Government? At integration the Proprietor provides a free school to the Government and from that date the Government agrees to maintain it."

Education Minister Chris Hipkins says state integrated schools' funding will go up as a result of the investment and he isn't worried about potential court action.

National's education spokeswoman Nikki Kaye said the schools had a good case.

"The Integrated Schools have a clear case that if the Crown sees the need to increase maintenance funding for State Schools then the Government has an obligation to provide funding for State Integrated Schools, otherwise the Government is discriminating" Kaye said.

"The Minister needs to fix this mistake quickly, otherwise his Government is heading to Court and the Minister will have to defend what appears to be a clear breaking of the agreement with the Crown."

Minister Hipkins said that the state integrated schools would see a funding boost indirectly as a result of his policy.



Minister of Education, Hon. Chris Hipkins

"State integrated schools are funded differently to state schools. We don't fund their capital in the same way. They own their own buildings and maintain their own buildings. But we do provide them with maintenance funding - and their maintenance funding is based on the overall value of the state school portfolio. So as we spend more money on that their maintenance value will go up based on that."

"They are going to benefit. They just aren't going to benefit in the same way."

"The reality is they are funded based on a formula they signed up to that they negotiated with the last Government. We are not changing that."

# New Auckland Auxiliary Bishop appointed: Father Michael Gielen of Hamilton

CHURCH IN NZ



Pope Francis has appointed Father Michael Gielen from the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton as the new Auxiliary Bishop for Auckland.

Ordained as a priest in 1997, Bishop Gielen served parishes in Gisborne, Hamilton and the western Bay of Plenty before becoming Director of Formation at the Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland in 2014, helping to train new priests.

In his new role, he will assist the Bishop of Auckland, Patrick Dunn. The Diocese of Auckland has almost 40 per cent of New Zealand's 471,000 Catholics.

"I will bring a 21st Century vision of the Church to my role," says Bishop Gielen. "That is the Church that I know."

Bishop Dunn says he is thrilled by the appointment and knows that the new Bishop – who is already well known in the diocese – will be warmly welcomed by priests and lay people alike.

Cambridge-born Bishop Gielen (48) is the son of Henk and Maureen Gielen of Mount Maunganui, and is the eldest of six children. He is a keen sportsman and enjoys cricket, rugby, cycling and golf.

"I am humbled by the appointment, because my whole priestly ministry has been during the time of our present bishops. My first thought was a feeling of unworthiness to stand in the shadow of these people in such a role.

"I now accept this new call in God's service, aware of my need for God's help, with thankfulness for this opportunity to serve alongside the people of the Diocese of Auckland."

Bishop Gielen will continue his work at Holy Cross Seminary until arrangements are made to replace him. His episcopal ordination was held on Saturday 7 March in the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Joseph in Auckland City.

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## Pope's Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus

AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRANSLATION

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

# New Abortion Legislation

THE EDITOR

On the eve of the feast of St Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster-father of Jesus, Parliament passed new abortion legislation promised and proposed by senior members of Government as something to be delivered during their term of office. This legislation weakens the position of the most vulnerable amongst us and jeopardises their right to life. The gap between what is legal and what Christians believe to be morally right grows wider, but so too does the gap in the sincerely held beliefs of many parliamentarians and practicing Christians about fundamental matters of life and human rights. An old Jesuit maxim is along the lines that before someone will change their mind they must first experience doubt. While voting showed that some had changed their minds against the legislation, others continued without doubt as to the correctness of their position and the legislation passed.

The words of Pope Francis, on the Feast of St Joseph, have a poignant message for us all.

## Pope Francis: Christianity without mercy is impossible

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Mercy, which is at the heart of the Christian life, is not a one-dimensional virtue but the acceptance of God's love and the giving of that love to others, Pope Francis said yesterday. Source: CNS.

"There is no Christianity without mercy," the Pope said during a live broadcast of his weekly general audience from the library of the Apostolic Palace.

"If our Christianity does not lead us to mercy, we have taken the wrong path because mercy is the only true goal of every spiritual journey. It is one of the most beautiful fruits of charity," he said.

