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Term 3 Week 7 Newsletter 2023

Principal's message

Our last instalment around online safety is to do with the topic of gaming. Gaming is everywhere and is such an accessible pastime for billions of people. As with anything in the online world, gaming has potential to be valuable but comes with risks as well.

Here are three key points from Netsafe's gaming tips for parents.

Gaming safely.

1. Talk to your tamariki about what games they like and the features that appeal.
2. Play alongside your tamariki so you can see what the game is like.
3. Set boundaries and safety settings. Both mobile and traditional gaming platforms offer parental control features which allow you to ok any game your tamariki tries to download. Set boundaries around the length of time spent gaming. Also have a plan if something goes wrong. Make sure they know how to use the block and report features if other's behaviour online is inappropriate.

After downloading a game-

1. **Set up privacy settings:** Learn how to configure privacy settings, especially any private messaging feature. Many adults play games rated for a general audience and you never know who is behind a gaming profile. Use a strong password and remind your child to not share personal information online.
2. **Be wary of in-game purchases:** If the game requires a credit card to make any purchases and you agree to link your credit card, ensure that you remove your credit card information after each purchase.

3. **Check in:** Talk to your child when they're playing and show interest in their progress. Ask how they are going and if they have any concerns about other players. Note any changes in behaviour or sleeping patterns, or if they start talking a lot about a new friend they met in the game.
4. **Keep an eye on the settings:** Depending on your child's age, you may want to check their profile and messaging privacy settings from time to time to ensure that their information is kept as safe as possible.

Here are some key websites that help support your task as parents-

[Netsafe Gaming tips for parents](#) New Zealand.

[thinkuknow](#) site UK

[Fortnite Battle Royale](#) [interetmatters.org](https://www.interetmatters.org/).

Catholic character

Holy Cross Catholic Character Evaluation

We have received a very positive Catholic Character Evaluation Report from the Archdiocese. This will be up on our website next week, available for anyone to read. Over the next few newsletters, we will share some short highlights with you all.

This week we have highlights around Dimension 1 Encounter with Christ

Dimension 1. Te Tūtaki ki a Te Karaiti - Encounter with Christ


How effectively does the school encourage and facilitate the development of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ who reveals the transforming love and truth of the living God?

Spiritual Formation.
'Holy Cross School supports tamariki and staff to encounter Christ and deepen their personal relationship with Him in a meaningful way, within their local, cultural context.'

'A holistic approach provides ākonga with a view that Jesus is always present irrespective of place i.e. at school, home, rugby, anywhere.' pg6

Reviewers also mentioned opportunities for encounter through

- + Our core statements - school motto 'Ka whiti mai te ra - let your light shine, our values.
- + Prayers- weekly staff and whole school prayer
- + Teaching in class.



Faith Based Leadership

'Although not Catholic herself, the Acting Principal nevertheless actively supports and upholds the school's Catholic character with integrity, giving it high priority. She is supported by the DRS who is a strong Faith leader in the school and in his home Parish.' p 8

Evidence of the Effect of an Encounter with Christ

When asked about the effect of their encounter with Christ by being in Holy Cross School, responses from ākonga included: "I understand more about Jesus and I get to know him better."
"Living the values makes you feel you want to be like Jesus."
 Parents spoken to, talked about the simplicity of the daily prayer experience of their tamariki as being hugely influential in their spiritual life and that often these times provided "poignant moments of grace."
 Other comments about the impact of the school on parents' Faith included: "It keeps me accountable, and makes me have to reflect and re-explore my Faith."
"We revisit Bible stories with fresh eyes." p8

Community Consultation.

School Boards of Trustees all around New Zealand are currently consulting their communities as they develop new strategic goals for 2024-2025. Here at Holy Cross, we are hoping to have as many families as possible contribute their thoughts to this process. We are going to begin with sending a Google form home next week which parents can fill in responding to the following three questions-

- Why did you bring your child to Holy Cross School?
- What aspirations do you have for your child? What do you hope for them during their time at school?
- What makes your child feel happy at Holy Cross School? What could we do to improve your child's experience at Holy Cross School?

