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CDA CONNECT

Kia ngangahau, kia whakawhānuitia te Rongopai a te Karāiti
To live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Christmas



Blessings

And Happy New Year

He has come.
Gift of God - Emmanuel



Gift of God



Loving God,

Don't let us miss Christ this Christmas season. Help us to focus our celebrations on the your gift Emmanuel.

In this season when we recall and name your Son "Wonderful," "Counsellor," "The Mighty God," and "The Prince of Peace." May our hearts be open to an ever-growing awareness of your presence in our lives.

In a world where violence not peace, prevails and we need your joy and peace, stir in us a recommitment to justice that our thoughts and actions may be your presence in the world.

In a season where bling and commercial presence abounds may we be reminded of the true gift of love that Christ brings as light of the World.

In a world where judgement not compassion looms large and we need your care and compassion, stir in us a recognition of other and eyes that hear the cry of those less fortunate.

Bless us this Christmas with all that brings fullness of life.

A liturgy of Repentance and Reconciliation

For fifty-five years the Methodist and Catholic Churches have been in ecumenical dialogue.

To celebrate this significant relationship the Methodist-Catholic dialogue of Aotearoa/ New Zealand held a liturgy of repentance and reconciliation at the Methodist Church in Takapuna on 25 October .



The most recent report published by the Methodist Roman Catholic International Commission, **God in Christ Reconciling**, offered the church the **Liturgy for Repentance and Reconciliation** which was adapted for this joint service.

At the end of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI invited a number of churches to formal theological dialogue. In 1966, the worldwide communion of Methodist and Wesleyan churches were invited and they held their first formal meeting a year later. The dialogue known formally as the **Methodist Roman Catholic International Commission** has met continuously since then. After 55 years of nonstop dialogue, the two communions are committed to the ongoing work of shared prayer, thoughtful listening, and engagement to continually ask

"What can we learn from one another to bring us closer to being the church that Jesus wants us to be?"



Making International Connections

In the last week of October, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Ellerslie had the privilege to welcome 49 children and 15 adults from the Immaculée Primary Catholic school in New Caledonia. The visitors - some of whom were leaving New Caledonia for the first time in their life wanted to spend time with children their own age immersed in a school environment with opportunities to engage in 'English' conversations.

The children engaged in prayer time, classroom activities, shared mealtimes. and outdoor sports. The school principal organised a Sausage Sizzle for the visitors and host children brought food for a shared lunch.

The school reverberated with the sound of English and French being spoken. Google Translate was used to its maximum and it was interesting to see how communication was no barrier for the children. From both sides, there was manaakitanga, love, respect and acceptance. A great life experience and learning opportunity for both schools.



farewell TO N.E.T.



On 6 November we said good-bye to the wonderful young people who have served the diocese through their NET team ministry. It was an opportunity to give thanks and recall; encounter days, parish youth group work, days in schools. We are grateful for their passion, commitment and faith. 2024 will see a new NET team and more great mahi with youth and young adults. We are blessed.

DR WATCH PARTY



Also on the evening of November 6 the Pompallier Diocesan Centre welcomed parish leaders to an information and support evening where they continued to explore how the principles of Divine Renovation can help support mission focused parishes.



On Saturday 18 November the Diocesan Pastoral Council met for the 200th time. For 50 years this consultative body has met regularly with the bishop to listen to the diocese and consult on matters concerning the Church.

At the conclusion of the meeting the present Council and some of those who served on the DPC previously joined St Joseph's Takapuna for Mass followed by a celebratory dinner.

Between courses of the dinner Pat Lythe who has over a 40 year span served on the Council as member, chair and executive secretary gave a fascinating history of CDPC.



Current and past DPC members who were able to attend the Mass.



DPCers past and present



Safeguarding in the North



In late November Lisa-May Gray the diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator visited South Hokianga. Accompanied by Wiga Autet the Parish Program Coordinator for Northland, she facilitated a workshop for 18 volunteers, from Moerewa, Rawene and Panguru. The workshop though simple due to the church being 'off the grid', was vibrant and engaging. The manaakitanga extended was amazing, the weather was beautiful, the people were authentic and a true testament to our Catholic Culture. The Safeguarding journey has begun.

Robert Ned Covich Scholarship



The 2023 recipients of Robert Ned Covich Scholarship at the Pompallier Diocesan Centre

On Tuesday 5th December an award ceremony for the recipients of the Robert Ned Covich Scholarship was held at the Pompallier Centre. The scholarship is awarded to a student from each of the Catholic colleges in our Diocese for three years of university study. The total received by each recipient is \$7500.

