



6 September 2020 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

**STAYING
IN TOUCH**

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Pastor’s Desk

The election is looming and Covid is active, so politics and health dominate the airwaves. Two political, healthcare issues are being debated -and voted on – the end of life and the legalisation of recreational cannabis.

These two issues are important, so it behoves us as Christians to inform our consciences on both topics and to form a decision. An informed conscience would understand the legal, moral, ethical, medical, social, and religious aspects for each.

Issues of moral and ethical importance, such as the right to life, the respect of life, personal freedom, the freedom to refuse medical intervention and the right to choose one’s own death are complex and a “black and white” approach is often too simplistic. An informed conscience is one that is well informed of all the arguments for and against a moral or ethical proposition, especially when that proposition is proposed to become a legal right. One place you can look for reliable information is the Nathaniel Centre <http://www.nathaniel.org.nz>.

I would encourage readers to use this resource. Read about Palliative Care and the distinction between Ordinary and Extraordinary means to sustain life, assisted suicide and suicide prevention.

In a complex, secular, pluralistic culture such as ours, the tension between worldviews is played out politically – in the affairs of society and its decisions. What we often see is competition and division between worldviews.

When worldviews collide, we see the hardedge of social and personal conflict. Worldviews express an individual’s or group’s relationship to the world that has been formed through their particularities (skin colour, ethnicity, gender, religion, socio-economic status) and their experience of justice, freedom and inclusion or the lack of these.

Worldviews are attitudinal and shown in ways of thinking, or viewing, others and oneself; they are ideological and maintain a defined set of beliefs and values that the individual or group present as normative; they are philosophical in their use of conceptual frameworks, social narratives, and language; they are religious with systems of behaviour and belief based on the acceptance of a transcendent, supernatural, or spiritual sphere of existence.

Worldviews come into conflict when we forget that no worldview is absolutely true because they are human constructs of meaning that are generally used as axioms. Thus, some people dialogue between their worldview and another’s, yet others hold that their worldview is absolutely correct and irreconcilable to other views and, then some view all worldviews as totally subjective (personal and private) where one is as good as another.

In this complex reality we are called through baptism to “put on the mind of Christ” (1 Cor.2:16), a mature wisdom. To be formed in conscience is to be formed in the wisdom of God; to see the whole creation (human, animal, mineral, vegetable) as elements of the wisdom of God and to see God at play in creation.

Thus, our worldview is not personal, it is shared with God through Revelation (Scripture and Tradition) and in the Church with others in the Christian Tradition, and with people of good will through the work of the Holy Spirit. Let us listen to St Paul:

“We declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” — the things God has prepared for those who love him—these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.” (1 Cor.2:1-16).

Fr Joe Grayland

Prayer Intentions

We Pray for Our Deceased: RIP:

Ted O'Connor, Dahlson Halidone and Marie Edwards (sister of Jeanette Currie)

Mass intentions: Gilbert Cole – Happy Birthday

Special Prayers for all those suffering with psychological illnesses and their families



We pray for: Andre Griffin, Audrey Murphy, Bettie Beech, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Chris Kleinsman, David Maeguard, Diane Stubbs, Fiona Hurly, Evie Feierabend, Ian Sutherland, Josie Conlon, Bernice OBeirne, John Pepperell, June MacMillan, Janice Williams, Kathleen Butturini, Kia Reyes, Malia Mavaega, Marian Carey, Maureen Murphy, Maureen Watts, Maria Pascoe, Fr Michael Lloyd, Mike Manson, Mikulas Oros, Melva Widdowson, Michael Quirk, Pat Kauri, Nicola Burmeister, Paul McRae, Peter Morrison-Story, Raymond Jones, Romuald Rudzki, Rebecca Lauvi, Romeo Plamio, Rose Waldvogel, Steve Horgan, Tony Murphy, Tony Winchcombe, Vinnie Carroll, William Lemmon, Tyler, Allan and Wayne.