At our Whānau Picnic on Thursday 12th of October in the Hall (5pm onwards) , we will also take the opportunity to set up discussion groups of parents face to face where we can seek more information from you around these questions. From here we will connect with people who have missed both of these opportunities. You are welcome to fill out the form and/ or attend a discussion group at our picnic. Your responses to these questions will help the Board of Trustees shape the priority goals we will set for the next two years.

Tō Tātou Haerenga

Tō Tātou Haerenga Permission Slip

Friday 1st September

Kia ora e te whānau,

A few updates:

1. It is expected that all children will participate in both shows.
 2. Tickets are selling fast, we have approximately 200 - 220 seats per show. Both shows are close to selling out.
 3. Children must be collected from their classrooms following the show and signed out by a teacher.
 4. Please make sure your child has had food before they come to the show. We will provide some fruit as a snack.
 5. Please bring some loose change or small notes as we will be selling treats before and after the show to fundraise for the 2024 school camp.
- All students must return the permission slip below by Friday 8th September.



Timetable 19th & 20th of September

6:00 pm: Children meet in their classrooms to get dressed in their costumes. PLEASE be on time.

6:15 pm: Children will move to their designated classrooms to wait to be called on for the show.

6:30 pm: The show starts.

7:30 - 7:45 pm: The show ends, children go home with their family.

To make the day a success we will require additional adult supervision and would really appreciate your help. We may need some stage hands, backstage crew and parents to help certain classes. Please let us know **before Friday 8th September if you can help.**

If you have any questions about the show please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Matua Tala or Lucy.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tala Moemai (Lead Teacher) & Frankie Leota (Creative Director)

Permission:

_____ from
 Room/s _____

(Child/ren's names)

Will / will not (Circle one) participate in the shows on the 19th & 20th of September.

Signed _____ Date _____ Contact no. _____

Parent Helpers:

I **will** / **will not** be able to help / supervise during the show.

I can help on 19th of September / 20th of September (circle one or both)

Name _____ Contact no. _____

Remembering Jimmy

Remembering Jimmy.

This week marks the first year of Jimmy Stoke's passing. Jimmy was a long serving caretaker at Holy Cross. As a school, we have taken the opportunity to think about Jimmy and all he meant to us. Staff prayers on Monday, Kirsten wrote a poem to share which we have included in our newsletter; Powhiri on Wednesday to welcome principals involved in the Maori Achievement Collaborative the kaikaranga (our kōtiro who call) and manuhiri (visitors) paused before coming into the hall as a sign of respect to those who had passed and in particular our senior students thought of Jimmy; Friday we shared about Jimmy in whole school prayers.

Remembering the Person Who Took Care of our Cares...

He was for all of us, and for Mauren and Piper.

Father, husband, granddad, friend.

'I'll take a look.' and then it was fixed.

How's my favourite teacher, teacher aide, administrator, principal, librarian?

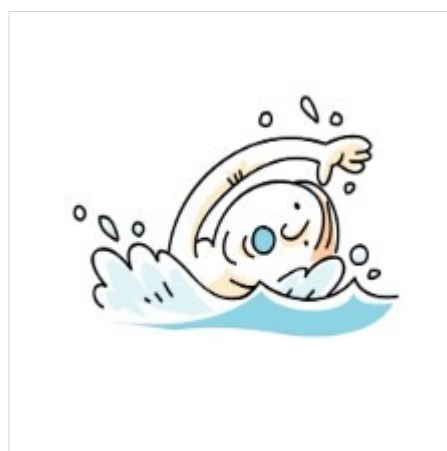
'Not a reader, me,' but an observer of life.

Football, fixing it and feelings; a modern man.

Missed, so much.