Robert Ned Covich was born in Croatia in 1933. His family emigrated to NZ and settled in Ahipara in the far North. Robert was grateful for his own education and the opportunities given to him particularly a scholarship to attend Sacred Heart College, Auckland. He studied as an engineer at Auckland University and was very successful.

Sadly Robert passed away in 1992 aged only 59 years. He left funds to establish a Charitable Trust to fund scholarships to support Catholic students through tertiary education. In 1996 the Robert Ned Covich Scholarship began and since then has supported approximately 380 young people. Students and their whanāu gathered with a deep sense of gratitude for Ned's extraordinary gift that continues to enrich the lives of so many.



GAUDETE

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Thank you to all who attended and participated in this great occasion. We are particularly grateful for all the effort put in to preparing the wonderful musical items.

It was an afternoon filled with singing, joy, and festivity. All proceeds went to the Caring Foundation's Christmas Appeal. We sure hope you had a blast and walked away with some inspiration for the Advent & Christmas season.

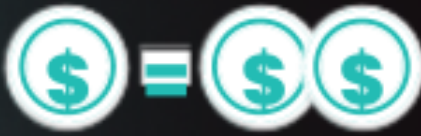
The diocese is looking forward to the evolution of this project, as more and more of our schools and parish music ministries/choral ensembles become involved. Let us build on this synergy that we have established!

Look for the short highlights video from the event on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8BMLDb3jqI>





**ALL DONATIONS
DOUBLED!**



Christmas Appeal

Give a gift to
help families
and people
in need.

THE CATHOLIC
caring
FOUNDATION
*Caring for Families,
Caring for Communities.*

Supporters of Gaudete 2023

A huge thanks to everyone who gave a koha/donation at Gaudete
on Saturday Nov 25th .

Over \$950 was donated to the Foundation's Christmas appeal.

Bishop Steve's Caring Foundation Christmas appeal.

Double your donation!

Bishop Steve invites you to support his foundation's Christmas
appeal to help families and people in need.

Make an impactful gift this Christmas and double your donation.

Every dollar received will be doubled. (Up to \$50k.)

Want to support the Christmas appeal?

Then please check out our website.

www.caringfoundation.org.nz

NGĀ TOHU TU KAHIKATEA TU KAHIKATEA AWARDS



At Mass on on 2 December the diocese affirmed and celebrated the **Tu Kahikatea Award** recipients for 2023.

The Awards are about recognising the gift that youth and young adults are to the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and thanking them for the outstanding contributions they make to their community.

During the Mass Bishop Steve thanked the leaders for what they do to shape our young people and encourage them in their faith.



Tu Kahikatea Award recipients for 2023.

Celebratory Dinner

Following the Tu Kahikatea Awards a dinner was held at the Pompallier Catholic centre for recipients, their whānau, volunteers and others who walk with young people in their journey with God. There was good kai, music, fellowship and fun. Sam Brebner manager of ministries to young people spoke in gratitude for all who have contributed to building the spirituality of young people in the diocese.



NGĀ TAPUWĀE

Northland Self Directed
Pilgrimage
12th to 14th January 2024

Registrations are now open
To register email, Dcn Steve Fraser on stephenf@cda.org.nz
phone 021439407



Registrations are now open for
Ngā Tapuwāe – A Self Directed Pilgrimage 2024.

Our Northland pilgrimage sites will be attended by CDA staff to welcome you and share the stories at specific times on 12th and 13th January 2024, but you will travel independently having organised your transport, accommodation and food. Your pilgrimage will end with the anniversary Mass at Totara Point on 14th January. All are welcome to come and learn more of our Catholic heritage. You can experience the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries.

To register email, Deacon Steve Fraser on
stephenf@cda.org.nz or phone 021439407



REAL⁺
PRESENCE

**LIFE TEEN
SUMMER CAMP
2024**

14 - 21 JANUARY 2024

Life Teen Summer Camp 2024

16-20 January |
St Peter's School Cambridge, NZ.

Every year we deliver more mess, more fun and more amazing opportunities to connect with Jesus in a personal way.

Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp is for you and it is for your teens. Throughout the week we aim to support parishes to walk along side their young people and get to know them on a deeper level.

We do this through thought provoking key note sessions, small group discussion times and lots of opportunities to just have fun with your teens.

If you are ready to help lead your teens closer to Christ and have the #bestsummerever then go to www.lifeteen.nz to register your group or to apply as a Summer Missionary.

Could you help?

