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“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR B

On Sunday 15 August we renew our country's dedication to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven. We have called this Te Ara a Maria – Mary's Way. This is an opportunity for all of us to honour Mary as she is now - alive, body and soul, rejoicing in the happiness of God's kingdom.

Bishop Pompallier, was our country's first bishop. He journeyed from France to support the growth of our Church in Oceania. At the request of an Irish-born migrant farmer, he decided to move from Australia and settle in the Hokianga. Pompallier made his dedication while celebrating his first mass here in 1838.

In the Hokianga, Pompallier learnt Te Reo and developed an understanding of Māori spirituality. The partnerships he built helped encourage local iwi to explore the Catholic faith. These important steps would see Hokianga become the cradle of Catholicism in Aotearoa.

Pompallier's dedication honours Mary as the Virgin Mother of Jesus. She endured an incredible journey - from her teenage years to being a mother enduring the sufferings of her son. Mary's commitment was always to God. Her reward was the comfort of being assumed into heaven.

Covid-19 brought anguish to our country. We saw other countries struggle during the pandemic and as a country we took measures to unite to protect ourselves. During this testing time many sought aid and comfort. Our Bishops received requests and they decided to renew Pompallier's dedication.

To mark the renewal of the dedication, our Bishops will stage a special mass at St Mary of the Angels in Wellington on 15 August. This service will see the unveiling of artwork specially commissioned to honour Mary. The artwork will then journey around New Zealand before being permanently housed at St Mary of the Angels which will become a National Shrine.

We invite you to explore this website to learn more about Te Ara a Maria. Please visit Catholic Discovery Facebook page or follow Tearamaria on Instagram.

[From:www.tearamaria.nz](http://www.tearamaria.nz)

Saturday Vigil Mass
Sunday Morning Mass
Weekday Masses

5:30 pm
9:15 am
9.30 am Tuesday to Thursday
12:10 pm Friday

Liturgy of the word with Communion
Adoration
Reconciliation

9.30 am Monday
11:10 am Friday
Friday after Mass

P A R I S H N O T I C E S

THE SOCIAL GROUP invites parishioners to the socials every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30pm at the Parish Centre behind the church.

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION - Thursdays at 5pm at the chapel.

READING PRACTICE for Sunday Masses every Friday at 5.30pm.

HALF WAY THERE already is Kati in her wish to get the Recumbent Trike. Though born with physical deformities, she is a fighter! Please support Kati financially.

SUNSHINE ROCKERS PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP Lunch will be on 15 August at 12pm at Ollies Restaurant, Waitarere Beach. Please RSVP to Leonie Strawbridge 222 5030.

CWL MEETING Wednesday 11th August after 9.30 Mass in the Parish centre.

COOKING LESSON FOR MEN at Levin Uniting Church (partnered with Skills4Living), a six-week cooking class which begins Wednesday 11 August, 11:00am—1:00pm, and meets every Wednesday for 6 weeks in the kitchen at Levin Uniting Church. Spots are limited, so contact Brett at brett.levinuniting@outlook.com or phone 0272381074 or approach Kilian Delacy.

TIME TO TAKE ACTION: NZ Trafficking and Labour Exploitation. It happens here. Come and increase your awareness. Tuesday 17 August 7/30 – 9 p.m at Our Lady of Kapiti. Speaker: Rev Chris Frazer. (Koha)

ST STEPHEN'S KUKU MASS will be from now, on the last Sunday of the month. Next Mass Sunday, 29 th August. 8.30 a.m.

SAFEGUARDING ADVISOR will be Sr Catherine Jones smsm for the Archdiocese of Wellington starting 1 September 2021.

ANOINTING MASS 25th August 2021, 2pm. Cuppa after the mass. Everyone is invited.

BRAIN TEASER: Three disciples were present at the Transfiguration. Who were they and on what other occasions did they accompany Jesus?

Answer: Peter, James and John. They were present at the healing of Jairus' daughter and at the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

FROM THE PP'S DESK...

1. Thank you to everyone who is praying for my recovery, and also to those who dropped food and warm soup. Your love and care are truly appreciated.
2. The Time and Talent Sunday will now happen a Sunday after the celebration of the rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand to the Blessed Mary. The celebration deserves special attention from us. As per instruction, there can be no other celebration done on this special day.
3. Next Sunday before the 9.15AM mass, there will be singing of Marian Hymns in honour of Blessed Mary, Mother of God. Everyone is invited to come early, join the singing, and honour our Mother.
4. Please visit our website www.stjosephlevin.com to download Cardinal John's Newsletter.
5. I am having my one month holiday some time in September to October, 2021.