Eastern zone swimming



Last Wednesday, 6 students went to compete in the Eastern zone swimming at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre. There were many schools there, it felt like there were 1,000 people there! We were very nervous to compete but when the race started we swam our hearts out. Congratulations to Millie for making it into the next round, she will compete in the Interzone swimming for the 25m breaststroke. Congratulations to our other swimmers, you represented our school with pride! (By Millie, Zoe and Anna)



Garden to Table



In the garden...

Today the compost is 30 degrees (30oC). We went on a treasure hunt and found three broccoflowers - light green, spiral shaped plants. I found a very interesting plant. Somehow it looked familiar but it turns out it was cabbage.

By Rory

In the kitchen...

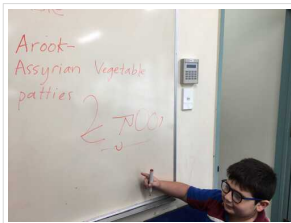
Today we made Assyrian Vegetable patties - Arook. The recipe was given to us by Ameera. George was in the kitchen today and was very proud to share his Assyrian culture with us. He even showed us some Assyrian writing. Thank you George and Ameera!

It smelled like pancakes. I think it might taste yum.

By Ruby

I love the smell and it smelt like pancakes and waffles and there was vegetables inside and there was also potato and onions and garlic also tomato and green capsicum and salt.

By Thinbeth



28 August, 2023, Room 3 - GTT Reports for Newsletter

- Braxton & Angelia

Chef of the Day: Braxton (Year 5, Room 3)

Today my Garden to Table group called the Cool Cucumbers were in the kitchen. The recipe we made was *Samoan Chop Suey*. This is a famous Samoan dish and we followed a recipe vegans can eat. (Vegans do NOT eat any foods that come from animals). The first thing we did was to peel and chop a variety of veggies including onion, kale, cabbage and carrots. We got many of our veggies from our school garden. Today I helped put out the tables and chairs. We set up the furniture outside because it was a beautiful day. We need to be careful when setting up the tables because they are heavy and could hurt somebody if they were to fall on someone.

Gardener of the Day: Gabriella (Year 4, Room 3)

Today my Garden to Table group (The Green Beans) were in the garden. Today we learned about the temperature of compost. We wrote down how hot our compost has been over the last few weeks. Compost can get really hot. On 8 August our compost was 50 degrees celsius and today (29 August) it was 37 degrees celsius! We also did some weeding today.



https://hcsmiramar.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/3578/vegetarian_sapasui_samoan_chop_suey_1_1_1_.pdf

Parent Support Group Newsletter



Parents' Group Update

New logo

The Parents' Group has a new logo which reflects two of our primary focuses for the committee:

Providing support and showing aroha to our school community

Partnering with the school Leadership and the Board to bring our community together through various events that encourage learning, connections, and fun for all.

Connection to our Tamariki

Our events and fundraising efforts helps to enhance

educational, social, and physical well-being outcomes for our students and their experience at Holy Cross School.

Upcoming Events

The Parents' Group has been working on a new event planner for the year. Keep an eye out for more information on these upcoming exciting events!

Event	Proposed date	Details
Holy Cross School Garage Sale Fundraiser	Sunday 5 th November 2023	To be held in the school hall. Opportunity to pick up some bargains + enjoy some food stalls. <i>Donation collection commencing October.</i>
Food Fair	Term 1 (date to be finalised)	After the success of last years event, we will be running our food fair again. We'll be commencing planning in term 4. If you would like to volunteer or help run a food stall, please email us
Book Fair	Term 2 (date to be finalised)	Great opportunity to pick up some wonderful books and gifts while raising funds for the school. We'll have a range of activities including the Book Fair Parade.



Birthday Celebrations



Birthday wishes to the following students: Ezira, Carter, Joe, Enzo, Manisa, Henry, Charles & Esme. Have a wonderful day everyone.

Collecting stickers NEW WORLD stickers

We are collecting the NEW WORLD stickers for the GTT team. If you are not collecting them and would like to help please drop your stickers to the office. THANK YOU !

