



Mission Expo 2020 Workshops

Bishop Viard College, Porirua, 14 March 11.00am - 12.30pm

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Nicole Simson was previously a nurse and is now a primary teacher in a Wellington Catholic school. **Sio laseta-Filo** is a Youth Minister in St Francis of Assisi parish Ohariu and has a degree in Theology. **Piki**

Bolyes (Ngai Tahu, Tainui) is a Youth Worker at Challenge 2000 working with youth at risk and **Chris Amituanai** and **Zach Bargh** are currently on the Challenge Marist Gap Year. They are all involved in Youth Ministry and strive to live the gospel today in a committed manner.

Creating liturgies that are more relational, relevant, challenging, and youth friendly

This workshop focuses on using young peoples' talents, experiences and examples to translate scripture and the mass and to use local events to engage young people.

We will present content from two parish masses, a liturgy and after mass activity that we have organised and run this year. Namely ANZAC Day, the potential stoning of the woman caught in adultery, Children's Day and Trinity Sunday.

Our workshop will cover how we do our mahi and hopefully will also be fun and full of interesting discussion, so please come along and encourage your young people to try it out too!

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Heath Hutton works for Challenge 2000. He has a background working in the sexual violence field, in youth ministry, social justice and leadership development. Heath presented his research into the prevention of sexual violence at a number of conferences

including the 'Australia New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse' Conference in Brisbane and the 'Sexual and domestic violence specialist services reflecting forward' Conference in Wellington in September 2019. He has a Masters in Psychology and is currently in his last month as an Intern Psychologist.

Evidence, indicators and strategies for recognising, reducing, and responding to harmful sexual behaviour in our communities

Pastoral work in Aotearoa New Zealand involves responding to the difficult issues present in our society and equipping ourselves with the knowledge and skills to respond. Heath will outline the evidence about sexual violence and how we are called to respond to keep our communities safe. He will provide information and strategies to recognise and reduce harmful sexual behaviour, including practical suggestions for how to respond to sexual harm.

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Wendy Hill, is the founder of Greenstone Doors Charitable Trust which "supports women and their whānau through pregnancy and into a future with hope".

Wendy is a Counsellor, Social Worker and Retreat Coordinator and has been working in the field of pregnancy counselling for many years.

Walking with Love

A practical workshop which explores our mission call to "walk with love". This session using images, stories, spiritual writing and drawing from the real-life examples of our spiritual *tupuna*, includes cultural insights about how we might create and experience the sacred space between people.



Suzanne O'Rourke is Mission Animator for the Sisters of Compassion and Site Leader for Rachel's Vineyard Retreats NZ. She is optimistic that a contemporary spirituality of Aotearoa New Zealand is being revealed through the on-going story

of Venerable Suzanne Aubert. Suzanne is a published writer.

Just as Suzanne Aubert saw Christ in every person she encountered, we too can learn to walk with love. This *kaupapa* of compassion is the gift each of us is called to share.

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Christopher Longhurst is a theologian trained in the Roman system. He holds a doctorate in theology *summa cum laude* from the Angelicum, Rome. Currently he lectures in theology at the Catholic Theological College of Aotearoa New Zealand. Formerly, he served as an educational officer (*operatore didattico*) in the Vatican Museums, Vatican City, and assistant professor of philosophy at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. His academic specialities are the interdisciplinary study of theology and aesthetics, comparative theology, and ecclesial transformation in light of the current clerical sexual abuse crisis.

Non-figural Pictorial Art for Theological Education

Pure abstract art can serve both theology and religious education, and function as a powerful tool for interreligious dialogue. Due to Aotearoa New Zealand’s religiously diverse classrooms, non-figural pictorial art, so-called “secular” abstract paintings can serve to educate about theological concepts across religious and cultural borders. This talk is intended for teachers and students interested in moving religious education and theological topics beyond learned word definitions, to utilise the evocative sensuality and trans-religious fascination of pure abstract art to understand basic theological topics, and foster dialogue between people of diverse religions. The topic may also interest anyone curious about the theological value of abstract art in general, and connections between art and religion.

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Julianne Hickey has served as the Director of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand since 2012. Julianne has spoken at a variety of national and international events including the Paris Climate Change Conference in 2015, and the United Nations in New York on the sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine sources.

Mareta Tana has a background in media and communications and previously gained experience in Mumbai before joining the Caritas team in 2018 as the Communications Assistant. Mareta has worked in youth ministry and continues to pursue her interests in media and photography and advocating for social and environmental justice in her work at Caritas.

