



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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## Our home is our castle

Our home is our castle. We decorate it to suit our personal tastes and with what is important to us. We set the rules and expectations for what is acceptable behaviour. We welcome people in and they follow our guidelines. Taking shoes off at the door or not? Protocols around eating meals, offering drinks and who sits where.

What happens when we come to church to celebrate Mass or worship together in liturgy? Who is setting the guidelines? Is there one person or group who is automatically the host welcoming everyone else to their space - or could this space and time be a neutral place?

A neutral space would present the opportunity for everyone to have a sense of home. Visual symbols could be inclusive of everyone who regularly attends. Protocols around who does what, the types of services, the music, the prayers, the language or languages used and where languages are used. All these things could reflect the discerned wishes of the whole community.

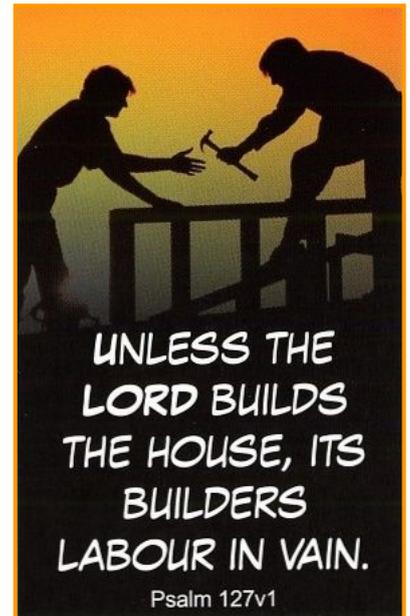
We could have a two-fold mission. Firstly, to acknowledge and support all the different groups within our church and parish community and, secondly, to find the commonalities and build on them. This requires us to be so much more than simply welcoming - think about it!

Chris Walkerdine

**If you would like to explore this further Christine Walkerdine is here to help you.**

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*A few words about leadership from Ronald Reagan*

*The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.*

# Child-friendly liturgies within the Mass

Everyone is welcome to come along to an **interactive workshop** with Fr Patrick Bridgman. Explore ways to make our masses more inclusive for children.

**When:** Sunday 04 November

**Where:** Ss Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt 2 - 4pm. Refreshments from 1.30pm.

**Please RSVP:** a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz



## Armistice Day Mass

**When:** Sunday 11 November @ 11am

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

This is to remember all those who lost their lives in WWI and especially any family members whom anyone would like to remember. You are encouraged to **bring any memorabilia you may have of family members** who served.

A cup of tea and sharing to follow.

**Presiders:** Frs Julian Wagg and Frank Whitaker



Do bring a hand bell to ring if you have one as we re-enact the end of the war.

## Wellington Abrahamic Council of Jews, Christians and Muslims

**When:** Wednesday 24 October @ 7pm

**Where:** Temple Sinai, 147 Ghuznee St, Te Aro

The holy day of the week in the three Abrahamic traditions

**Speakers:**

**Jewish:** Tadhg Cleary (Wgtn Jewish Comm)

**Christian:** Rev Jenny Dawson (Anglican vicar)

**Muslim:** Tahir Nawaz (Wgtn Islamic Comm)



All welcome - come, learn and contribute to the conversation

## Prayer and scripture directory

At the synod people asked that *different forms of personal prayer are promoted as pathways to encounter with Christ (2g)*. Click on the image below to see the huge number of groups already in existence in every corner of the Archdiocese. Maybe there is something in a neighbouring parish that will work for you.

The directory is being kept updated so send us your additions.



## Care of creation resources

From Synod 2017 *Parishes and schools use 'care for creation' projects as an opportunity for cooperation that involves school families with the parish and provides an example to the wider community (8c)*. There is a lot of useful material for pastoral councils, schools, families and groups for you to pick from. After clicking on the image you will need to scroll down.

We would love your feedback especially on parish/school initiatives to share with others.



Bishop Robert Barron is an American who is currently at the Youth Synod in Rome and creating short daily You Tube clips to give a taste of what is happening. He holds a number of Doctorates including Sacred Theology. Check out his very popular website for a variety of quick updates and more in-depth commentary. Click his image to take you there.

Do share the information with others who may be interested

## Archdiocesan Pastoral Council — 7-8 September

On the Friday evening before the meeting proper on Saturday, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council met to pray through Chapter 4 of *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 'Signs of Holiness in Today's World'. The Friday evening's gathering is always seen as a special time for the APC as it sets the weekend in prayer.

Agenda items for Saturday included two papers for the Council's discernment; one on Synod 2017

**No 7: Go, you are sent to your own peripheries**, specifically looking at ministry to the Separated and Divorced and the second,

**No 3: Go, you are sent to find Leaders**, looking in-depth at vocations to the priesthood, the severe shortage of priests in the Archdiocese, and what might be helpful in encouraging young men to consider whether God is



calling them to the priesthood. There were a range of suggestions, all referred to Fr David Dowling, Vocations Director, for consideration, in accordance with the Council's advisory role to the Archbishop.

