



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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Synod plus two years - is it making a difference?

The Synod of September 2017 is a distant memory for many of us. We may question if it was worth the effort. Has it made a difference in parishes and the lives of people? You may be surprised!

Click on the synod logo and it will take you to some of the initiatives happening in parishes in every corner of the Archdiocese. There are more than six pages of activities where parishioners are reaching

out to the peripheries, developing a spirituality of service, finding leaders, ... and more. You may like to check your own parish as well as seeing what other parishes are up to.

One of the practical actions that came from Synod '17 was to have a **Mission Expo**. We are called to be missionary disciples and the **Mission Expo** is an opportunity to re-focus after a period of looking inward on restructuring of parishes, sexual abuse and other distractions. The Archdiocese can come together to celebrate "who we are", look beyond ourselves and reflect on how we can reach out to the peripheries.

A great selection of workshops will be on offer where participants can explore the different ways mission can be part of daily life.

Children can make an insect hotel or bird feeder to take home, there will be cultural

food stalls, entertainment, sport - something for everyone.

Organisations in the Archdiocese will have booths to show how they practise mission.

One of the synod objectives was to look for new leaders - this will give adventurous, creative people with initiative an opportunity to step into leadership roles.

As Pope Francis says, we are all a mission. "I am a mission, always; you are a mission,

always; every baptised man and woman is a mission. People in love never stand still - they are drawn out of themselves. They are attracted and attract others in turn. They give themselves to others and build life-giving relationships. As far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love."

The **Mission Expo** will take place at three venues.

14 March 2020 Viard College, Porirua

21 March 2020 Garin College, Nelson

28 March 2020 St Mary's, Blenheim (TBC)

If you would like to help with the organisation, offer a workshop, have a booth, or share ethnic food or culture contact Mary-Ann Greaney m.greaney@wn.catholic.org.nz or 04 496 1784

Mary-Ann Greaney

Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings. Nelson Mandela

A selection of resources



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

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From time to time you may want to contact someone at the Archdiocesan office. **Who**

do you call for information? Who does what?

Click on the picture to take you to the Cardinal, Vicar General and all the ADW directors.

SEEKING *Holiness* IN A SECULAR SOCIETY

The recent pastoral conference held in Dunedin gathering together people from all over New Zealand was greeted as life-giving for parish leaders. Twenty workshops were on offer and many presenters have shared their PowerPoints and other material. You are free to use them - just click on the **Seeking Holiness** banner (above).

Māori proverb

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata



What would Jesus do? Mission for a Fractured World

Laurie Brink, OP, professor of New Testament Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago was recently welcomed to New Zealand. She asks "Did Jesus really mean 'love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you'? How are we to proclaim the gospel message in a world fractured by violence, hatred, and natural disasters?"

Click on the photo for the text of Laurie's presentation.

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion



Click on the image for an updated selection of liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion

Climate change in Aotearoa

View the presentation by clicking on the photo and have a think about what actions you are able to take.



Looking for a local group to join?

Click on any of the three images for a feast of local prayer, scripture, active ministries and more...



An invitation

Come and join Joan McFetridge at St Teresa's, Karori on Saturday 16 November at 5.30pm. Cardinal John will present her with a Papal award at the vigil Mass.

"The missionary disciple has first of all a centre, a point of reference, which is the person of Jesus." Pope Francis 2018

St Vincent de Paul reaching out to the peripheries



Since our first update in *Leadership Links* June 2019, the Society in Wellington has continued efforts to strengthen our mission and raise awareness about our work in parishes and suburbs.

Cardinal John celebrated Mass at St Joseph's, for the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul, bringing together members and followers from Wellington committed to supporting people experiencing hardship. In his homily, Cardinal John likened the work of Vincentians to the actions of "Jesus seeking out and caring for the poor, sick and those perceived as outcasts".



[Click on either image for more information](#)

Our Conferences are engaging with parish leaders to strengthen the role of the Society in parishes answering the call by Cardinal John for parishes to be "outward-looking" and "mission-orientated".

We have been looking at different ways of serving those in need, including focusing on suburbs with higher deprivation levels and social housing, expanding into suburbs which do not currently have Conference coverage, supporting projects settling refugees, and joining the talents and resources of our Young Adults groups to address locations of loneliness and stress.

Many events are looming, including eight free *Pop-Up Shops* in Wellington, Hutt Valley, Horowhenua and Porirua on 16 November 2019 in support of Pope Francis's 3rd World Day of the Poor; food appeals on 9 November in Kilbirnie and Johnsonville; appealing for donated gifts for our *Merry Vinnies Toy Shop* at Newtown in December offering choice of free presents for families; and some Conferences delivering donated emergency food supplies and treats at Christmas to families in most need in their suburbs.

Brendan Quirk and Millie Lambess

Stewardship update

"We have to be willing to roll up our sleeves and let the creative work unfold." (Dorff.1988; Pg. 121)



Stewardship Breakfasts are a great way to meet people from your region, be inspired by personal anecdotes while enjoying a lovely breakfast, and all finished by 9am, ready to hit the rest of the day.

2020 Breakfast in Nelson - Feb/March (date to be confirmed).

2020 Breakfast in Upper Hutt - April/May (date to be confirmed).



Retreat Days are an opportunity to take some time to stop and nourish your inner being

St Joseph's, **Upper Hutt** on Nov 2 2019 (register with Chris - email below)

Home of Compassion, **Island Bay** Feb 2020 (date to be confirmed)

If your parish is interested in hosting a Stewardship Breakfast or Retreat Day in 2020 please contact Chris Walkerdine at c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz or telephone 496-1706

"When we dream alone it is only a dream.

When we dream with others, it is the beginning of reality." Hélder Câmara

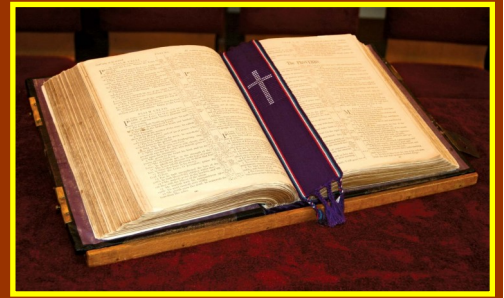
The Gospel in four sentences

Everybody matters absolutely. We are loved and longed for. In our ministry we love as God loves.

Every broken heart and relationship are to be mended. Jesus' mission was to heal the fracture in humanity. The story of the leper - if you want you can heal me. Of course I want to. Jesus restores to himself, to family, to community, to God. That is our mission.

God's plan for every person is joy and life to the full. Joy is at the heart of the gospel. Full life - full joy. Not just human happiness.

So that humanity and creation might one day be a glorious and joyful song of praise to God. This is deepest communion.



Dr Philip Marshall (priest from Adelaide)



Indian dance of light (Arati)

In the Indian culture, light is used to convey something positive: goodness, life and hope. As part of inculturation, Arati or dancing with lighted lamps or candles is performed by the liturgical dancers to welcome the priest to the altar at the beginning of the mass. It is also an expression of honour and worship to the Blessed Sacrament. Teena George



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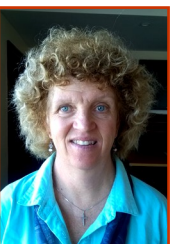
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1.k. Go you are sent... to the peripheries of society. Parishes are encouraged to develop a project approach to service and justice needs.

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.