At the end of the audience, Pope Francis urged people to join the Italian bishops' request that Catholics pray the luminous mysteries of the Rosary together today, the feast of St. Joseph.

"In life, in work, in family, in joy and sorrow," Francis said, St. Joseph "always looked for and loved the Lord, earning the praise Scripture offers of being a just and wise man. Always invoke him, especially in difficult times, and entrust your lives to this great saint."

In his main talk, the Pope continued his series on the Eight Beatitudes by reflecting on the fifth beatitude, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

In his talk, Francis said that Jesus' formulation of mercy as something reciprocal makes it the only beatitude "in which the cause and the fruit of happiness coincide."

However, he said, it is not the only time that Christ speaks about "the reciprocity of forgiveness." It is found several times in the Gospels, particularly in the Lord's Prayer which says, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Forgiveness, he continued, cannot be achieved alone, and Christians must ask for the grace to forgive and be forgiven, because if "the fifth beatitude promises that we will find mercy and in the 'Our Father' we ask for our debts to be forgiven, that means that we are essentially debtors and we need to find mercy."

# Keeping in touch

DR GERARD AYSNLEY VG



*“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”*

Mother Teresa

The current Covid-19 crisis has highlighted how important our connections are and how once those connections are challenged, we can really struggle. Whatever occurs over the next few weeks and months, it is great if we can remain connected in our communities and as a diocese, even if we need to explore new ways of keeping in touch. Bishop Michael and our different diocesan networks would also like to keep in touch.

We are looking to build a database of parishioners so we can pass on important information. Please email [diocese@cdd.org.nz](mailto:diocese@cdd.org.nz) providing your name, email and parish and we will start building up our database.

## Using Technology

- Our diocesan webpage is [www.cdd.org.nz](http://www.cdd.org.nz). Spend some time exploring all the different parts of this site. If you have any ideas on how we may freshen up or modernize our webpage, please let us know.
- If you want to do some faith formation at home as a family, [www.faithjourney.co.nz](http://www.faithjourney.co.nz) is a great site. If you go to the Resources tab you will see that there is a special link to Dunedin Diocese resources, including sacramental preparation booklets. These booklets, in turn, provide links to some other good online material.
- If you ‘like’ our diocesan Facebook page (you will see the link to this on our webpage) you will get regular updates of what is happening locally, and in the national Catholic Church, and links to inspiring reflections.

## Developing a Communication Strategy

Over 2020 we are looking to develop a better system of communicating. If you have any thoughts as to what we should look at developing please let me know by emailing: [gerard.aynsley@gmail.com](mailto:gerard.aynsley@gmail.com).

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# Food for Critical Reflection

## Our challenge

BY LYNNE TOOMEY DIOCESAN COORDINATOR – JUSTICE AND PEACE



For me, Pope Francis models servant leadership. He doesn't seek to impose rigid decisions but instead reminds us that the Holy Spirit empowers all of us to think and act creatively for the future, for the common good of all. The Pope's answer to the many issues facing the Church and our world is not simply to lay down the law or to choose one option at the expense of another, but to look beyond black and white questions and answers; to challenge all of us to come up with as yet unimagined solutions.

As Austen Iverleigh points out in an article about the recent Amazonian Synod, the Pope's approach is a sort of parable approach – we are looking for a decision from him and we get a parable, a dream – a vision of God's dream for the fullness of life. Our questions are often too small; instead, the most important issues Pope Francis asks us to think about are how do we ignite the life of the Spirit? How do we incarnate Christ?

At its core, what are we going to do to make the Gospel credible in our place and time?

Right now there seems to be lots of fear in the world, especially fear of the other and fear of climate change. Fear makes us self-centred. It closes us down and turns us inward looking. Our focus can then become about protecting our identity, our race, our gender, our religion or our country but, as we know, our true identity is bigger again; we are all children of the God (by whatever name God is known) of Love. We are all children of this one Earth.