Other agenda items included a presentation from Deacon Danny Karatea-Goddard on Maori in the Liturgy, and preparations for the Archdiocesan World Day of the Poor.



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The **Parish Self-Review resource**, which the Council had been working on since November 2017, has been sent to all parishes, with a downloadable copy. →

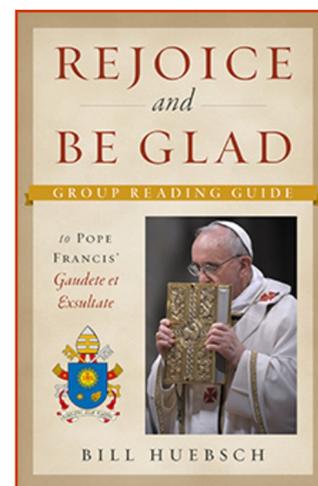


## Stewardship, a way of life September update

This year the theme for October Stewardship Month in the Archdiocese is 'Our Call to Holiness in Today's World'. Pope Francis, in his latest exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* speaks of holiness as 'the most attractive face of the Church' (9) and says that 'we are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves (14)'. Resources for parishes for this month, including five hour-long reflections, one for each chapter of *Gaudete et Exsultate*, have been prepared by Sr Elizabeth Julian – a wonderfully accessible resource. **Simply click on the image to take you to the Archdiocesan website** (scroll down). →

On Saturday **October 27 from 9.30-3.45pm** there will be a **Stewardship Retreat** at Sacred Heart Church, Britannia St, Petone. And on Saturday **10 November** at the **Angus Inn in Lower Hutt** the Stewardship Team and Cardinal John are hosting a **Stewardship Breakfast from 7.15-9am**. All parishioners are warmly invited to both. Register by emailing [a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz)

One of the recurring requests from Synod 2017 was for Gift Discernment workshops in the parish setting; how to discern spiritual gifts and to explore more deeply the concept of giftedness for mission. These are readily available by contacting Lorraine McArthur (04 496 1796) or [l.mcarthur@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.mcarthur@wn.catholic.org.nz)



Other Stewardship events have included an Archdiocesan Stewardship Network Meeting held at Ss Peter and Paul Church in Lower Hutt, a Ministry Formation Day for Parish Priests and Lay Pastoral Leaders, held at St Bernadette's Church in Naenae, and several Gift Discernment Workshops.

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Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

## A new serenity prayer - James Martin SJ

God, grant me the serenity  
to accept the people I cannot change,  
which is pretty much everyone,  
since I'm clearly not you, God.  
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,  
please give me the courage  
to change what I need to change about myself,  
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,  
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.  
It's better for me to focus on changing myself  
than to worry about changing other people,  
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,

I can't change anyway.  
Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up  
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter  
than everyone else in the room,  
that no one knows what they're talking about  
except me,  
or that I alone have all the answers.  
Basically, God,  
grant me the  
wisdom  
to remember that  
I'm  
not you.  
Amen.

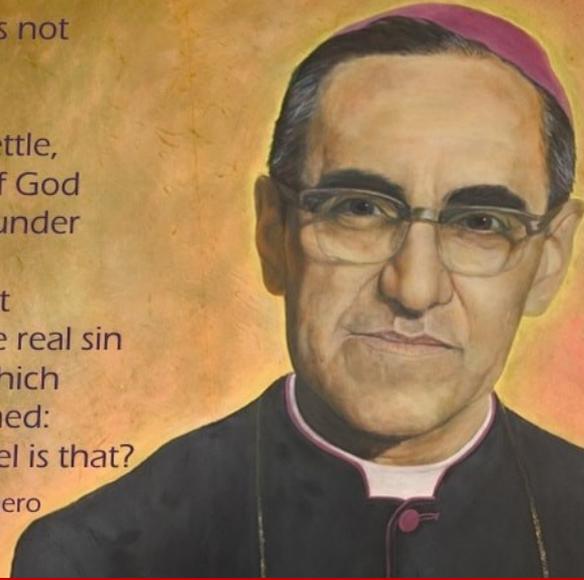


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A church that does not  
provoke any crisis,  
preach a gospel  
that does not unsettle,  
proclaim a word of God  
that does not get under  
anyone's skin or  
a word of God that  
does not touch the real sin  
of the society in which  
it is being proclaimed:  
what kind of gospel is that?  
Archbishop Oscar Romero



## Sainthood confirmed!

On 14 October Oscar Romero, **voice of the voiceless**, was canonised. Already long considered a saint since his murder while presiding at Mass March 24 1980, he is a role model for us all.

**Click on the image** to take you to some excellent resources that includes a short 4.5min video suitable for all ages. *'There are not two categories of people. There are not some who were born to have everything and leave others with nothing.'* Oscar Romero



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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.