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<https://pncathedral.org.nz/contacts/> for the Cathedral

Or email [info@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:info@lourdesparish.nz) with the subject line: "Registering my email with you".  
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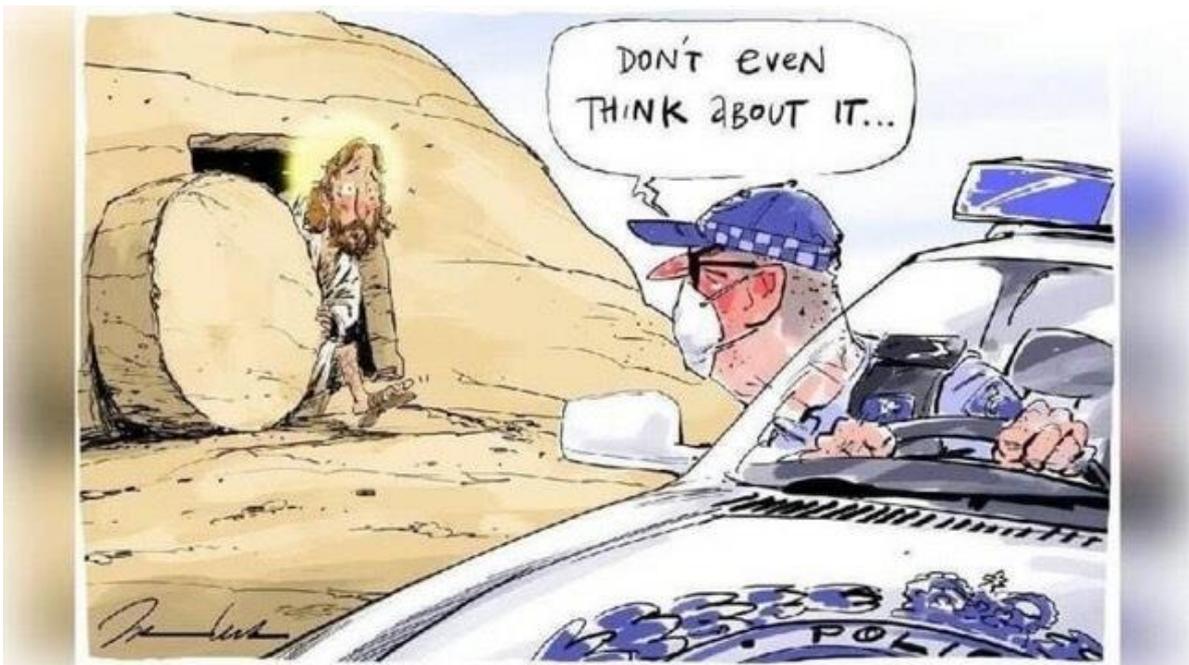
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# Pastor's Desk

“We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song!”  
“Ko tātou ngā Tāngata Aranga ko Āreruia tō tātou Waiata!”

Friends, Happy Easter! May the blessings of this holy season be yours and may your families, friends and loved ones be blessed and safe! Never was the hope of the Resurrection Gospel more needed than today. We have fared better here than in other countries because of the clear decision-making ability of our political leaders. We are grateful to our essential workers, care-workers and medical professionals.

The Easter Services are ancient “street theatre” that we use each year to symbolise our faith journey and the deepening of our belief in the Risen Christ. It is the story that energises us and tell us, again, the mission to which we, the People of God, are called.

The loss of these days has meant that we can't process last year's journey in faith and give it the rich symbolism it needs. The loss of the fire and the light of the Paschal Candle being shared throughout the assembly is deep. Not hearing the Exultet sung and the readings that tell the history of salvation proclaimed means we have not “heard together” the narrative of God's presence and action in the world, since before the world existed. The loss of the font, the calling of the saints, the baptism of new members and their confirmation is the loss of hearing the Catechumen's response to the call of faith into this royal and holy priesthood. The loss of the shared Table of the Eucharist and loss of the bread and the chalice that are blessed, broken and shared is the loss of the Eucharist itself.

We have suffered the loss of the fullest presence of Christ in the Sacrifice of the Mass, the Scriptures proclaimed in the Assembly, the Ministry of the Priest to the Assembly and the Assembly herself – the People of God. These are real losses, because through these rituals, symbols and signs we retell the story of faith that grafts us onto Christ and gives us our place among the People of God. We have lost the community context in which we tell the story of our ancestors' faith. All this loss and, yet, we all survived! Deo Gratias!

