



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.

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## A lesson from the children

At this time of year we celebrate with our children as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. At a recent Confirmation liturgy the children shared some of what they learnt at the offertory procession as they brought up an interesting assortment of gifts.



We flew **kites** and learned that we cannot see what keeps a kite up in the air when it flies, but we can feel the wind when it blows on our face. The Holy Spirit is like the wind – we cannot see it, but we can hear it whispering to us in our prayer, and we can look back and see the effects in our lives.



When we receive a **gift** – we have to unwrap it to see what the gift is. As we pray, God will reveal the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to each of us.



We did baking and gave it away in a **gift basket**. The gifts of the Spirit are given for us to give away too.



When we were baptised, we were given a **candle** to signify the light of Christ newly received in our life. Tonight the candidates have received another candle to signify that they are now empowered to let the Light of Christ shine in their lives for all to see.



**Bread and wine** were the food that Jesus shared with his disciples at the Last Supper. We bring them now for God to change the ordinary to the extraordinary, in our Eucharistic feast tonight.

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:1-5

## Are you being called to leadership?

The 2017 archdiocesan synod called for great leaders. **Launch Out is the archdiocesan process to form great leaders.** It requires a minimum of four to six years formation. This involves prayer days, retreats, spiritual direction, pastoral practice and academic study. It is part time, and those involved continue working in their current positions. If you think you may be called to leadership ministry within the archdiocese contact Joan McFetridge by Friday 20 October at [j.mcfetridge@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:j.mcfetridge@wn.catholic.org.nz)

For more information click on the image



# Need support for the RCIA?



Joe Green is the Archdiocesan rep on the National Network for the RCIA. As such he has a responsibility to support the RCIA in the Archdiocese. Joe is currently visiting parishes, sharing the results of the 2017 national survey and discussing its implications. Joe is also sharing resource ideas. He is happy to visit.

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## Some post synod inspired resources

If there is a picture or image on this page it is linked to a website. To find the hidden treasure behind the image all you need to do is hover your mouse over the picture and click!

### Disabilities and Inclusion

You are invited to the Social Justice Week workshop focusing on two synod recommendations around marriage and families and building communities.

**Saturday 18 August**  
**St Francis Hall, Tawa**  
**10.00am - 3.00pm**  
**free entry lunch provided**  
**Please register: 0800221022 or joannav@caritas.org.nz**

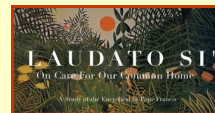
### Encountering the Divine

This is a small collection of encounter stories written by people in Aotearoa NZ. It's available for use in **The Catholic Institute** courses, parish reflections, staff meetings, classrooms, retreats etc.



### Laudato Si' mini series

This short course provides an overview of the main themes and messages of *Laudato Si'*. It does not presume any prior familiarity with either Catholic teaching or the sustainable development agenda. It is self-paced and the listener is guided through the encyclical.



### The Gospel of John

Presented by Dr Mary Coloe pbvm



Click then scroll down to videos

This series of seven was made while teaching at the Ecce Homo Biblical Program in Jerusalem, 2012. These clips, each around twelve minutes, focus on the gospel of John, particularly the Passion Narrative where Pilate presents Jesus and says, "Behold the man".

### Bishop Peter Cullinan on Liturgy

Bishop Peter Cullinane presents a series of ten videos on the nature and purpose of the Mass and all the Mass contains and means. They are just five minutes each.



### Cardinal John chats to media

Cardinal John talks to Australian media about a wide range of topics and some of the issues that concern him.



The outcomes of the Synod are a challenge for parishes, schools, the Archdiocese, all of us. They challenge us to change, which means we may need to review or let go of some familiar activities as well as begin new ones. (Cardinal John Dew, Synod Outcome Booklet)

Do share the information with others who may be interested

## Archdiocesan Pastoral Council — June meeting

On Friday evening the Council gathered and reflected on Chapter 1 of *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis' 2018 exhortation on The Call to Holiness. This time of prayer and sharing has always been an important part of any weekend's agenda as it centres the Council not only on the business and discernment of the weekend but also the Church it serves.

On Saturday morning Deacon Danny Karatea-Goddard, as **Vicar for Maori**, presented on the future pastoral direction and priorities of Te Kahu o te Rangi, and Turanga Maori, and the paramount importance of the Archdiocese's partnership and collaboration with the plan going forward, for it to succeed. It was a very hopeful presentation and an exciting challenge to all.

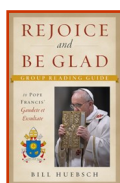
The **Parish Self-Review**, created as a post-2017 Synod resource for Parish Pastoral Leadership was approved by the Council, and will be sent to all parishes for their use as soon as it has been formatted as a Word Document. Thirteen Synod data projector slides accompany this resource.