Community Notice



sKIDS Holiday Programme

Week 1 September

Monday 26th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
Cave Expedition Discover ancient and modern cave art and skills. Craft a cave map and go on an expedition to the cave.	Kitty Kingdom Discover the cat-themed arts and sciences. Make a cat mask and go on a cat-themed expedition.	Kids Quest Your quest begins here! For your quest, you'll need to solve puzzles, complete challenges, and discover a hidden treasure!	Robotics: Make a Robot Discover the world of robotics. Make a robot and go on a robot-themed expedition.	Secret Agents Academy Your mission: Craft your secret agent skills, make a secret message, and go on a secret agent mission.

Week 2 October

Monday 2nd	Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th
Journey into the Deep Discover the wonders of the deep sea. Make a deep sea creature and go on a deep sea expedition.	Fact Frenzy Discover the world of facts. Make a fact card and go on a fact-themed expedition.	European Lightbulb Moments Discover the world of European inventions. Make a lightbulb and go on a lightbulb-themed expedition.	Music: Create a Sound Discover the world of music. Make a sound and go on a music-themed expedition.	Halloween Enchanted Party Celebrate Halloween with a magical party. Make a Halloween mask and go on a Halloween-themed expedition.

sKIDS Holy Cross Miramar
Holy Cross School Miramar
2 All Saints Street
Miramar, Wellington
Book now at skids.co.nz/holy_cross_miramar

Customer Service: 0800 000 000
09 478 1234

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Job Opportunity

A small local business is looking for cleaning staff- training will be given.

Flexible days Hours 11am- 3pm Weekend work

If you are interested contact: Jenna 02041807296

hello@houseguest.co.nz



WELLINGTON BRICKSHOW

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16th Sept 9am - 5pm	17th Sept 9am - 4pm	\$10 Adult / \$7 Child EFTPOS Available
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Walter Nash Centre, Lower Hutt www.well-lug/tickets

Invitation to discuss Te Motu Kairangi Connections with Holy Cross School

Kia ora caregivers, parents and whānau.

With ten schools, the city's busiest bus route, and three shopping areas, we have a chance to improve Miramar streets so everyone in the community, including our kids, can get around safely and easily. We have heard that you have stretched bus capacity, busy roads, and more people moving to the area. Our aim is that Miramar streets are improved, so we support those who need to drive, by creating safer, easier connections for people who want to bus, walk, and bike.

The team at WCC are looking at ways to do this. One of the first steps is for you to share how you and your whanau currently experience the proposed Te Motu Kairangi (Miramar Peninsula) Connections route. This route is part of the Paneke Ponake (2021) Plan that identified these key routes to improve. Visit <https://www.transportprojects.org.nz/current/te-motu-kairangi-connections/> to read more about Te Motu

Kairangi Connections, complete the short travel survey, and join the mailing list for regular updates.

We're keen to hear from Te Motu Kairangi, so we can review all your insights. This will help inform our designs.

Ngā mihi nui

The Bike Network Team at WCC.



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Love Tennis: Miramar Tennis Club Open Day

Sunday September 10th, 10-4pm.

Free Event, all are welcome.

Tennis racquets and balls supplied. Come and hit with members on regular and modified courts.

Go into the draw for a trip for 2 to the Australian Open, plus lots of giveaways on the day.

Free BBQ. New Member Love Tennis Specials!

Friday afternoon Community Play returns to Miramar Tennis Club!

Starting with a free session at our Love Tennis open day and then running every Friday afternoon after that during term time, Community Play is returning to Miramar! Community Play is open to all primary school aged kids (5-12). It is suitable for absolute beginners as well as those with some experience

already. The sessions will run from 4-5pm. Parents are encouraged to stay and get involved too. There will be a \$5 charge per session for non-members (no charge for the Love Tennis day session).

More information about these events can be found on our website miramartennis.org.nz and our Facebook page facebook.com/miramartennis or you can email miramartennis@xtra.co.nz.

Our season open day is Saturday 14th October, at Newtown Park.