Joan Chittister, in her book, 'The Time is Now – a Call to Uncommon Courage', notes that faith in God takes us from the fear of public recrimination that grips us to the courage it takes to do God's will for the public good. Like Pope Francis, she urges us to be courageous.

She calls us to embrace prophetic spirituality, which is the *'spirituality of awareness, of choice, of risk, of transformation. It's about the embrace of life, the pursuit of wholeness, the acceptance of others, the call to co-creation...It is a call to live not only in praise of God but in union with God's will for the world.'*

As Chittister says:

*'The prophet is a person who says no to everything that is not of God.*

*No to the abuse of women.*

*No to the rejection of the stranger.*

*No to crimes against immigrants.*

*No to the rape of trees*

*No to the pollution of the skies*

*No to the poisoning of the oceans*

*No to the despicable destruction of humankind for the sake of more wealth, more power, more control for a few.*

*No to death*

*... And while saying no, the prophet also says yes.*

*Yes to equal rights for all.*

*Yes to alleviating suffering.*

*Yes to embracing the different.*

*Yes to God who made you.*

*Yes to life'*

The challenge for all of us: How will we take up the call to make the Gospel credible in our place and time?  
How do we incarnate Christ?

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# National PFG Gathering

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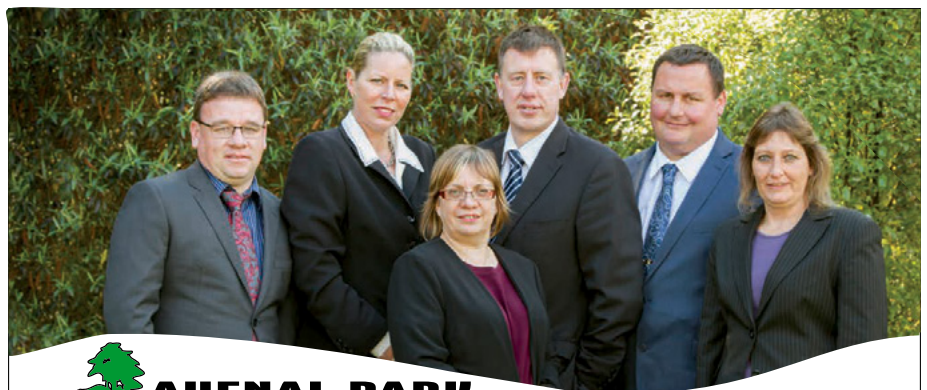
Dunedin Diocese Passionist Family Groups are active in Dunedin and Invercargill.

The Passionist Family Group Movement is over 30 years old in New Zealand, and there are at least 250 groups and 5000 people involved throughout Aotearoa. This wonderful organisation continues to encourage, create and live-out 'being family' in parishes. On the weekend of 7/8 March 2020 the annual National Team meeting for Passionist Family Group coordinators took place in Wellington. It was an opportunity for sharing challenges around busy people drifting away from PFGs, while also acknowledging the wonderful experiences of those who choose to be involved. Several people commented that family group members had said if it wasn't for the PFG they probably wouldn't be going to church now. Especially, in these times of change and uncertainty around NZ.

The National Coordinators, Mary-Ellen & John Leen and Linda & Paul Darbyshire, in preparation for the March gathering, emailed an activity 'NZ Fleet' exercise for group coordinators to reflect on and then come together to discuss the imagery of PFGs and their coordinators as a fleet of boats. We range from grand old cruise liners to tentative dinghies and everything in between.

A coordinator from one of the two Cathedral groups, and coordinators from each of the four Mercy parish groups, took part in this discussion on 20 February in Dunedin, and Invercargill also had their own conversations with the national team. The Dunedin chat shows PFG groups are alive and well, enjoying each other's company, and providing prayerful and practical support to each other when needed. Most group coordinators feel it's their ministry in the parish and commented that when group members share the responsibility for activities it helps. The group ideally grows into a caring 'family' and the activities serve to bring members together in order to grow closer and reach out beyond the group to the wider community.