Living out Laudato Si'

This workshop aims to bring to life elements of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'". The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development. Climate change is already drastically affecting the world's poorest peoples, including our neighbours in the Pacific who have been living the climate emergency for decades. Jules and Mareta will use the *See, Judge, Act* method to lead an interactive discussion on how we can hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor in this new decade of the 21st century. This workshop will also provide a preview of the new Caritas initiative for schools which promotes care for creation - Kaitiaki2Share.

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Teresa Homan and **Judy Dixon** are members of St Joseph's Church Upper Hutt EJD Group. They became increasingly concerned at the level of homelessness and insecure housing in Upper Hutt. After trying unsuccessfully to halt the sale of many HNZ houses in Upper Hutt they decided to take action and formed a trust to enable the leasing of houses and the support of the tenants. They now house 55 people a night in Upper Hutt. Teresa is the Manager of



Benefit Education Service Trust - Hutt Valley and is an advocate for beneficiaries, Judy has worked in HR and with Prison Fellowship NZ on their reintegration of released prisoners programme.

Housing the Homeless

Housing the homeless is not a nice to have it is a core responsibility of any Christian community who are called to live justly and to safeguard the family and dignity of our brothers and sisters.

Lack of housing is a grave problem in many parts of the world, both in rural areas and in large cities, since state budgets usually cover only a small portion of the demand. Not only the poor, but many other members of society as well, find it difficult to own a home. Having a home has much to do with a sense of personal dignity and the growth of families.¹⁵² Laudato Si' The workshop will try to answer some fundamental questions and challenge our perceptions and biases in regard to the homeless and our Catholic response to the housing crisis facing NZ today.

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Frank Wafer is the Catholic Schools Leadership Consultant with the Catholic Schools Education Services (CSES) for the Wellington Archdiocese, providing leadership support and professional advice to primary and secondary principals and Boards of Trustees. He is deeply committed to the delivery of authentic Catholic education and assisting school communities in their evangelizing mission 'to create and foster a learning community that strives for educational excellence in all they do'.

Encounter with Christ—leading the growth of our school and parish one faith communities

Our schools are at the centre of our faith communities, so how do we grow that faith as a living part of all we do. This workshop looks at the vital role boards and parishes have in leading and promoting evangelizing community. We will be looking at the leadership role of the board of trustees and how schools can promote this encounter through their charism and culture.

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Joe Green has been the Archdiocesan representative on the National Network of Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) . He is currently the Lay Pastoral Leader at the Catholic Parish of Wellington South. Joe thinks that we tend to catechize before we evangelise. This makes him passionate about sharing the changes world-side in the RCIA: from a set 15 to 25 week "programme", to "initiation by and into a missionary faith community".

National Network of Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Jesus gave us the great **COMMAND**ment, and the great **MISSION**. He told us how to live. The RCIA is the normative way we initiate people into the Christian life. This workshop will focus on parish community-based initiation in order that we can carry out Jesus' command and mission.

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Te Ngākau Tapu is a 'personal parish' for Māori in the archdiocese of Wellington. Established in July 1999 by Tom Cardinal Williams, the parish church is next to Bishop

Viard College in Porirua. The parish priest is Monsignor Pā Gerard Burns.

Miha is celebrated on Sunday mornings and incorporates *taha Māori* (the Māori side) with karanga, te reo, taonga puoro (musical instruments), chanting of karakia and hīmene. Masses are celebrated on Sunday evenings and midday Friday. All are welcome to the parish - *Nau mai, haere mai*.

Response to mission: sharing taha Māori in Liturgy

This workshop starts with a brief history of Te Ngākau Tapu parish and kōrero about the inclusion of taha Māori in parish liturgies - Pāpā Werahiko affirms 'special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions'. (*Laudato Si, 146*).

The workshop continues with a demonstration of traditional taonga puoro including pūtaatara and kōauau as more "voices" in liturgies.

The workshop ends with chanting and reciting a decade of the Rosary and hīmene— all prayers are in Māori.

He waka eke noa!

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Create a bird box, insect hotel, or planter box for your garden

A group of kind and patient 'handy' men and women will lead this workshop

This is a workshop for the five to twelve-year olds. Created from recycled materials the children can build and take home something special for the insects or birds or plants to attract wildlife. All materials will be provided but if you have collected driftwood, pinecones, shells or other decorations then do bring them along. Children will need to be accompanied by a 'handy' adult. A gold coin donation will help cover costs.