Faith on Line

Read: Pope Francis Prayer Intention in August: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/248567/pope-francis-asks-catholics-to-pray-in-august-for-church-reform-in-the-light-of-the-gospel>

If you are not well, PLEASE STAY AT HOME and let us know. We can arrange a communion at home for you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

The ministry of St Vincent DePaul Levin continues in good heart with foodbank activity this year now having reached over 650 Adults, teenagers and children. The helpline is the most common way that contact is made with us but also requests are being received from other community sources who are working with those in need – often desperate need.

Support continues to flow in from generous corporate and Parishioner donations. Without that support we would certainly struggle to achieve what is being done. Our thanks to you all. (SVdP Levin Bank A/c for direct donations: 11 6932 0308328 11)

Instructions From the National Liturgy Office:

Rededication

When the bishops gather for Mass on Sunday 15th August at St Mary of the Angels in Wellington, most people will not be able to attend this event. For this reason it is important that the same rededication rite be used at every Mass in New Zealand on that day. It is relatively simple and includes a simple form of the renewal of Baptismal promises, Asperges, prayer of rededication perhaps concluding with the new words of the Ave Maria hymn.

Mō Maria Videos

The NLO has prepared two YouTube videos (links below) to help Catholics across the country to learn to sing the himene Mō Maria. Over the years the versions, pronunciations and melodies of the hymn have varied from Pompallier’s original. This has made it more difficult for us to sing the hymn harmoniously. We are also aware that many people throughout the country are not familiar with the hymn, and the rededication gives us an opportunity to promote Mō Maria as a national Catholic anthem.

These videos return to the source, the Hokianga, to learn the original text and melody from the locals. The first is a documentary style introduction to the hymn, the second a more focussed teaching with the words onscreen to sing along with.

A third video with a pronunciation guide will be available soon.

Mō Maria – An Introduction <https://youtu.be/sDFehbr8g6w>

Mō Maria – A Hymn <https://youtu.be/c2Yq4rl6MI8>

NOVENA IN PREPARATION FOR REDEDICATION OF
NEW ZEALAND
TO MARY ASSUMED INTO HEAVEN

David McLoughlin
Communications Adviser,
NZ Catholic Bishops

On Sunday August 15th our land will be solemnly rededicated by all our bishops to Our Lady at St Mary of the Angels church in Wellington. In preparation for this, the Catholic Enquiry Centre will post a short reflection and prayer each day beginning Saturday 7 August on the Catholic Discovery Facebook page. We invite all to take part in praying for our nation each day. [https:// www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz](https://www.facebook.com/catholicdiscovery.nz)

Mobility parking for Rededication Mass at St Mary of the Angels. Please email Kate at admin@nzcbc.org.nz by Tuesday 10 August to register your interest.


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Covid 19 News from Sisters of Compassion in Suva, Fiji

Please join the sisters in prayer for the residents, staff and sisters. 3 staff and 1 resident tested positive for Covid-19 and some residents are symptomatic.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT: St. Joseph Catholic Parish (BNZ) 02 0668 0115553 000.
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May the souls of our beloved dead and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Severa Nacorda	Brian Francis	Edna Barnao	Rosa Tinga Jagdon	David Robert Burke
Constance McIlroy	Marie Celine O'Donnell	Muriel Graham	Eddie Hennessey	

WHY DO WE ... speak of sacramental 'signs'?



A sign is a symbol or action which points to some other reality. For instance, in the liturgy, we share the 'sign' of peace, make the 'sign' of the Cross, and so on. The sacraments are a special sort of sign. In Catholic teaching, we learn that each sacrament is a sign of what it actually does for the soul. The sign can be the words uttered, the action taken or the physical elements which are part of it.

For example, Baptism is seen as a kind spiritual washing – hence the sign is water; in the Eucharist, the signs are bread and wine – food for the soul; Confirmation is a faith-

strengthening sacrament – the signs are the laying on of hands and the anointing with holy oil. As we humans are both body and spirit, the Sacraments cater to both the physical (signs) and the spiritual (effect) sides of our nature. What is essentially invisible becomes visible to us through the sacramental signs.

W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

Monday, 9th August	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Tuesday, 10th	9.30am	Thanksgiving Mass, St Lawrence
	1pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre
	6pm	Divine Mercy, Samoan Group at the side Chapel
Wednesday, 11th	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Clare
Thursday, 12th	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Jane Frances de Chantal
	5pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition at the chapel
Friday, 13th	11.10am	Exposition, Sts Pontian and Hippolytus
	12.10am	Holy Mass
	1pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Reading practice
Saturday, 14th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption
Sunday, 15th	9:15am	Morning Mass, Our Lady of the Assumption

BOOKINGS FOR CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE USE is in the foyer. To avoid conflict in use, please write your booking early.

Readings at Sunday Mass

(8/08/2021) **1st Reading:** 1 Kings 19:4-8; **2nd Reading:** Eph 4:30-5:2 ;

Gospel: John: 6:41-51

Responsorial Psalm: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

(15/08/2021) **1st Reading:** Apo 11:19,12:1-6,10; **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 15:20-26;

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

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