It's not a numbers game; all are welcome, no matter how deep their involvement. It's also not something that happens by itself. We acknowledge the leadership and commitment of those who lead the PFGM in Aotearoa, and give thanks for the gifts this brings to individuals and to parishes.



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## Since parishioners will be deprived of Mass attendance this Easter, the Sunday Gospel is provided for reading and meditation in both English and Māori.

### Easter Sunday Gospel – John 20:1-9

- 1 On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
- 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”
- 3 So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.
- 4 They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;
- 5 he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.
- 6 When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there,
- 7 and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.
- 8 Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.
- 9 For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

### RONGO PAI


#### Hāto Hoane 20:1-9

Na, i te rā tuatahi o te wīki, ka haere a Maria Makarena ki te urupā, i te atātū, i te mea e pōuri ana anō, ā, ka kite i te kōhatu kua tangohia atu i te urupā. Na, ka hohoro te haere, ka tae ki a Haimona Petera rāua ko tērā ākongā i aroha ai a Hēhu, ā, ka mea ki a rāua, “Kua tangohia e rātou te Ariki i te urupā, ā, kāhore mātou e mōhio ki te wāhi i whakatakotoria ai ia e rātou.” Heoi, ko te putanga atu o Petera rāua ko taua ākongā, ā, ka tae ki te urupā. I oma ngātahi anō rāua, otiā i hohoro te omanga o tō tērā ākongā i tō Petera, ā, ko ia i tae wawe ki te urupā. Na piko iho ana ia, ka kite i ngā kahu rīnene e takoto ana, otiā kīhai ia i tomo ki roto. Na, ka tae mai hoki a Haimona Petera, i aru i ā ia, ā, tomo ana ki te urupā, ka kite ia i ngā rīnene e takoto ana. Me te kākahu hoki i takoto ki runga i tōna mātenga, kīhai i takoto huihui me ngā rīnene, ēngari i tētahi wāhi i tahaki atu, he mea whakakopa. Katahi hoki ka tomo tērā ākongā i tae wawe nei ki te urupā: ā, kite ana, whakapono ana. Kīhai anō hoki rāua i mōhio noa ki te Tuhituhinga: kua takoto te tikanga kia ara ake ia i ngā tūpāpaku. Ko te Rongo Pai a te Ariki.

Kia whakanuia rā koe te Ariki e Hēhu Karaiti.

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# STOP-PRESS:

## All NZ Catholic Mass services suspended to help fight Covid-19 pandemic

20 March 2020

New Zealand's Catholic Bishops have announced the suspension of all celebrations of Mass until further notice in response to the strong Government restrictions on public gatherings to counter the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.

Bishop of Auckland Patrick Dunn, President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, said the bishops met this morning to carefully consider what needed to be done with Mass and other public liturgical gatherings.

"We decided that all Masses must cease until further notice," said Bishop Dunn. "The bishops are acutely aware of the seriousness of the measures taken by the Government and health authorities in recent days to try to stop Covid-19 from spreading in the New Zealand community."

Bishop Dunn said churches have been told they may stay open for parishioners to visit for private prayer and reflection, but in very small numbers; those attending must follow Ministry of Health social-distancing guidelines and stay at least two metres apart.

"Funeral services may continue but they must be brief, with only small numbers of close family and friends allowed. Those attending must also follow the guidelines for social distancing," said Bishop Dunn.

Baptisms, weddings and other public liturgical gatherings already planned will be allowed to proceed, but again,

only with very small numbers of close family and friends present, and following the social-distancing guidelines. Similar services not already scheduled must be postponed.

"While some of our parishioners, priests and lay Mass helpers will be disappointed by this announcement, others will welcome it, because of the growing community concern about the pandemic and the need particularly to protect those most vulnerable," said Bishop Dunn.

"This also follows similar moves by Catholic bishops in many other countries. Pope Francis is himself setting the international Church example by not celebrating public Masses, instead live-streaming his daily private Mass in the Vatican. The New Zealand Church is moving quickly to provide live-streaming here."

