



This quarterly e-news is a resource to better connect with those exercising leadership in the Archdiocese.

Browse to discover **links to resources** that may be useful in the many and varied ministries throughout the diocese.

Stay updated on **Cardinal John Dew's priorities and Synod 2017 follow-up opportunities.**

Check out **workshops** that are on offer so you may factor them into your planning.

All feedback from parishes and individuals is welcome. Let us know what would be helpful and we will do our best.

Contact details on page four



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The 21st century Church will be a new blossoming of faith

Thanks to **Judy Knighton from the Wairarapa** who sent this **unsolicited reflection - see if it resonates with you.** (used with permission)

I believe the Holy Spirit is pushing us to step out into the deep; to cherish and support our clergy and others trained in leadership, but also to take responsibility for every aspect of our parish lives under that leadership.

To this end, the laity must be empowered and encouraged to:

- ⇒ organise, carry out and lead worship that does not involve sacraments requiring a priest
- ⇒ support an active worship and prayer life
- ⇒ organise and support the priest to lead the sacraments
- ⇒ provide social, spiritual, and emotional support to parishioners, with outreach to non-practicing Catholics and to others in the community
- ⇒ learn constantly, to improve understanding of the faith
- ⇒ teach the children their faith and support them to live it
- ⇒ prepare people for the sacraments
- ⇒ reach out to the wider community, meeting the needs of the poor and the isolated
- ⇒ provide information about the faith to anyone who is interested
- ⇒ provide practical support to those in need both in the parish and in the wider community
- ⇒ look after the physical assets of the parish, making sure they support all the activities listed.

Catholicism survived and grew in many countries around the world without any priests at all. In Korea, the first Catholics could have been baptised as early as 1593 and there was definitely a thriving Catholic community by the late 18th Century. However, it was more than fifty years later that the first resident priests arrived.

Indeed, the faith so often flourishes when lay people can't depend on a priest to do their thinking for them that I am compelled to believe the relative shortage of priests worldwide is the Holy Spirit telling lay people to get off their behinds and be Christ followers, and the clergy to support us.

He **came** singing love ...
He **lived** singing love ...
He **died** singing love ...
He **rose** in silence ...

If the song is to continue
We must do the singing.



A conference simply too good to miss!

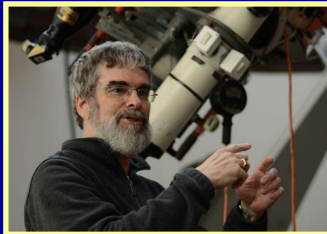
Parish Leadership and Development Conference, Friday 27 – Saturday 28 September 2019. Venue is Burns Lodge, Mosgiel, Dunedin (the former Holy Cross Seminary). Conference theme is **Seeking Holiness in a Secular Society**. For more information and registration click on the image.



The purpose of our conference is to gather pastoral leaders (clergy and laity) from across Aotearoa; to provide an opportunity to be formed, inspired and challenged about:

- **Living holiness** in our own lives and the lives of those we serve and in their vocation and workplaces
 - **Exploring the church's** mission at this time as we seek to reach out to those who are not connected to the church who don't know Jesus
 - Our ministries as leaders in the church and the **hope we have for the future**
- This is a **major event** for Aotearoa New Zealand with lots of workshop choices

Workshop details
on line 01 May



Look up to the skies for answers - How science and religion work together

Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ, Director Of The Vatican Observatory, World leading astronomer, researcher, author, TED Talks and American University circuit speaker is visiting New Zealand to discuss his vision of God and our universe.

Sponsored by Catholic Discovery - click on photo for video and more information

When: May 8 1.00-4.00pm

Where: St Anne's Church Hall, Newtown

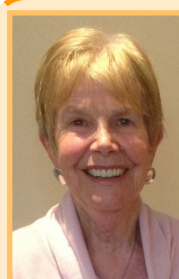
Important to RSVP to confirm your place to Mary-Ann Greaney by 3 May
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There is no cost
to you for this
event



The Australian **Pastoral Musicians Network** brings a program of liturgies, keynotes, workshops, showcases and networking opportunities designed to nurture and develop pastoral music ministries in parishes, schools and communities.

Click for more



After 42 years of faithful service to the people of the Archdiocese **Joan McFetridge** has decided to retire from formal ministry. You are invited to a Mass of celebration and thanksgiving at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria on Saturday 4 May at noon followed by a light

luncheon. Cardinal John will presided.

For catering purposes please RSVP to Ann Williams by Monday 29 April a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz

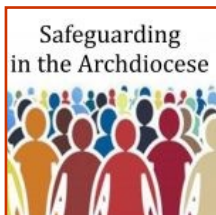
EXPERIENCE AN IGNATIAN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE 'Inner Peace in Friendship With Jesus'



The retreat is organised by the **Christian Life Community** Wellington. Participants meet weekly, with trained guides, to pray and share in small groups. It is open to all and will be held at the church of **St Anne's, 2 Emmett Street, Newtown** over five Thursday evenings – 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 **May**, from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. The cost is \$50 - confidential financial support available if needed. To register or for further information contact Sarah Dench 04 9733501 or 02108144424

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Resources for parish leaders



Safeguarding
in the Archdiocese

Many people have already attended a safeguarding workshop and others are scheduled. **Click on the image** for resources, templates, and more information on this important topic.



