



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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What kind of Church will we leave behind?

When future generations look back at today's Church how will we be remembered? It would be wonderful if we can work together to create parish communities who care for each other and are relevant to the lives of those who are in the home, school and workplace - living lives that reflect Christ. We have been given an opportunity to reimagine how we are church and how we can best meet the needs of our community - beyond those who turn up at Mass on a weekend.

Some of the things coming from our parishes:

- ♦ Take a discernment approach, based on prayer to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our thinking
- ♦ Consider how we might use this exercise to engage and excite our youth about the future of our parish
- ♦ Consider the communities we have and ensure that those affected by any reduction are actively involved in building their 'new community'
- ♦ Consider developing facilities that have multi-purpose uses, so not just for Sunday Mass - a centre for

the community to come together to meet the pastoral needs of our wider community

- ♦ Maximize use of our Ministry holders so they can continue their ministry in whatever make up of churches we end up with
- ♦ Working together, rather than in isolated silos which often replicate each other, allows for; greater diversity, sharing of gifts across the whole area, support for each other and will avoid any stress and strain on the priests who are available for sacramental services
- ♦ The holiness and sacred economy of a church in leading people to God and eternal salvation is the only thing that matters

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What is Pope Francis saying about church closures? He is telling us not to be anxious, but rather to view it "as a sign of the times that invites us to reflection and requires us to adapt".

Let us pray that this time may be remembered as triggering a renewal of faith so we too may say, "And the Lord *added* to their *number daily*" Acts 2:47.

Mary-Ann Greaney

Let us have nothing so much at heart as to work for the good of all.

Suzanne Aubert

Grappling with parish life

How can we as Church recapture the excitement experienced by the first disciples – how they shared everything in common and debated how best to help those among them in need? How can we find ways of making Jesus' message relevant in our society? Two keynote speakers will sketch the big picture and 20 workshops will address how to apply the brush-strokes of life and love to parishes and the world through prayer, ministry and leadership. The venue is Burns Lodge (formerly Holy Cross Seminary). **Click on the picture** (Holy Cross chapel) to register, find out about accommodation, and workshop details.

Seeking Holiness in a Secular Society, Dunedin 27-28 September 2019.



Journey together towards unity



The **School of Ecumenism** is offering a four day course in Dunedin Monday 30 Sep to Friday 4 Oct 2019 (at the same venue and

the image for details. You will recognise at least one of the keynote speakers!

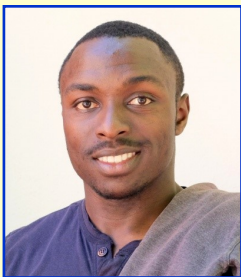


Synod '17 called us to "actively promote more interaction and partnership with other churches, particularly in action on social issues and joint worship".

the day after the Conference **above** ends). Click on

Are we being watched?

Most likely yes!



If a stranger started turning up at Mass what would they make of my community? **Would anyone welcome them?** Would they find a **loving community** who cared for one another. Click on the photo of Kahua for the story.

Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

(cultural anthropologist 1901—1978)

Congratulations Joan McFetridge!

Pope Francis has awarded the **Croce Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice** (for Church and Pope) to Joan McFetridge. The award is in recognition of Joan's unwavering commitment and resolute dedication to pastoral and theological formation in the



Archdiocese of Wellington and the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. There is no date yet for when Joan will be presented with her award. If you would like to be alerted when it will happen do send an email to **a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz**

New Launch Out formator and manager

The Parish Leadership Ministry team is delighted to welcome **Maria Aurora Correa Bernardo** (known as Maya). We are learning on a daily basis of the many gifts she brings with her and after two months with us is still surprising us with more 'tools in her kete'. Click on Maya's photo to discover why she is so well suited to her new role. Find out about **Launch Out** by clicking on the fishing nets.



The Church and St Vincent de Paul Society collaborating to reach out to the peripheries

St Vincent de Paul Society members serve in God's name providing personal support, friendship, prayer, transport, food and material assistance to people in the family home, rest home, hospital, prison, and to the homeless and others experiencing hardship, sickness, loneliness, isolation or loss.