Special Notices

Please Note: **Memorial Acclamation said during Masses in September:**

So parishioners can respond in unison each month we will alternate these responses starting with:
"Save us, Saviour of the World, for by your death and resurrection you have set us free!"

Please Note:

The Cathedral Café is postponed until further notice!

A number of dishes still need to be picked up from the Cathedral office.

Office hours – 9am – 1pm Monday through Friday.



Auckland Diocese Sunday Mass @ 2pm on SHINE TV

Free-to-air TV Channel 25 or SKY TV Channel 201

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER: - We will be retaining the online newsletter.

If you know of anyone who cannot access the emails or the internet or who does not have a printer please print out a copy of the newsletter and pass it onto them. Alternatively, ask them to register with the parish office for a printed newsletter – thank you! Please view the overhead presentation before and after Mass.

Reflection – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9 **2nd Reading:** Romans 13.8-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18.15-20

Responsorial Psalm: If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Often, I hear the Sunday readings and I forget one or I wonder what one of them is doing there. This week's readings are really good because the links between them (or at least from one to the other) are clear.

The first reading is a classic piece of Old Testament writing in my opinion. The prophet Ezekiel is told by God to tell his chosen people to repent in some way: in this case to stop being wicked. The message for us from this reading links perfectly with the psalm in that when we hear God's voice we must do something about it, we must act and we must act with love (loving hearts not hardened hearts). One of the ways we must act is to share what we have heard from God to others.

As we move to the second reading it becomes even clearer that we must do more than repent, we must do more than listen to God: we must act! It is our duty towards one another that we must act with love. Check out Caritas' Social Justice Week resources to learn more about those duties. Paul has learnt the hard way about "the Law" but he now knows that Jesus has a new Greatest Commandment that sums it all up: to Love your neighbour as yourself.

The Gospel reminds us again that we must speak up when something is wrong (but always doing it in a loving manner) and to trust in the Church to help us. We are the Church and these instructions of Jesus are important for defining that: we succeed from the disciples and the Church too has inherited their authority.

For a great example of "where two or 3 are gathered in my name" check out "The Blessing Aotearoa" online.

God Bless, Isaac Harris



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers of the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our Common Home.

With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each

other and creation. This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. Let us enter into a time of restoration and hope, a Jubilee for our Earth, that requires of humanity radically new ways of living within creation.

THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL NEWS: ST JAMES

We are nearing the end of Term 3 and there are only around 14 weeks until the end of the 2020 school year. After lockdown, we have enjoyed a settled term 3. An unfortunate consequence of COVID has been the many cancellations, postponements, and disrupted events for our learners.

We have begun to build our new library. Colspec has won the contract via the Catholic Education Property team. Initial earthworks are progressing, and we hope to see concrete poured in the next week or two. At St James' we see the library as pivotal to our learning and teaching. Our very capable librarian Nicci Smith runs a great programme for all learners promoting books and the love of reading. We have a modern collection and once we are in the new library, we plan to buy many new books. Learners can look up books and topics on our Accessit database and we also have games and various library activities running weekly. We are holding a book fair from September 10 - 15. Families can come along and purchase books - a great idea for early Christmas preparations. St James' benefits as a selection of books are donated to the school.



Recent events include a visit from some of the Manawatu Turbos, netball, and hockey coaching, Kapahaka and Pasifika group practices and E-Pro 8 preparations.

We are currently promoting 'The Egg Project'. Please go to www.theeggproject.co.nz - register an account, use the code **SCH-002** to order, pay for the eggs you want and they will be delivered to school for a Wednesday 2.45 pm - 3.15 pm pick up. St James' receives \$1 per dozen eggs sold so get cracking! We ask you to spread the news about this opportunity - whanau, neighbours, workmates - remember that every dozen eggs means a dollar for St James' - a win-win for all.