Discover a **Parish Self Review Resource** created by the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. The resource provides parishes with a robust means of undertaking a self-review in relation to the Synod outcomes, identifying their areas of strength and the focus areas to work on.



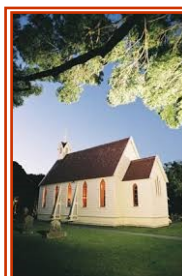
Nine great tips for **collaborative leadership** for all in ministry



The **Nathaniel Centre** offers a wealth of well researched documents, radio interviews, and video clips on a range of ethical issues Kiwi's are facing today including euthanasia, fertility, human tissue donation, genetic modification, advanced care planning, beginning and end of life care, and much more.



Grateful thanks to the Diocese of Auckland for sharing their Parish **Health and Safety guidelines** with us.



Churches and Presbyteries
memo in context

Cardinal John provides a bit more context on the need to review our churches and presbyteries.

We are called to serve the mission of the Church. This resource is Cardinal John's **Power Point presentation** that may be useful for individuals or parish groups.



Aperila 2019 Newsletter of special interest to Samoans in their own language.



Karere Katorika Putanga

All the resources on this page can be found by clicking on the image next to the text.



The Catholic Enquiry Centre has a series of excellent booklets especially suitable for small group reflections. There is a small charge of \$1 a booklet. Three topics are available: Blessed be the Family, Called by Christ, and Sent by Christ.

An inspirational story from St Paul's School, Richmond

I read with interest about the work of the **Refugee Family Reunification Trust** in your recent *Leadership Links* newsletter.

As part of our learning about the Mission of the Church (which is to help people in need) the students in my class decided to make and sell homemade lemonade in order to support a former refugee child now living in NZ. They thought about things that a child similar in age to themselves (8-9 years) would like and need in order to feel at home living in NZ and it was our intention to make contact with a family to make this happen. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, we were unable to do this. After consulting my students they decided that they would like to donate the money to the **Cardinal's Care Appeal** for 2018 as it will be supporting former refugees now living in NZ. This initiative was **completely student lead** and I feel very proud of their compassion and the commitment they put in to make this happen.



Judith Ashley, DRS

Holy week and Easter in the Philippines

Click on photo to take you to a very popular Filipino hymn



For Catholic Filipinos, Easter is the culmination of reliving the journey with Christ in his passion, death and resurrection. We cannot fully grasp Easter, without going through the suffering and death of Jesus. The tradition of Lent *Cuaresma* starts on Ash Wednesday, but the array of rituals happens during *Semana Santa* (Holy Week).

Palm Sunday is celebrated with a blessing of *Palaspas*, ornamented branches made from woven coconut leaves. This day has a festive feel. Where I came from makeshift *Calvaries (Kalbaryo)*, are built in some streets, where life-size statues are placed and decorated, depicting scenes from the Passion of Jesus. Neighbours or families come

here to take turns in *Pabasa* (Reading), a recitation or chanting of verses from a scripture-based book called *Pasyon* (Passion), from Holy Thursday night until the afternoon of Good Friday. Anytime during Holy Week, *Senakulo*, a street play or drama about the journey of Jesus to Calvary, takes place. This re-enacts the carrying of the cross, including sometimes, the flagellation along the way. People who do this call it their *Panata* (vow). *Visita Iglesia* (following the way of the cross in seven churches) and washing of the feet are some of the events on Holy Thursday. At night, there is also vigil prayer with Eucharistic exposition. This resembles the prayer at Gethsemane, where Taize and silent prayers are alternatively done. Reflection on the 'Seven Last Words', Veneration of the Cross and holy images procession happen on Good Friday. On Black Saturday, all images in the church are covered with purple cloth as a sign of mourning. The Easter vigil ceremony is held at night until midnight. After mass, a procession of the Risen Christ image is done, with men following the image, while the women follow the procession with the image of the Virgin Mary. The two groups go separate ways and meet at a certain place, where people are waiting for the *Salubong* (welcoming), a symbolic meeting of Jesus and Mary. This ends the mourning period and starts the joyous celebration of Easter.

Lyra Manalo (Wellington South)

Tokelau paddle dance - why is it done at mass?

who were brought ashore in canoes rowed by the High Chiefs of each Island. The Paddle Dance symbolises the introduction of the faith to the Tokelau Island by Christian missionaries and the spread of the Good News throughout the World. (From Te Awakairangi)

The Christian faith was introduced to the Tokelau Island by the Missionaries,



May God bless us all as we journey together.

Kaua e rangiruatia te ha o te hoe; e kore to tatou waka e u ki uta.

'Do not lift the paddle out of unison or our canoe will never reach the shore'.



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What the Parish Leadership Ministry Team can offer you

We collaborate with parishes to facilitate delivery of resources, provide formation, services and other forms of support to meet the changing needs of parishes and those in leadership roles.

Offer workshops/formation which can enhance the effectiveness of your Parish Pastoral Council.

Facilitate or help you to facilitate in creating or moving forward your pastoral plan.

Take you through a process that will help you evaluate how well your parish is going.

Provide liturgical resources and formation.

Assist you to prioritize and action Synod outcomes that best meet your parish's needs.