The Society's leadership groups in Wellington, Kapi Mana and Hutt Valley/Wairarapa began dialogue in March 2019 with Cardinal John and Archdiocese leadership groups to explore how the Church and 'Vinnies' together can deliver on the commitment of the Synod 2017 to reach out to people in need at the peripheries of parishes and suburbs. **Click on the photo for the talking points and how to Join Your Local Conference.**

Extraordinary Missionary Month - October

At the 2017 Archdiocesan Synod the need for a 'spirituality of service' to address some of the issues raised was expressed very strongly. But what would such a spirituality look like? A short course has been developed by Elizabeth Julian RSM to **help people understand that their call to holiness, their mission, as explained by Pope Francis in *Gaudete et Exultate*** is answered in their ordinary, everyday lives and



activities as parents, spouses, grandparents, care-givers, employers/ees, coaches, team members, environmentalists, professionals, walkers/joggers, volunteers, parishioners, retirees, etc. **'God comes disguised as our life!'** Six sessions, available for groups and individuals throughout the Archdiocese will be launched in October to help understand our call to be missionary disciples. Read more in the July edition of WelCom. **Click on the photo for a 'taster' of the course.**

If you would like to be one of the leaders in your community or to participate in any way please contact **Chris Walkerdine** (her details are on the back page).

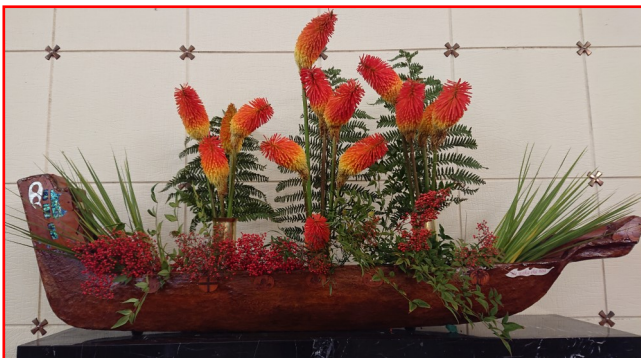


June 2019 Newsletter of special interest to Samoans in their own language.
Click on image

Māori proverb

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata

Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure



To the volunteers who arrange the flowers

Thank you for your faithful ministry that enhances our liturgical spaces. This beautiful arrangement was discovered at St Joseph's church in Upper Hutt on Pentecost Sunday.

What is in a name?

Those of us who are parents know the great care taken when choosing a Christian (follower of Christ) name for our children. These are the names given at Baptism. Names are not only important but contain meaning. Many children are named after saints that have been given to family members who came before them, taking a pride in religious and family tradition - acknowledging where the child has come from. Names are a way of honouring a family's heritage. Names are not only personal to the person but also sacred.

"I have called you by your name ... you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

Something to ponder: When a Christian name is so sacred why do we call people Dr, Mr, Mrs, Fr etc?



Samoan Enthronement of the Gospel

In days gone by, when a high chief of a Samoan village wished to address his people, the young men of the village, the taulele'a, would carry him on a fata, a type of platform, to a malae/marae/field. All the people of the village would assemble in the malae to listen to the special announcement. This announcement would be made by the high chief from the fata or platform so as to be heard by all present. By the **Enthronement of the Word**, the Samoan people give the highest respect to the Word of God that is to be proclaimed to God's people.

(from Te Awakairangi)



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3.f. Go you are sent... to find leaders. Formation and mentoring for leadership roles is provided at the parish level and throughout the Archdiocese.

What the Parish Leadership Ministry Team can offer you

We collaborate with parish leadership teams, parish councils, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, liturgy advisor and others in leadership roles including other archdiocesan vicariates, and ethnic chaplaincies, to facilitate delivery of;

- ✓ resources
- ✓ formation
- ✓ services
- ✓ 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.

Promote and support gift discernment and succession planning in essential ministries in parishes.

Provide liturgical resources and formation.

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

Consultancy on leadership, management, research, and running seminars to upskill.