The grief of those whose loved ones have died is true sorrow. The loss of the funeral rites that honour life and speak of resurrection makes the grief harder. To all who mourn we offer the comfort of our prayers: “Eternal rest give to them O Lord; may they have eternal life”.

The plight of countries less fortunate than ours is truly saddening. The huge numbers of “day-workers” who get paid by the hour and never have secure jobs makes me grateful that I live in a country that has a social welfare system and the income to provide for those in need. To see men, women and children searching through rubbish to find something to eat saddens beyond belief.

I am also aware this week of the challenge faced by many young families, where parents are providing full-time child-care and working at the same time, often late at night. The juggling of both roles, and the stress that this brings, concerns me. How can we help? Could we offer to shop for them, or entertain the children via SKYPE for an hour a day, or perhaps do an hour's worth of their work for them?

This week Julie Randall, Director of Music at the Cathedral has prepared our ‘Liturgy at Home’ resource. You can access it here: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/homeliturgy](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/homeliturgy)

Fr. Joe

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## Prayer Intentions

**May they Rest in Peace:**  
Joshua Anderson – RIP  
Fr. Nic Hoogeveen (Hamiton) – RIP

**Anniversaries**  
David Barry Johnstone –18/04/18



**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Audrey Murphy, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Betsy Franssen, Chris Kleinsman, Diane Stubbs, Evie Feierabend, Fiona Hurly, Ian Sutherland, John Pepperell, Kathleen Butturini, Kia Reyes, Marian Carey, Margaret Kersel, Melva Widdowson, Mike Manson, Mikulas Oros, Pat Kauri, Pat McDonald, Paul McRae, Raymond Jones, Romuald Rudzki, Steve Horgan, Tony Murphy, Vinnie Carroll and William Lemmon.  
Cotter-Cuthbertson family – Medical Professionals working in Brisbane.

## Pastoral Outreach

### Pastoral Phone Tree

#### OUR PRIORITY IS YOU!

The telephone, internet and email are our friends. We have Pastoral Phone Trees working at the Cathedral, Lourdes and Foxton. If you have time to help, please contact one of our coordinators:

Cathedral: Kate Bell [k.bell@pncathedral.org.nz](mailto:k.bell@pncathedral.org.nz)  
Our Lady of Lourdes: Kate McNamara [office@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:office@lourdesparish.nz)  
St Marys' Foxton: Eleanor Jacobs [foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz)

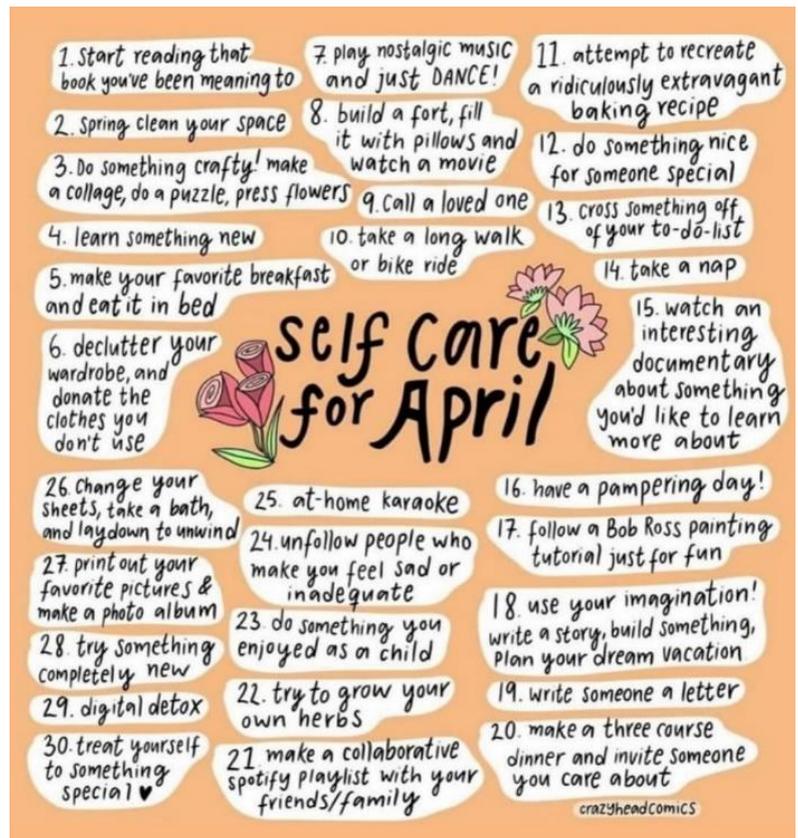


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## Health and Wellbeing

Week 3 of lockdown has brought many changes to our lives and one of the biggest changes has been around communication and the importance of staying connected. Our parish teams have enjoyed speaking with many of our parish family on the phone or via email/Facebook/text etc. This has been a wonderful opportunity of engagement and we need to continue engaging with one another. It has highlighted the importance of community for us all.

