



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.

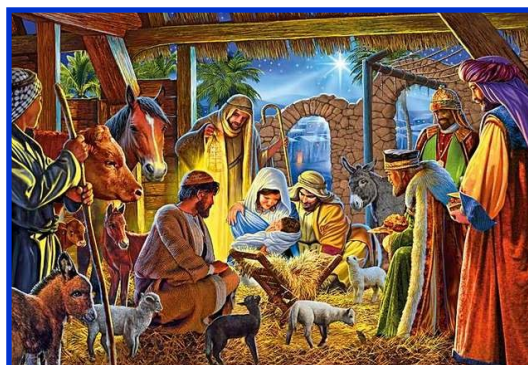
Contact details on page four



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Is there room at the Inn?

Advent is a time of joyful expectation awaiting the birth of Jesus. Families gather and often attend Christmas Mass together. This is a favourite time for my children who often see old friends they went to school with who, like themselves, have returned home to celebrate with loved ones.



A highlight for children young and old is a visit to the nativity - parents explain to the little ones the true meaning of Christmas. In recent years we have a growing number of different ethnic groups in our parishes. When they look at the nativity in their local church do they see a tableaux that speaks powerfully to them? Some parishes give different groups a turn to prepare the nativity in a way that is familiar and deeply meaningful to their culture. It is

the same story and the same figures but often presented very differently. We are all enriched when we invite others to share in this way.

The parish and how we do things is for all who belong, not just for the dominant culture.

There are still countless refugees who, 2000 years after the birth of Jesus, are

still looking for somewhere to call home. Christmas is a time when too many people are alone and some of those people are our neighbours. Perhaps an elderly person who has lost their soul mate, a solo parent, a homeless person you see frequently, someone new to the area? Sometimes they are members of our own family. **Can you find a space at your table for a few more people?**

Mary-Ann Greaney



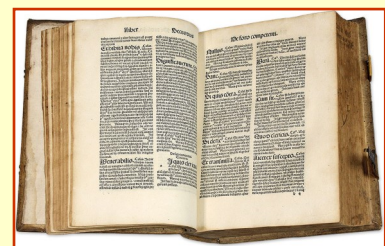
Click on the image for a beautiful video reflection

May the Advent God be with you, inviting you to an eager expectation of new life within you. May you know hope, may you know peace as you await the birth of what is yet to be in you. May the life you embrace be a sharing in the God of life and incarnation among us. May the Advent God bless you.

Maxine Shonk, OP

If we are not on mission we are not being Catholic' Pope Benedict XV 1919

Who are the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC)? What do they do?



Click on each of the images to find out more. Photos of APC members, the APC mandate, and a little piece from Canon Law

Save
the
date



Mission Expo 2020

North Island venue: Bishop Viard College, Porirua, 14 March

South Island venue: Garin College, Nelson, 21 March

More information in February 2020

WelCom



Advent Mass and live Nativity

Come to Mass

SS Peter and Paul Church, Johnsonville.

December 22, 10.30am

and visit the nativity

Talk to Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and angels. Pet the sheep and pat the donkey and feed the goat. Hear the Christmas story about peace, friendship and hope.

10.00am - 12.30pm

27 Dr Taylor Terrace, next to the Church carpark



Have you ever wondered how you may become a better leader or

how to create a more dynamic team? Try this site for 7 attributes of a mature leader; 10 commonalities of healthy teams; Defining healthy in Church leadership culture; and more...

Check out this Australian website. It contains over 350 videos for both **adult and child faith formation, spirituality, meditation, music** and more. It is available by subscription but there are samples you may try to see what is on offer. There will be a **workshop** on the evening of **26 March 2020** where a team will demonstrate the resources and suggest how they may be used. Details on the workshop will be advertised early February.



Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi

With red and black the work will be complete

This refers to co-operation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete. The colours refer to the traditional kowhaiwhai patterns on the inside of the meeting houses.

Keep an eye out for an invitation to a workshop on **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion** with Fr Patrick Bridgman. The workshop is being **offered in the Nelson area** 01 March, 1.30pm - 3.30pm or 03 March 7pm- 9pm. More information coming.

Inspirational things happening in Upper Hutt



In many parishes around the Archdiocese there are significant initiatives that often fly 'under the radar'. One of these is the Upper Hutt Housing Trust which is an ecumenical response to homelessness in the local area. The Trust leases twenty properties and sleeps over fifty homeless people every night. There is a waiting list of mainly families, who are in despair because of the severe shortage of affordable rentals. Often families are split up sleeping on the floors of different relatives.

The Trust is always looking for more properties to lease. They would like more trustees, especially people with legal experience, housing development and marketing. Whiteware, furniture and bed linen are always gratefully received and pickup can be arranged.

If you would like to help in any way contact:

Judy Dixon, 04 970 7169 or 022 043 4703 or admin@uhut.org.nz



What we would like to do is change the world to make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do and we can change the world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world.

**Dorothy Day 1897 - 1980
Co founder of Catholic Worker Movement**



Attracting more people/families/ethnicities to the Stewardship way of life

Prayer groups in every parish offering spiritual support

Acknowledging the work people are putting in

A contact person in every parish

Youth-based Stewardship groups

Bringing all the relevant parish ministries under Stewardship

Stewardship Christmas Wish List



From time to time you may want to contact someone in the Archdiocese. **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.



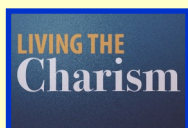
December 2019 Newsletter of special interest to Samoans in their own language.
Click on image



John O'Connor is priest of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. He is acting Director of the National Liturgy Office. He writes a popular daily reflection. Click on his image to sign up.

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...

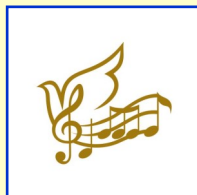


Why we sing at Mass

Need some inspiration preparing for liturgies? Try these sites



National Liturgy Office



Song suggestions, a music planner, and some sound files



Weekly prayer of the faithful suggestions



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2.b. Go you are sent... to develop a spirituality of service. Language in liturgies, including hymns, is inclusive.

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.