We have a new start time of 9am this season and a new Hurdles, High Jump coach!

At our club days athletes practice all events, Including long jump, hurdles, high jump, sprints, middle distance and throws.

Our children's club day caters for all abilities.

New members are welcome!

You can register through <http://www.whac.org.nz>

For more information please contact:

Julie Richards

juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk

0212959026



We are trying to make our presence known and that's where schools come in, with your help we'd love to reach out to families with kids aged 6-12yrs who might have a keen interest in reporting/journalism, being in front of the camera, or even a budding drama/theatre enthusiasts to help report this upcoming episode.

KID REPORTER VIDEO APPLICATION

- Short 20-30" second video
- Say 'Today to Kea Kids News!' (as energetically as possible)
- Introduce yourself
- Talk about a local news story or make one up! (no reading off a script, try to make it organic- it's okay to stumble)
- Hold a fake mic prop (The funnier the better!)
- Send the video through to me via email or load here on [Digital Pigeon](#)

*Make sure to include your fulls tamariki's full name, + guardian/parents name & contact number in the message

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Parish newsletter for this Sunday



22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 3 September 2023

Daily Mass Readings:

Sunday 3	Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Monday 4	1 Thess 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday 5	1 Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday 6	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday 7	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
Friday 8	Micah 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Saturday 9	Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5

Weekday Masses
Tues 9.30am St Patrick's Church
Wed 9.30am St Anthony's Church
Fri 9.30am Holy Cross Church
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil
5.30pm St Anthony's Church, Seatoun
Sunday
8.30am Holy Cross Church, Miramar
10.30am St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie

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Holy Trinity Parish Vision

We are a prayerful and diverse Catholic community in the Eastern suburbs of Wellington, drawing strength from one another to grow and become fully alive as missionary disciples.

'IT IS RISKY TO FOLLOW THE LORD'

Do we have to seek suffering and death? Not at all! Jesus himself gives us the answer. He begged God to take suffering away from him. Yet, he accepted death and the cross. Why? Because he loved God and he loved the people and wanted to save them. If he did that work and proclaimed his message, the religious leaders would turn against him and seek his death, to get rid of the nuisance he was. Yet he remained faithful to his mission, faithful until death. He is now asking us to remain faithful even at the cost of suffering and death. *Fr Bill*



To all the Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles,
Brothers and other men in our lives that
care for us and love us unconditionally.
Happy Fathers Day

We will pray for all our fathers and share with them a blessing at the masses.

Cup of Tea after 10.30am Mass Sunday 3rd September

at St Patrick's Church in Kilbirnie.

Everyone please bring a plate of finger food to share.

This Sunday is the start of Social Justice Week! Social Justice Week: 3-9 September 2023

Imagine Peace for all: Peace begins with you!

Pohewatia te Rangimarie mō te Katoa.

Ka timata tonu te rangimarie i roto i ā koe!

Pope Francis said that "Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence. But this can grow only when we also build inner peace in our heart."

Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year marks the beginning of a three-year focus on building peace and responding to conflict. We hope people will begin their journey by reflecting on their own personal peace and how to seek the peace of God in all areas of their lives. For more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

Just a reminder that there is no longer Thursday Mass at St Patrick's Church. Parishioners are welcome to attend Mass on the 3rd Thursday of the month 11am in the Wellington Room at Rita Angus.

- The Parish Pastoral Leadership Team meet at the Parish Centre beside Holy Cross Church Wed 6 Sept 7pm
- The Parish Liturgy Team meet at Fr Bill's Thurs 7 Sept 7pm.
- The Parish Finance Team meet at Fr Bill's Tues 12 Sept 7pm

E-Waste collection Saturday 9 September 9am – 2pm at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Small cash fee per item. 027-245-8859

Child safeguarding week – 4 – 10 September. Child Safeguarding Week (CSW) was launched by Safeguarding Children in 2021 to raise awareness, support and educate individuals, organisations and communities on how they can protect children. CSW 2023 is placing a spotlight on preventing child sexual abuse. Find out how you can get involved, visit www.childsafeguardingweek.org.nz Working together, we can put an end to child abuse and neglect in Aotearoa!