As we near the end of week 3, continue to guard your mind and your time. Stay focused on what needs to be done each day including what is required for both our mental and spiritual health. The following are some practical tips on self-care for April and remember, keep in touch and be kind to yourself and each other.



## Liturgical Outreach

“We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our Song”

### Sundays of Easter

Small words are often very important! “Of” is a small word. It is a preposition expressing the relationship between a part and a whole. In the Easter season or Eastertide, the word “of” links all the Sundays to the great and central feast of Easter. All the Sundays of Eastertide are the Sundays of Easter. We continue to celebrate Easter throughout the season until we conclude it with the Festival of Pentecost. During this time of Easter, the scriptures take us through the birth of the Christian church and none more especially than the Acts of the Apostles.

Hopefully, by the time we get the Sunday of the Ascension and the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, our National Solemnity, we will have luxuriated in the beauty of the Easter Season and be raring to celebrate Pentecost.

Hopefully, too, by this time we will be meeting again as communities of praise and thanksgiving on the Lord’s Day.



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## Livestreaming and TV Masses

### Second Sunday of Easter

10:00am Cathedral's Presbytery – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MReAusozvk>

### Daily Mass with Pope Francis:

A recording of Pope Francis daily Mass is available at:

<http://www.catholicv.org/shows/pope-francis-daily-mass>

### Catholic Telecast on Shine TV

Every Sunday at 1.35pm there is a Catholic liturgy broadcast on Shine TV (Freeview TV Channel 25, SKYTV Channel 201).



On the Cathedral's Website:

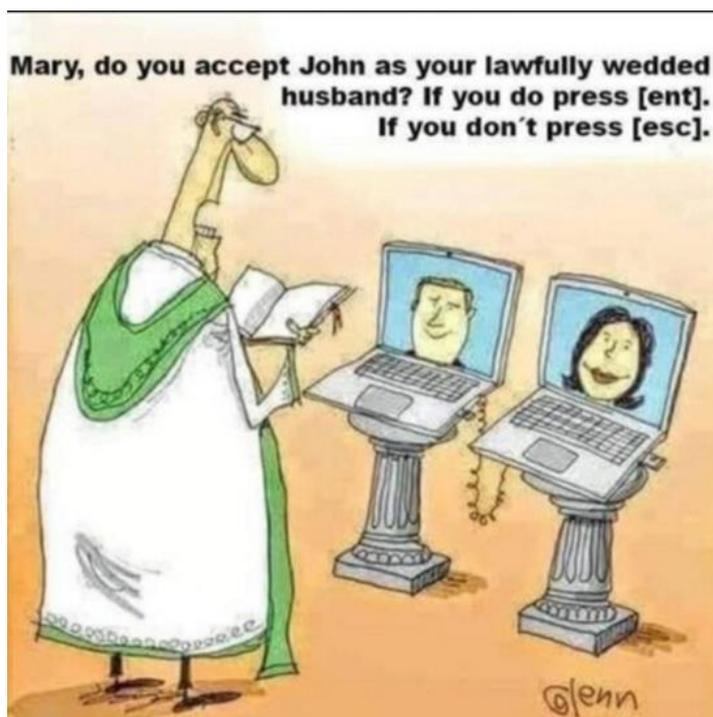
For a quick find to the Cathedral's Presbytery Livestreaming of Masses...

Click here

To download a copy of the Newsletter

Click here

### A little light heartedness



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## Reflections

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2.42-47

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-31

*Responsorial Psalm:*

Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

### The Gospel:

Just as the stone in front of the tomb did not restrain Jesus within the tomb, the closed door of the room in which the frightened Disciples were hiding did not prevent Jesus from entering. Jesus still bears the wounds of his crucifixion. He is always the wounded Christ, as the Book of Revelations relates (Rev. 5:6)

Jesus meets the disciples for the first time after their desertion of him during his passion and death. Instead of greeting them with reproach, he offers peace: "Peace be with you". Why did Jesus die? What is the motive behind his actions and the final words of today's gospel "*these words are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name*".