"The primary concern of the Church is the welfare of the public and the safety of all our parishioners, clergy, families, friends, staff and visitors," said Bishop Dunn.

"We have again today emphasised to 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 keeping a reasonable distance from other people when in public."

20 March 2020

## Pastoral letter to parishioners from the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand regarding the Covid-19 coronavirus-related suspension of Mass

The psalm we pray together at this weekend's Masses for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is perhaps the best known and most loved of all the psalms.

For almost three thousand years those who know God have prayed this prayer in times of comfortable peace and from the heart of the battlefields of life when anxiety, persecution and sickness threaten to overwhelm us.

We often pray this prayer especially as a hymn, when we gather to bury those we love. And today, in union with our brothers and sisters of every nation on earth, together facing the threat of the new coronavirus, we call to God with deepened awareness of our need and with confident hope:

*Even though we walk in the dark valley,  
we fear no evil  
for you O God are with us giving us  
courage.*

In recent weeks we your bishops have communicated to you the people of our Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand the professional advice from the Ministry of Health on how to keep ourselves and all people, especially the most vulnerable, safe, and protected from this virus.

We are grateful to all who have immediately implemented the necessary restrictions, especially those who find the required changes most difficult.

Now that it is no longer possible for us to gather for Mass and the sacraments, it is important to remember that the church and the ministries of the priest remain open twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. It is our hope that church buildings remain open for personal prayer, even when the liturgy which gathers people together is not able to be celebrated.

If you know of people who need the ministry of a priest for any reason do not hesitate to make contact with a priest or diocesan office.

In these days, even when the liturgy is not able to be celebrated together,

side-by-side, the life of Jesus Christ communicated to us through the church remains open to us.

While the visible present fear is a biological virus, the fact is that we humans face fear every day.

While in these days we are wisely focused on keeping people safe from the present threat of infection, in our families and friendships and local communities we continue to accompany those who are facing fears that are not related to the coronavirus; those who are struggling with a relationship breakdown, and financial anxiety, and those who are terminally ill, and those who care for them.

We live in an age when it seems possible to believe that modern opportunities, education, medical care and technology can deliver us the happiness we seek. When we are faced with a fear that threatens to overwhelm us, we become aware of the fact that we remain vulnerable creatures, dependent on a God who is greater than us for everything, including every breath that we take. Without God this vulnerability is a problem to be suffered and solved.

In personal and shared faith in Jesus Christ we understand that the reality of human vulnerability is a gift that opens us to receive and to give love.

May these difficult days be for all the people of our land an opportunity to realise anew that when we dwell in the "House of the Lord" here on earth, goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our life.

Perhaps our mantra for these difficult days can be our psalm for today prayed as a simple repeated line when you are not sure what to pray:

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want.*

Then as a communal prayer:

*The Lord is our shepherd; there is  
nothing we shall want.*

Yours in Christ,

**Please make sure that all parishioners have access to this important information.**

- Patrick Dunn, Bishop of Auckland and NZCBC President
- Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Hamilton and NZCBC Secretary
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Safeguarding training for volunteers, clergy, religious and paid staff in all dioceses comes under the NOPS umbrella too and, in the main, is delivered by the person with safeguarding responsibilities in each diocese. You may have already attended a workshop session with your diocesan safeguarding person or have seen them advertised. If not, get in touch with your diocesan office to find out when the next workshops are scheduled. They are open to everyone.

Every Catholic organisation, diocese and religious congregation is subject to an external review, carried out by NOPS. This programme is just being launched and pilot reviews are to take place over the next few months.

In addition to the external review, one document published last year provides every entity with a vehicle for self-review. In-house examination allows an entity to look in detail at the practices that are in place and identify areas to develop. It is a really useful tool for each parish, for instance, to consider on a yearly basis as a prompt to avoid potential problems and ensure everyone's safety.

The self-review tool and many other documents are available on our website: [www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz](http://www.safeguarding.catholic.org.nz)

If you have any questions about safeguarding matters or a complaint, please contact us on 0800 114 622.

