



## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2019

The Archdiocese of Wellington celebrated the World Day of the Poor 2019 with free pop-up stores, contributions at the Compassion Soup Kitchen, and an early morning walk through the inner-city with Cardinal John.

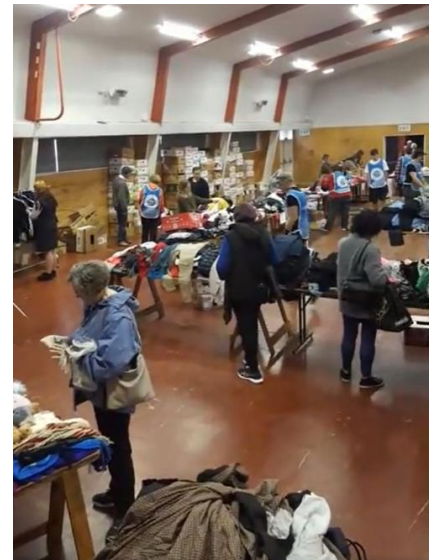


### ST VINCENT DE PAUL FREE POP-UP STORES

The Society of St Vincent de Paul continued the tradition of running free pop-up stores to distribute goods to communities.

Two and a half transit vans of stock were distributed at the event at the Central Park flats in Brooklyn, which also included a barbecue run by the Knights of Malta and free haircuts donated by local barber Boar and Blade.

Free pop-up stores were also run in Porirua, Ōtaki, Levin and in the Hutt Valley in Stokes Valley, Naenae, Petone and Wainuiomata.





## COMPASSION CENTRE MEAL SPONSORSHIP

As in 2018, a number of parishes and groups in the communities sponsored meals at the Compassion Centre Soup Kitchen in the week leading up to the World Day of the Poor, enabling meals to be offered for free from Monday 11 November to Saturday 16 November (usually a small donation is requested of guests).

The Soup Kitchen hosted Wellington Central Member of Parliament Grant Robertson at dinner on Friday 15 November in recognition of the World Day of the Poor.



## EARLY MORNING WALK CENTRAL CITY WALK

Cardinal John invited people to join him in his regular morning walk around the inner streets of Wellington, which gives him a glimpse into the lives of Wellington's homeless and rough sleepers. The walk left the Catholic Centre at 5.30am on Friday 15 November, and was followed by a simple breakfast of porridge at the Catholic Centre at 6.30am. The kilometres walked were recorded as part of the Caritas Internationalis *Share the Journey* global walk.