Unlike Thomas, who believes only after seeing the risen Jesus, we encounter our Lord in many other ways. Through the words of the gospel and the Sacraments of the Church, we can hear, see and touch the one who calls us to live life abundantly. Later, when Thomas makes his profession of faith "*My Lord and my God*", Jesus responds by blessing those who have not seen, yet believe.

Have we appreciated and used God's gift of the Word and Sacraments that have been passed down from generation to generation by the followers of Jesus? They have been safeguarded and cherished by our ancestors of faith. How can we, or what can we do that others may come to believe? Have we, like Thomas, ever struggled to believe? How were these doubts resolved?



### The First and Second Readings:

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles paints a picture of an idyllic Christian community where many members live together in unity, generosity and self-giving. But we also know that the early Christian communities had their own struggles in living the life of faith. They were transformed by the risen Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. They present the ideal Christian community open to God's grace.

Their life encourages us in our struggles in our own little bubbles, our communities, our parish and when life's tragedies overtake us. St. Peter in his Letter also encourages us to rely on the Risen Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome our daily struggles. The Risen Christ is our strength and courage enabling us to face any or all challenges to our faith. "*Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope*".

The Psalm for today emphasises the mercy of God. Three times we hear the line repeated: "*His mercy endures forever*". Three, denotes fullness and completion in the Bible. As the responsorial psalm proclaims: our God's love is everlasting.

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Within our own lives we can recognise this pattern of the Lord at work. As human beings we will sin, fail, and even at times run away from our God and the work he has called us to do. Yet, with divine mercy, the Lord never ceases to call us back, offering peace to counteract our fear and forgiveness to wipe away our sins. As people who have received these gifts of peace and mercy, we are then sent forth to bear them to the world.

From whom have I received mercy in my life? Parents, friends, parishioners, foes? When have I shown mercy to others? Have I forgiven others? Do I still bear grudges? The following prayer was found at Auschwitz after WWII. As we think and reflect up it, think of what Jesus said on the cross “*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do*” or what we say when we pray the “*Our Father*”.

*Father, remember not only the people of good will, but also people of ill will,  
Do not remember only the suffering that have been inflicted upon us,  
But remember to the fruit we have bought as a result of our suffering:  
The comradeship and loyalty, the humility and courage,  
The generosity and greatness of heart that has grown out of it.  
And when they come to judgement, let all the fruits that we have borne  
Be their forgiveness.*

## Information

### Resources for Children

Auckland diocese liturgy site has this link:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/liturgy-of-the-word-with-children/>

Cafod has a very good children’s liturgy recorded and interactive check it out:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

### Diocesan Website Links

Here are the links to several helpful resources. The Diocesan Team keep these updated each week/month with the latest content. Feel free to share these widely.

Signup for Diocesan newsletter: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/newsletter](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/newsletter)

Julie Randall’s ‘Liturgy at Home’ resource: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/homeliturgy](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/homeliturgy)

Weekly ‘UNITED’ mailout: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/united](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/united)

Diocesan YouTube channel: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/video](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/video) & [www.pndiocese.org.nz/videos](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/videos)

Resources and links on the Diocesan website: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/covid19](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/covid19)

Issy McCafferty’s ‘United in Prayer’ resource: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/unitedprayer](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/unitedprayer)

Diocesan Mass livestream, from Cathedral Presbytery: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/livemass](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/livemass)

**Dan Schutte** has created a virtual celebration of the Triduum for you complete with personal reflections, psalmody, homilies etc. <https://www.danschuttemusic.com/wordpressstore/easter-triduum/>

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Holy Hour from St Mary's Presbytery, 3pm Sunday 19th April:

<https://youtube/MNs65QPNrYA>

**National Day of Prayer:** Uniting all New Zealand in a National Day of Prayer on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April. (See PDF attached in email).

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## Pastoral Information

### Prayer Intentions.

If you have prayer intentions for sick members of the family or anniversaries of death, please email these to [info@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:info@lourdesparish.nz) and we will include them in this newsletter.

### Visiting the sick and dying via phone

If someone with the virus is in hospital, priestly pastoral care can be via phone. If someone with the virus is at home, pastoral care is by phone. A priest or lay pastoral leader cannot visit a home during this Alert Level Four.

