

NEWSLETTER FOR WINGS.NGA PARIRAU

FORMERLY WALK BY FAITH



Living in Faith in the Spirit of the Gospel - brought to you by Auckland WNP April 2021

Kia Ora tatou!

Dear Pilgrim people, greetings and blessings as we journey through this season of Holy Week leading to Easter with our risen Lord Jesus.

Alleluia, Alleluia,
Christ is truly risen!



It's autumn, the days are getting shorter and when the street lights turn off at 7am it's dark on the roads. The intense colour of sky, fruits, changing leaves, the taste of the figs that we compete for with tui and wax eyes, the Easter moon...and the cross. Once we are aware of the cross, the shape and it's many symbolisms, we see it everywhere. Its as if each 'junction' is another view of it. Can you see the cross in the guava? See the *vertical* (God with us) connect to the *horizontal* (us to all). Here is 'life to the full' (John 10:10). Here is Reconciliation!

Walk by Faith and Wings.Nga Parirau Graduates Be Alert to opportunities to gather for times of reflection in your WBF or WNP groups or in your parishes.

Would you like to host a group gathering? Maybe for reflection or catchup, maybe for an Introduction to Wings.Nga Parirau?

One such gathering is being hosted at St Joseph's Orakei on the 18th April. If you're interested contact me for details
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Wiga Autet, Religious Education advisor for the North sent me this invitation for reflection and I'm sharing it with you: *I do encourage you to watch an informative and deeply inspiring film/ documentary by Bp Robert Barron on **Bartolome de las Casas - a Spanish saint and a prophetic fighter - upholding and defending the dignity of each and every person (the Indigenous people of Indies, in particular). Bartolome de las Casas, often called the Apostle of Indies - more than four hundred centuries ago :***

1. Showed that the commitment to justice is an essential dimension of Christian discipleship ('one cannot claim to be a follower of Christ and remain indifferent to suffering and injustice').
2. Had a prophetic and Christian capacity to identify "the other" with the suffering Christ ('whatever you do to the least of my people, you do it to me').
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3. Had anticipated -by a few centuries- many of the features of the Catholic social teaching, like:
 - the dignity of each individual; a peoples' right to self determination; the moral superiority of democracy; a prohibition against all forms of coercion in matters of religion.

This Holy Week, as we prayerfully walk with Jesus - the humble Servant, humiliated, abandoned, suffering and denied any dignity or respect - let's see and honour in Him, all those fellow-human beings, who experience these conditions as their daily lives....

In our Wings.Nga Parirau and Walk ByFaith journey we have regularly reflected on Church teaching through the media ministry of Bishop Barron.

Do try to view this documentary film recommended here by Wiga. Growing in understanding of our faith!

Continuing Faith Formation!

During Lent, Brother Kieran Fenn fms gave a weekly zoom presentation on the Passion of Jesus through the Gospels. This was hosted by Beate Matthias who offers continuing support for our faith development through www.studyjoy.nz

You might like to listen to Beate's 1min video clip with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin at <https://>

Reflect on the Scripture readings. Daily!

"The Church needs you; your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you. "



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“A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse...” Isaiah 11:1(JB)
Wings.Nga Parirau is like that ‘shoot’ in Isaiah, founded on the ‘stock’ of the Walk By Faith programme.

2020 has been a strange year to transition to this new ‘face’ and ‘form’ of Walk By Faith, the faith formation programme that has been used throughout all New Zealand, with the support of the NZ Bishops’ Conference, since 1974.

As the first **WBF / Wings.Nga Parirau ‘come and catch up and be informed’ meeting** for the Auckland Diocese ended up taking place in Lockdown, the hoped for meeting became a Zoom session with 15 people taking part.

But we still progress. As the **last remnant of WBF graduated in November, the first ‘shoot’ met for their Wings.Nga Parirau reflection Day-‘Encountering God’**. It is happening; Wings.Nga Parirau is being spoken of in parishes from Kaitiāia to Thames.

We need your help to bring it to every parish in the Diocese! Please read and respond to the survey on this page.

Let’s work together to build up the people of God; to share the ‘Good News’ message of Jesus. You won’t be alone!



‘Easter is a time to pause and to ponder with Mary, Mother of Jesus, and our mother. Mary, with us in all our sorrows and our joy. Mary, whose ‘yes’ gave flesh to Jesus, God incarnate, Emmanuel - God with us.

Through Easter you may like to **ponder the daily Gospel in the way of Ignatian meditation** so here are the steps as they are given in the **Wings.Nga Parirau** Year Two programme:
 Make yourself comfortable and take some time to quieten. Sit upright. Close your eyes. Settle your breathing. Ask for the Holy Spirit’s presence and the grace of God to see what God desires for you.

Now, read the Gospel of the day twice.

First reading of the Gospel: **get a sense of where it is**, what is happening and what stands out for you.

Second reading: **put yourself in the scene**. Where are you? What can you smell, see, hear, feel? Who else is there? What is the attitude and response of those with you? Interact with the characters and the place in the Gospel.

In silence dwell in the Gospel and talk with the Lord about what you feel, how this Gospel may relate to your life.

Listen to what God is saying to you.

Try this way of pondering the Word of God.

‘Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.’ Pope Francis’ recent encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. Read it with the eyes of your heart!
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-

To all pilgrims of the Walk By Faith Programme we would love you to take a moment to fill in the survey below and email your response back to diannaf@cda.org.nz. **Wings.Nga Parirau Short Survey**

We, the Auckland Diocesan Faith Formation Team, are right now getting in touch with all parishes regarding running **Wings.Nga Parirau (WNP)** as a parish Faith Formation program as a part of a Diocesan supported parish transformation plan.

Question 1

Would you be interested in running, or helping lead a **Wings.Nga Parirau** group in your parish?

Question 2

If your answer is ‘Yes’ would you prefer to use:

- A) Physical Meeting place at the parish **OR**
- b) A digital platform such as Zoom **OR**
- c) Either a) or b) is OK

The Diocese will be offering training and local support in both of these forms. WNP is fully resourced with printed material and Power Points.

Please comment on what sort of help or assistance you might need to feel properly prepared.

Please email me ASAP diannaf@cda.org.nz

Thank you for taking the time to respond.