Holy Trinity Eastern Suburbs SVDP Conference - "Your Vinnies" update

Finally we get around to a much needed update of our activities over the last month, with apologies for our delay (due to execution taking up writing time!):

PakSave Collection. On Saturday 26th August we were delighted to be able to fill a roster of 3 people per hour for 8 hours of collection, resulting in 42 banana boxes of groceries and \$259 cash collected. Then within 48 hours, a team of 7 had unpacked and sorted, packed and delivered to 17 extremely grateful clients. It was a real blessing to be able to offer our clients boxes full of wonderful items, without them having to ask. A family with 4 young children marvelled at chocolate biscuits and raisins; a sole mother with two young children said she "I am blown away with the generosity, you will never really know how much this means to me and my girls"; another young mother said "I'm so excited to see what I've got in my boxes". There are stories of extra bills, petrol costs, illness, anxiety, shifting accommodation, rent increases, unemployment and taking people in who have nowhere else to go - all of which mean that money is very tight. Sincere thanks to all that helped collect, pack and distribute, and to those that donated items and money - you made our clients lives lighter this week.

Kotuku Flats. We were able to deliver multiple boxes of excess specific items such as toothpaste, oats, biscuits and peanut butter to Kotuku Flat residents following the PakSave collection (we count this as one client). Each week we hold a morning tea at the flats which about 10 people (on average) attend across 1.5 hours. These morning teas are lively and happy occasions and display a real spirit of being happy to have company and people to talk to about anything at all. We are delighted that we can further consolidate our partnership with Kotuku residents by providing extra items as we are aware that there is an increasing desperation from a year ago for receiving such extras.

Bequest Funding. We are currently in the process of distributing funding for Students in Need via two recent generous bequests. As earlier reported, we have undertaken a very systematic process to ensure the best use of this money, including consultation with our schools, and we are absolutely delighted with the response and results to date. We have a mix of welfare and development needs that will be pursued and we will be sure to provide a full update on outcomes at the end of the financial year.

Parish Donations. Over the last few weeks we have received extremely generous cash and food donations from parishioners in the weekly collection baskets. We also had an amazing response to our washing machine request and for students in need. Yet again, we can report that everything collected was, within 10 days, distributed directly to those most in need, including being able to shop for \$1100.00 worth of school uniform items for 7 children! So, despite our recent PakSave collection, please keep-up these weekly donations because our cupboards are not over-flowing but rather emptying as quickly as we can fill them!! Tea, coffee, milk, corned beef, musli bars and canned vegetables would be currently particularly welcome, but everything is appreciated and used.

Legion of Mary. We meet weekly on Saturday mornings 9.30am at Holy Cross Chapel Miramar. We are "Our Lady Help of Christian" Præsidium, in Holy Trinity Parish. We start our morning with the Rosary and a Spiritual reading, followed by our meeting. Our members report back on visiting our sick and elderly parishioners, listening to their stories, wants, and sometimes just a friendly face that cares to sit with them for a little time. We finish with final prayers and a cup of tea at Mr Bun across the road ☺. Come and see what the Legion of Mary's way of life has to offer you. Be kind to each other. Nga Mihi. Tuala Lupe Renner (President)

St Anthony's Seatoun Centenary weekend. We would love to have you join us on 13th-14th October 2023.

Click the link below to book your tickets and tables! All event information is on the booking page. See you in October! **BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW** <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/OUUW> You can find the St Anthony's School Centenary Facebook Page. If you have any queries please email us at centenary@stanth.school.nz or contact Julie O'Brien on 021 377 192, there is accommodation held aside at Brentwood Hotel. [Fill out the accommodation form here.](http://www.brentwoodhotel.co.nz)

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 04/11/18 Sept, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$45 for 3 sessions. All sessions are connect but also stand alone. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/10/women-in-the-bible/> Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin. Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-spaces-thomas-oloughlin/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother begins 6th September - 25th October, Wednesday 8 Wednesday sessions. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you amid the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral in Karori beginning **6th September at 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm and continuing every Wednesday.** For more information or to register for the study, call the Otari Parish office on 04 476 6131 or email office@otari.parish.co.nz. Each session consists of a rich small group discussion, followed by a short tea break and a 30 minute video. Registration is a must for admin purposes. Please bring a Bible if you can.