## St Peter's College, Gore, Dux and Proxime Accessit

The Christmas issue of The Tablet went to press in 2019 before St Peter's College, Gore, had held its prizegiving and announcement of dux. The college was pleased to announce the results below.

### Dux – Ryan Watkins

Ryan Watkins is an outstanding student with natural ability and drive. In NCEA, Ryan accumulated an impressive 165 Excellence credits in his pursuit of Level 1 and 2. Ryan's commitment to excellence was acknowledged with him being awarded Academic Blues in 2017 and 2018.

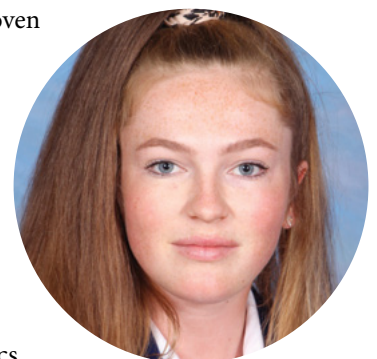


In 2019, Ryan completed a challenging academic programme of Accounting, Agribusiness, Mathematics with Calculus, Chemistry, Physical Education, Physics and Religious Education. In his final year at St Peter's, Ryan achieved the honour of being first in class in all his subjects, as he had been for all seven years. Ryan was awarded the *David Andrew's Memorial Prize for Religious Education* and overall academic diligence.

In 2020, Ryan will commence study towards a four-year degree in civil engineering at Canterbury University.

### Proxime Accessit – Kirsty McInnes

Kirsty McInnes has consistently proven to be a capable and determined student. Kirsty gained Excellence endorsement in NCEA at both Level 1 & 2, receiving Academic Blues for her efforts in 2017 and 2018.



In 2019 Kirsty's academic programme included Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics with Calculus, Mathematics with Statistics, Physics and Religious Education. Kirsty was awarded the *Henderson Family Trophy for Overall Competence in Mathematics*. She was placed first in Statistics and Chemistry in addition to being recognised for her overall academic diligence. As Proxime Accessit, Kirsty is the recipient of the *Robyn and Graham Young Family Trophy*.

In 2020 Kirsty will attend Otago University to undertake a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Sport and Exercise Nutrition and minoring in Marketing.

# Frank Perriam Celebrates his **100th** Birthday

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Clare Wilkes and Mark Perriam read the Queen's Birthday card with their Dad the day after the party for Frank's 100th Birthday.  
Photo credit: Donald Lamont

Bishop Emeritus, Colin Campbell, celebrated Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Waikiwi, to start the celebrations of Frank's 100th Birthday on Friday 21 February 2020. Later in the day 250 people enjoyed dinner and a great sharing of memories with Frank in the Sacred Heart School Hall. Guests included Bishop Colin Campbell, Mayor Tim Shadbolt and many other local identities.

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# What's on



SACRED HEART SCHOOL  
NORTH EAST VALLEY  
DUNEDIN

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

All ex-pupils, former teachers, staff and parents are advised that at Labour Weekend 2020, the school will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its opening in North East Valley, Dunedin.

The school was established in October 1895 by the Dominican Sisters.

**Everyone interested in attending these celebrations should email:**

**reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz**  
or contact

**School Office phone: 03 473 8362**

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**Deadline for the  
June issue is  
Monday 25 May**

## Prayers & Petitions

### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here thou art my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech thee from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand thy power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in thy hands (three times). This prayer must be said for three days and the prayer published. V.J.V & J.V., A.M.S. With thanks, P.D.

### SACRED HEART OF JESUS

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, honoured, adored and glorified throughout the world forever. Amen. (Say six times for nine days and promise publication.) (Published on behalf of J.M.R., V.J.V. & J.V.) With thanks, P.D.

### DEAR HEART OF JESUS

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favours, and I ask you for this special one. Take it, Dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within your broken heart, where your Holy Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become Your favour and not mine. Say this prayer for three days and promise its publication. V.J.V. & J.V. (With thanks for prayers answered M.W.)