### Funerals

No funerals are being celebrated during Alert Level Four. Families have the choice of immediate cremation or putting bodies into Funeral Directors' mortuary facilities until a later time. If there is a death, please phone our priests:

#### Please contact:

Fr Joe Grayland:

Cell: 027 777 8096

Email: [priest@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:priest@lourdesparish.nz)

Monsignor David Bell:

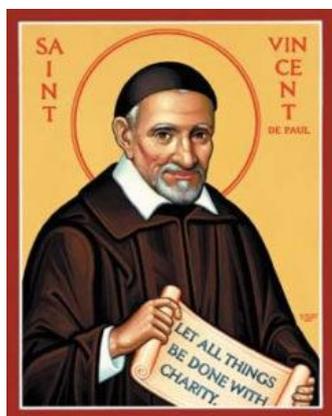
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## Palmerston North Hospital Chaplaincy

Hospital Chaplaincy team (Pastoral/Spiritual Care Team) Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. We are available to visit and support members of the PNCLA churches and the general public who are hospitalized. The Hospital is applying a 'no visitor' policy. In exceptional circumstances a single member of a family is allowed to be present with a patient. The chaplaincy team can be contacted on (06) 350 8690 (ext. 8690) or [chaplains@midcentraldhub.govt.nz](mailto:chaplains@midcentraldhub.govt.nz).

## St Vincent de Paul Society



At present the Op Shop and food deliveries are on hold as the age of most members mean we are confined to our homes.

To obtain an emergency food parcel, the person(s) in need must phone 0800 725 678 or go to [www.pncc.govt.nz/covid19](http://www.pncc.govt.nz/covid19) and fill out a needs assessment registration form. PN City & Rongotea contacts are Mike Keenan (021 1858 969) and Roger Clark (021 678 141).

Foxton/Shannon contact the Parish: [foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz](mailto:foxtoncoordinator@lourdesparish.nz)

Donations of money are welcome. Please donate online at Westpac A/c No. 03 0718 0047377 000. As St Vincent de Paul is a registered charity, receipts for tax purposes will be issued later.

## Reading Material

NZ Catholic 2nd Free Online Edition:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/3851daa8-230c-49d1-aefd-6afc771ce753>

CathNews New Zealand:

<https://cathnews.co.nz/>

Caritas:

<https://www.caritas.org.nz/>

WelCom:

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/welcom/>

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## Important Links

### Need help? Useful Numbers

#### Helplines

Family & Community Services National Directory:

0800 211 211

Youthline:

0800 376 633 Text: 234 or Email: [talk@youthline.co.nz](mailto:talk@youthline.co.nz)



The Low Down: [www.thelowdown.co.nz](http://www.thelowdown.co.nz) or Text 5626

Lifeline 24/7 Helpline: 0800 543 354

Mental health Crisis team: 0800 754 477 Need to talk: Free call/ TXT – 1737

Samaritans: 0800 726 666

Depression Helpline: 0800 111 757 or TXT 4202. Email: [www.depression.org.nz](http://www.depression.org.nz)

Kidsline: 0800543754

Parent help: 0800 568 856

Online Mental Health Support: <https://www.clearhead.org.nz/>

Palmerston North Young Family Ministry – Like them on Facebook please!!

[https://www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry/?ref=br_rs)

#### Police

If people want to call police, there are two numbers.

In an emergency, please call **111**.

If something needs to be reported but it is not happening right now, please call **105**.

#### ACROSS

Anglican, Catholic & Community Social Services – 0800 227 677

#### Government and Palmerston North City Council

PNCC have set up a registration form if you need help. Please click on the link to access the City Council website <https://www.pncc.govt.nz/news-events/covid-19-coronavirus/council-updates/register-for-welfare-support/>

Government information on financial help is available through this link [COVID19](#) .

#### Special Envelopes

The Easter Dues for the care of Priests and the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land (Holy Places) can be made via Online Banking or you can hold the envelopes for a later time. If you make a donation via Online Banking, please clearly identify the special collection name in the reference.

#### Gifting

Gifting to parishes if you. The decision is simple: Family First and if you can support the parishes please donate using the bank accounts below:

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit: 02-0630-0288037-01

Our Lady of Lourdes: 02-0630-0288037-18

St Mary's Foxton: 02-0630-0288037-07

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