Many people deeply care that young people feel that they are part of Church. Life Teen Summer Camp offers both missionaries and participants a welcoming, fun experience of Catholic faith community. But it costs [even the volunteer leaders]. If you are able and interested to make a donation to support young people to attend camp please contact Sam samb@cda.org.nz to find out more.

**9 DAYS
NOVENA
MASSES**

**Jan. 12 - 20
2024**

**ST. BENEDICT'S
CHURCH**

**#1 St. Benedict's St.
Eden Terrace
Auckland**

**FIESTA
CELEBRATION**

Jan. 21, 2024

**EVENTFINDA
STADIUM**

**Silverfield and
Argus Place
Wairau Valley
North Shore
Auckland**

Celebrating



**Rosary
6:40 pm**

**Novena
7:00 pm**

**Mass
7:30 pm**

**Procession
10:00 am**

**MASS
11:00 am**

**Lunch
12:30 pm**

**Program
2:00 pm**

*Years
of devotions*

HALAD KANG SANTO NIÑO
Keeping the Faith

SINULOG IN NEW ZEALAND



For further details, please contact:

- Oscar 027 570 1139
- Miriam 027 487 5428

FREE Parking throughout the 9 days Novena Masses
at WILSON'S CARPARK along Alex Evans St. and
St. Benedict's St. Mon. to Fri. from 6 pm.
Sat. mid-day to Sun. night

For details, please email: santonino@extra.co.nz

www.santo-nino.org

HELP MY UNBELIEF!

How can we find the
“Galilee of Today”?

A conversation with
Monsignor

Tomáš Halik

7:30 – 9:00 pm
5 February 2024

St Columba Centre
40 Vermont Street

Supper to follow

Please register with
m.duffy@ctc.ac.nz

 **TE KUPENGA**
CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Ordained secretly as an underground priest, now theologian at Charles University Prague and adviser to Václav Havel. Winner of the Templeton and Ratzinger awards.

Other Date Claims



186 ANNIVERSARY
*First Mass
in Aotearoa*
JANUARY 14,
Totara Point, 11.00am

A landscape photograph showing a rainbow arching over a body of water, with green hills in the background under a cloudy sky.A collage of three Polaroid-style photos. The top left shows a city skyline at night with lights reflecting on water. The top right shows a table set with a red tablecloth, a plate of food, and a glass. The bottom photo shows a person's hands holding a small object.

Resumes 4 February
Sundays @ 2pm SHINE TV
Free-to-air TV Channel 25
SKY TV Channel 201

**MASS FOR
DEAF**

2 ND SUNDAY MONTH
Followed by shared
lunch.

- 12 NOON
- POYNTON ROOM
- 30 NEW ST,
PONSONBY

NZSL 

Resumes 11 February

A photograph of a woman with glasses and a white shirt, seen from the side, signing. She is in a room with other people in the background.

**RITE OF
ELECTION**
Cathedral of St Patrick
and St Joseph
18 February | 1.45pm

*Called
onward
with our
loving
God*

A photograph of a wooden walkway with a metal railing, curving through a lush green forest.



Wings.Ngā Parirau

Know your faith: Share your faith

**Meet Jesus -
in his Word
in others
in yourself**

Are you
involved with:

- Ministry of Word or Eucharist,
- Sacramental preparation, RCIA,
- Children's Liturgy
- living your faith

This is for you!

Pompallier Diocesan Centre 10-3pm
30 New St. St Mary's Bay, Ponsonby
3rd Feb. - 2nd March - 6th April

attend all three days for WNP Year One certificate
register: Dianna - diannaf@cda.org.nz

Looking for Christmas Mass Times?



If you are wondering what time parishes are celebrating their Christmas Masses the diocese has done the work.

From the front page of the diocesan website you can find a button

Christmas Mass Times



The **orange button** above has general parish Mass times which is as up-to-date as the information sent to the diocese!



MERRY
Christmas

merry CHRISTMAS



FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE



Liturgy Centre
Catholic Diocese of Auckland

Thank You and Merry Christmas from the Liturgy Centre

A special thank you to all who reached out to us for liturgy and ministry resources. 2023 was jam packed with courses, trainings, korero, and book selling.

Merry Christmas and see you all in 2024.

NOTE: the Liturgy Centre is closed from the 18th of December 2023. We will reopen and sort out orders over the summer break from the 1st of February 2024.

You may continue to place orders over the break using our online catalogue: <https://form.jotform.com/liturgycentre/resources>



Keep up with the News

For the latest Catholic news from across the globe, the nation and the diocese look out for the **NZ Catholic**.

Always an interesting read.