### NOVENA TO ST JUDE

Oh, Holy St Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles; Near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg you to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present, urgent petition (make request). In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glorias. St Jude pray for me and all who invoke your aid, humbly in need of your intercession. Amen. This novena must be said on nine consecutive days. (Published on behalf of I.G.S., J & B, W.S.)

### THANKS

Most grateful thanks to the Holy Spirit, St Clair, St Jude, Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus for prayers answered. Published on behalf of C.L.

### PRAYERS FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED, AND THE COMFORT OF THEIR FAMILIES

May the souls of the following, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

BROCK, Joan Margaret, (nee Perniskie) Waipukerau  
BUTLER, Veronica L, Mosgiel

CHIARONI, Peter, Invercargill

CHILDS, Jenine Mary, Dunedin

CLARK, Raymond John, Cromwell

COONEY, Sr Mary Emerentiana sm sm (Monica F) Auckland

COSENS, Gordon G., Dunedin

DARMODY, William J (Bill), Balclutha

DUNCAN, Marlene Joyce, nee Stanaway, Dunedin

DONALDSON, Anne Beverley (Bev), Waikouaiti

DUNNILL, Therese, Kathleen (nee Histen) Motueka

GRAHAM, Alice P. (nee Dawson), Dunedin

HAILES, Kevin Joseph, Gore

HANNAN, Sally C ( Sr.Catherine, dolc, QSM) Wellington

HART, Helene Mary (nee Kerr), Dunedin

HAYES, Edmund James (Ed), Dunedin

ISTEED, Veronica J, (nee Roughan), Dunedin

KEAN, Jenny Marie, Winton

LAIDLAW, Mary Therese (Maymie), Invercargill

McBRIDE, William John (John) Te Anau

MacDONELL, Teresa Mary, Dunedin

McKAY, Colette Teresa, Mosgiel

McLOUGHLIN, Anne, Invercargill

MEIKLEJOHN, Heather Jean, Oamaru

NEILAN, James Joseph, Dunedin

O'CONNELL, Brendon Gerard (Bren), Palmerston

O'NEILL, Rita Imelda Marie, Dunedin

O'ROURKE, Sr Genevieve (Margaret Mary) O.P. Invercargill

OSWALD, Eileen P. (nee O'Brien), Alexandra

PICKETT, John, Invercargill

SIMPSON, Ian W J, Invercargill

SINCLAIR, William E. (Bill), Milton

SLATER, Grant Colin, Oamaru

SMITH, Donna Eleanor (nee Menlove), Garston

SMITH, Teresa Mary, Dunedin

SPEK, Zverus Jan (John), Dunedin

STANTON, Shona Mary, Wellington

TAMATI, Bernadette Therese, Invercargill

TAIT, Noeline Margaret (nee Banks) Queenstown

TOD, Patricia Mary, (Trish), Dunedin

URQUHART, Neil Colin, Temuka

van HEEZIK, Alma Jessie, (nee Dougherty) Dunedin

WHEELER, Erin, Mosgiel

WILLIAMS, Elizabeth Nary (Betty), Gore



# “Holy Paddocks” St John’s School Farm, Ranfurly - Official Opening and Blessing

CONTRIBUTED BY SUSAN MULHOLLAND

The idea of having a small, St John’s School farm was thought of, and organised by Mrs Geraldine Duncan. She approached the Ranfurly Sacred Heart Parish, who, very generously offered to give the school a few paddocks from their adjoining parish farm. With the support and help of the Senior Room children and parents, paddocks were fenced off, water and trough put in and gates hung.

On 11 December 2019, Fr Sani Lam officially opened and blessed our farm named "Holy Paddocks." (A school competition was held to find a name.) We have 6 chickens, 5 calves, some lambs and a number of sheep. We are collecting lots of eggs and are selling these around the school and neighbourhood. The Catholic Women’s Fellowship donated some money and we have a shed on the farm where equipment and feed can be kept. We even had an ex-pupil in to cut and make hay recently.

We are very grateful to many local businesses and families who have generously made donations of money and time to support us with our “Holy Paddocks” venture.