CHURCH NOTICES

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Would you like to be Catholic? - Inquiry Evenings - RCIA (City Wide)

Wednesday 16 September and 23 September - 7.30 - 9pm in the Cathedral Lounge. A gentle evening of information and questions that will introduce the RCIA process for those who seek Baptism or those who come from another Christian tradition who wish to be formally received into the Catholic community. Please extend this invitation to any family members, friends, associates, or neighbours who may be interested.



The following events are an open invitation to the Palmerston North Catholic Community – all welcome.

Every Sunday	2:00pm	Life in the Spirit Programme: Talk in the Diocesan Hall
Friday's	11:00am	During Alert Level 2, Praying the Sunday Gospel has been moved to 11:00am
22 September	5:00pm	SVDP - An invitation to our: Festival Mass of Area Conferences at the Cathedral. All members, associate members, volunteers, family, friends, prospective members and parishioners are most welcome to attend and join us for supper.

Our Lady of Lourdes:

Every Friday	10:30am	Reconciliation available on Fridays 10:30-11am after Mass. Adoration available on Friday after Mass from 10:30am to 12pm. No reconciliation on Saturdays. Reconciliation available by appointment with Fr Joe
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St Mary's Foxton/Shannon:

Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Joe

General Notices:

See **Noticeboard** for more information and details on certain events mentioned below and more.

† **Palmerston North Young Family Ministry Facebook** page – <https://www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry/>
Contact: Basia McIntosh at BMcintosh@pndioocese.org.nz phone: 021 082 03750.

† Kia ora all year 6 to 9 students and your Whanau! This is your official invite to join our **Junior Youth Group!** Youth group runs from 5:30-7:00pm every Friday night at the **Diocesan Centre** on Amesbury street. Come along for a night of fun, food, and good times! Stay blessed, Bridget Kelly bkelly@pndioocese.org.nz

† **Social Justice Week** 6-12 September 2020 – see noticeboard for more news

† **Meals on Wheels – Volunteer Driver required.** See noticeboard or call Gil Escott 357 1617 or May Young 354 4677

† **“End of Life Considerations for you”** The NZ Bishops have an Election Statement <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/bishops-statements/the-new-zealand-catholic-bishops-2017-election-statement/>

Votesafe quiz - <https://www.votesafe.nz/quiz> - **Public campaigns running** - www.riskylaw.nz and www.votesafe.nz

A newly graduated healthcare professional's view - <https://www.facebook.com/bridgette.thwaites>



† **Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North & the Tindall Foundation** – The October 2020 funding round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocation groups is now open. For more information see parish noticeboard or [click this link](#)



† **Let us get to know the bible.** Come join Emma, Angie, Basia, Mel, Sarah, Lena, Sue – Nana Sue. Over a cuppa and enjoying the Word and being encouraged. **Where:** 540 Albert street, **Time** 1:15 Tuesday pm till school pickup. **Enquires** ring any of these ladies: Basia McIntosh 02108203750 BMcintosh@pndioocese.org.nz, Emma Whitson 0277557375 Analena Siu 0220209297

† **Mary, the Mother of God** – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way to bring Scripture alive. This is an online series (Zoom) starting on Monday, 24 August at 7pm and will be on for 6 consecutive Mondays. The sessions are connected but also stand alone. Fee: \$25/session or \$120 for 6 sessions. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

† **All Saints (PN) along with Archbishop David Moxon** have created a Virtual Franciscan Pilgrimage to be held on 3 October at All Saints. Resource book available on www.pilgrimage.nz. See parish noticeboard.

† **Ignatian Spirituality NZ** is offering a 6 day **Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat –25 October, 10am to 30 October 4pm.** St. Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Auckland.

† **St James School** – Taking Enrolments now for 2021. Contact School office 06 357 9719 to request an enrolment pack.

† **CathNews** reports news about and of interest to the Catholic Church. This Catholic News has focus on New Zealand and the South Pacific – read online [CathNews New Zealand](http://CathNewsNewZealand)

Items for our Newsletters

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