Other agenda items included a discussion on **'what three elements made homilies best for you?'** (Synod Outcome 2h) by way of input into a Clergy Assembly at the end of June, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Ecclesia in Oceania* Synod, preparations for 2018 World Day of the Poor, and two further presentations, one from Chris Duthie-Jung, Director of the **Family and Young Church Vicariate**, who updated the Council on the ongoing work and development of the vicariate, and David Powick, an **AskRight** consultant, who presented on the establishment of the ADW Development Office and its strategic fundraising priorities for mission in the Archdiocese.

## Stewardship, a way of life update

Several parishes have requested **Gift Discernment** workshops in the parish setting as part of their ongoing adult parish faith formation. These focus on discerning spiritual gifts and the concept of giftedness for mission. For one parish it preceded a parish offertory renewal, the two working well in tandem.

The four pillars of Stewardship are Hospitality, **Prayer, Formation**, and Service. In light of this Sr Elizabeth Julian sm has created a simple six week prayerful guide introducing parishes to Pope Francis' 2018



exhortation ***Gaudete et Exsultate, The Call to Holiness in Today's World***. Pope Francis writes, "So let me ask you: Are there moments when you place yourself quietly in the Lord's presence, when you calmly spend time with him, when you bask in his gaze? Do you let his fire inflame your heart? Unless you let him warm you more and more with his love and tenderness, you will not catch fire. How will you then be able to set the hearts of others on fire by your words and witness? (#151) Parishes can **download this guide by clicking on the Rejoice and be Glad**

**image**. All the documents on this link are connected to the prayer guide.

**Planned Stewardship Events July - December** (more details for these events will follow)

28 July  
Stewardship Network  
Meeting  
for all parishes  
@ Ss Peter and Paul  
Lower Hutt  
1.30pm - 4.00pm

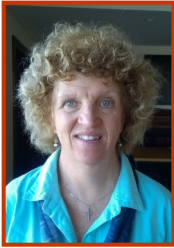
27 October  
Stewardship Retreat  
Day  
'What do you want  
me to do for you?'  
Mk 10: 46-52  
@ Petone

01 December  
Stewardship Day  
@ St Mary of the  
Angels

Lorraine McArthur  
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available for parish  
councils or  
Stewardship  
Committees.

**October is Stewardship Month** – this year's theme **The Call to Holiness**.

## Our changing parishes



Almost **50% of our clergy and about 36% of parishioners are new to Aotearoa New Zealand or migrants.** We are a country of migrants. When we reflect on the many different cultures coming into New Zealand for all kinds of reasons:

**How welcome do we make them?**

**How have we informed ourselves of the difficulties they may be faced with settling into a new land and a new culture?**

**How have we been enriched by their culture?**

Chris Walkerdine ministered alongside migrants and refugees for 15 years and has prepared a 1.5hr workshop to help everyone understand how best to make others feel welcome. **Chris is available to come to your parish.** To contact Chris Ph 04 496 1706 or email [c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz)

We pray for all those who leave their native land and families they love.  
God of the pilgrim, we pray  
that all who travel to New Zealand for a better life or to serve the people of God  
may be made welcome.

## Mass for the separated and divorced



In his 2016 Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis describes families as a challenging mosaic, made up of many different realities. He states *'It is my hope that... all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for, families are not a problem, they are first and foremost, an opportunity'*. In this are included the separated and divorced.

In the recent July edition of **WelCom**, an invitation to accompany those affected by divorce and separation was made to all. *'There are many separated and divorced in our parish communities who, because of their circumstances, have felt excluded, shamed and stigmatised.'*

Everyone is urged to invite people in their parish who have been affected by divorce and separation, to gently encourage and possibly accompany them at this Mass. There is an opportunity within our parish communities to support and care for people not mourning the death of a spouse but mourning the death of a dream. In part, it will be 'like-to-like' ministry - those who have walked this path sharing their wisdom. Come and join us to help shape this new ministry.

**All welcome to this celebration of Eucharist, followed by wine and cheese.**

**What:** Mass celebrated by Cardinal John Dew for those affected by divorce and separation

**When:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7pm

**Where:** St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria



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## Parish Leadership Ministry Vicariate

In collaboration with others **provide formation and support** for parish leadership (priests, lay pastoral leaders, pastoral councils, parish office administrators, liturgical ministries).

**Keep parishes updated** on archdiocesan priorities and Synod 2017 follow up opportunities.

Help embed and bring to life Cardinal John Dew's vision of having **collaborative leadership teams** of priests and lay pastoral leaders and pastoral councils ministering together.