FULFILLED: THE PROMISE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE Registrations are now open! This course by Christopher West takes you on an eye-opening tour of the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church – beginning with the "ache" of human longing and ending with a vision of the Creed not as a list of rules or prohibitions, but a set of foundational truths that demonstrates that Christianity is a religion of desire that holds out to us the hope of infinite bliss and fulfillment. When: **Saturdays, 16 and 23 September 2023 from 8am- 5pm** Where: St Mary of the Angels Parish, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington Central, Wellington

Lunch Provided. Registration: \$60.00 Early Bird: \$50.00 (by Sept 6). There will also be a FREE TOB Training on Sunday, Sept 24 from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm at the Collective Community Hub, 33 Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville, Wellington 6037. Register at www.marriageandfamily.org.nz. For details, contact: info@marriageandfamily.org.nz

The Kist - A band featuring cello, flute, violin, guitar, vocals and frailing banjo. The repertoire stretches from the mist of Ireland to the coal mines of the American Eastern seaboard along with original songs. **Sunday 17th September, 1pm at the Kilbirnie Community Centre.**

Death and Taxes. New Players are back at the Gryphon with April Phillips' side-splitting financial farce that sends up the corporate world of insurance, investments and KiwiSaver! Gryphon Theatre 21 – 30 September. **Compassion Soup Kitchen fundraiser night: Wednesday 27th September 6.30pm. tickets 35.00. Bookings at www.newplayers.org.nz**

Billings Life is holding a Natural Fertility Management training session in Nelson on **Friday 29 and Saturday 30 September** for health professionals, those wishing to become accredited teachers of the Billings Ovulation Method and users of the Billings Method. See [here](http://www.billingslife.org.nz) for details.

'The task of "taking up the cross" becomes participating with Christ in the salvation of the world. Considering this, let us make sure that the cross hanging on the wall at home, or that little one that we wear around our neck, is a sign of our wish to be united with Christ in lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and most fragile.' Pope Francis, Angelus, 30 August 2020

Masses have been offered for Jennifer Stricker, Janet Netto RIP, Ernest Murray (anniv.), Alan Kilby (anniv.), Margaret Guidera (anniv.), Katherine Wong, Fr Lou Leuthard (anniv.)

Let us pray for all those who are unwell especially, *Fr Kevin Purcell, L. Paese, J. Hunt, W. Stevenson, W. Quirke, E. Wilkins, and M. Mercado.* And we pray for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community.

We also pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time including E. Renner, K. Paese and N. Foley.

SUNDAY MASS MINISTRY ROSTER – 23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (10 SEPTEMBER 2023)						
Ezek 33:7-9			Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20			
Prayers of the Faithful: J Papesch			Counters: F Hutton & M O'Sullivan			
St Anthony's Church, Seatoun						
Time	Host / Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	
5.30pm			M Bearnsey P Monahan		L Halliwell M Penny C Colgate	
Cleaning: G Colgate		Altar Linen A Ablett				
Holy Cross Church, Miramar						
Time	Host / Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	
8.30am	D Fugle		I Lavea D Fugle	Lavea Family	T Amiranro P Jack	
Altar Linen: P Crothy						
St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie						
Time	Host / Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	Commentary
10.30am	H Vaka	Andrew Charlie Charles	Aulotu	Aulotu	I Robinson D Hyland F Uhatate P Vaka M Falana'i-Andrews	Aulotu
Rita Angus Communion Friday 8 September 11am (Movie Room) - S Meredith						