



Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou

In Pope Francis' message for World Mission Day 2022 he reiterates the call to all Christians to bear witness to Christ and a mission of universal evangelization. He is reminding all people of these words from the Act of the Apostles **"You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth"** (Acts 1:8).

Are we conscious and intentional about being witnesses to Christ every day? In everything we say and do?

Do we think about being witnesses to Christ at work? In the way we treat others? Are our business practises honest and just?

Does Christ get a look in when we are playing sport, watching sport? Or is witnessing to the Gospel far from our minds?

There is a lot of speaking about, reflecting on and many writings these days about Synodality. We have had some wonderful discussions around the diocese and people are becoming excited by the possibilities Synodality is bringing us. It is about helping all the People of God:

to be inspired to live the Gospel,
to dream about the Church we are called to be,
to make people's hopes flourish,
to stimulate trust in one another,
to bind up wounds,
to weave new and deeper relationships,
to learn from one another,
to build bridges,
to enlighten minds,
to warm hearts,
to restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

Doing all of the above enables us to be Christ's **"witnesses to the ends of the earth."**

With every blessing. Nāku noa. Nā

+ John

"No one had earned a place at that Supper. Before our response to his invitation- well before! -there is his (Jesus') desire for us. We may not even be aware of it, but every time we go to Mass, the first reason is that we are drawn there by his desire for us."



NOTICES

- Please keep in your prayers all our clergy. The frail and those who are experiencing ill health at present are Mons John Carde, and Frs Frank Maguire, Peter O'Connell, Kevin Purcell and Maurice Carmody. We also pray for our clergy who have tested positive for COVID and are now isolating and recuperating at home. We wish them a speedy recovery.
- A Liturgy to welcome **Archbishop Paul Martin SM** will be held at St Teresa's Pro Cathedral in Karori on Friday 12th August at 6pm. This will take the form of the Evening Prayer of the Church and will include the reading of the Letter of Appointment from Pope Francis. The Formal Liturgical Installation of Archbishop Paul will take place at a later date. All are welcome to this Liturgy on Friday 12th August.
- Because during Holy Week we were still in a Red Light Setting for Covid it was not possible to have the usual Archdiocesan Chrism Masses that week (South and North Islands) The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at **St Teresa's Pro Cathedral, Karori on Wednesday 14th September** at 7pm. Parishes please arrange for representatives to collect the Holy Oils for your parishes. Oils for South Island parishes will be sent.
- A special meeting of the **Clergy Trust Fund** will be held at Karori on Wednesday 14 September (the afternoon of the Chrism Mass). All clergy are requested to attend. The time of this meeting will be confirmed in my the newsletter.
- **Alfred Tong** will be ordained to the priesthood at the **Church of St Joseph's, Upper Hutt** at 11am on Saturday 24th September. Please keep Deacon Alfred in your prayers as he prepares for priestly ordination.
- The Candidacy of **Matthew White** will take place this Sunday 24 July at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral at 10.00am. Please pray for Matthew as he continues his journey towards ordination to priesthood.

Prayer for a Community in Time of a Pandemic

God of the branches,
God of the vine,
God of the fruit that will last,
when much of the familiar is pruned away --
the work routine,
the school run,
the certainty of our day –
may we see what is good and true blossom in reassuring ways:
colleagues working as one,
children learning from home,
families praying together.

May these days of great disruption bear out what is always true:
that we can reach others with the love you provide when our roots remain in you.

Amen.