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To live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ*



JOURNEYS OF FAITH

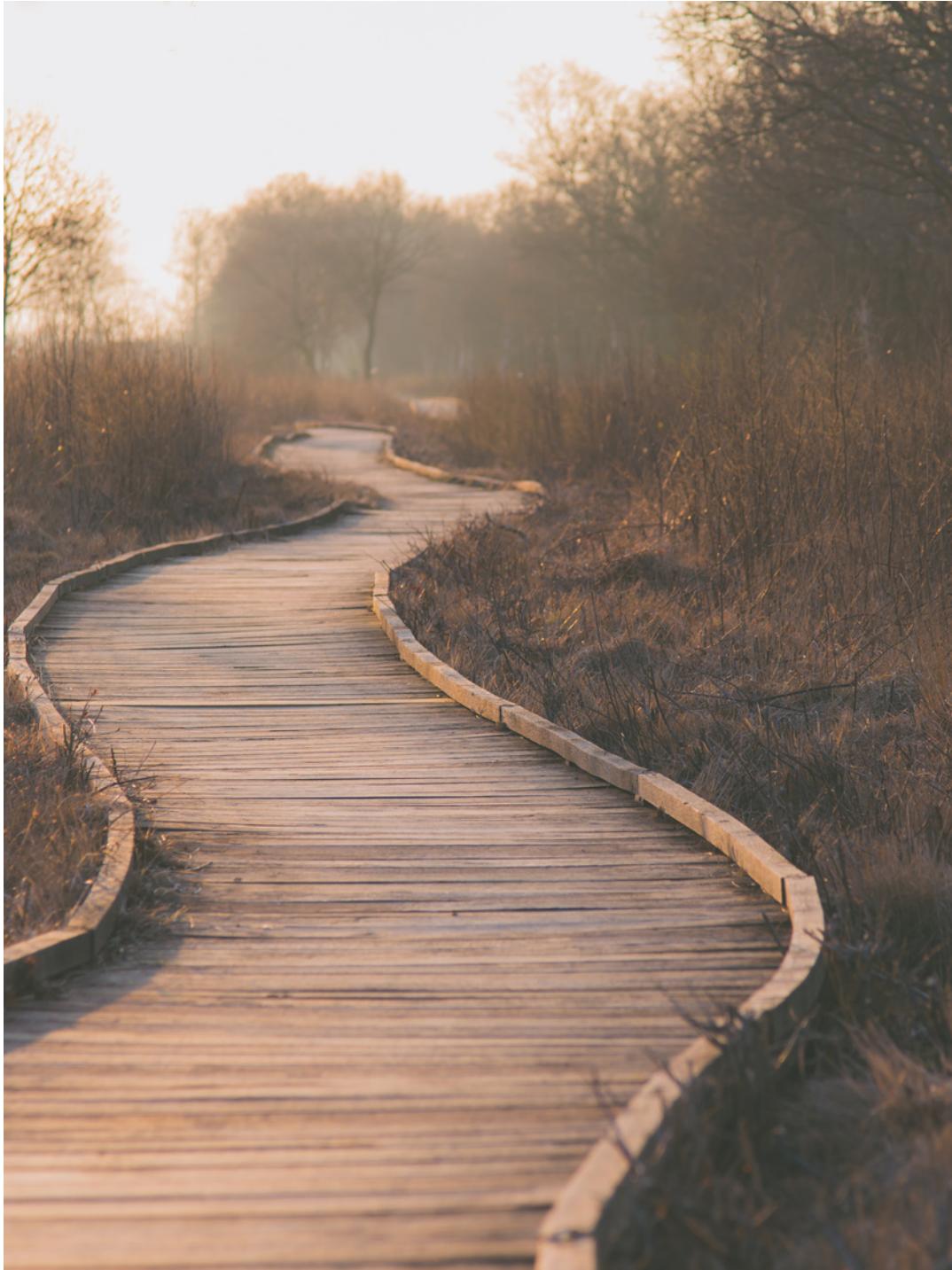
GRATEFUL HEARTS

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE





JOURNEY TO EASTER



PRAY

To spend
time with
God

FAST

To consider
what is
important in
the
Christian
life

GIVE

To consider
the needs
of others

"Lent is a time of truth, a time to drop the masks we put on each day to appear perfect in the eyes of the world," he said, and to "reject lies and hypocrisy. Not the lies and hypocrisies of others, but our own."

Pope Francis Ash Wednesday 2023

JOURNEYING TO OUR ORIGINS

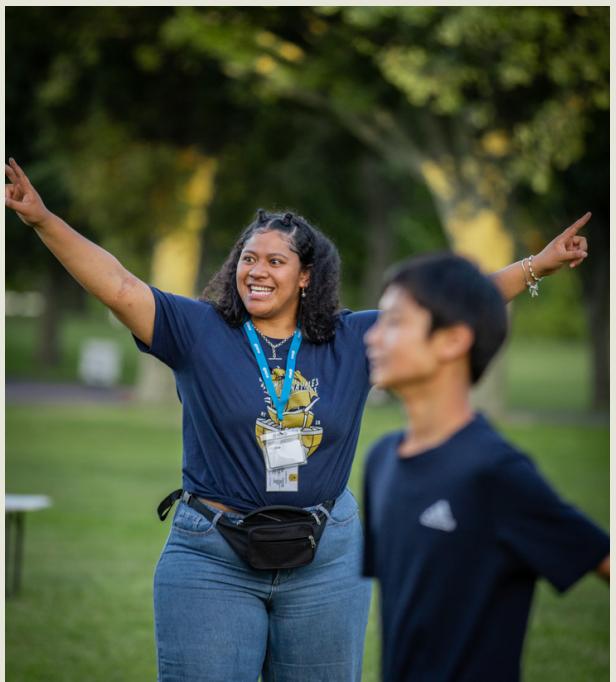
In January of 2023, a group of people from several Auckland parishes an Australian parish and a Wellington parish shared a journey, a hikoi into the far North to explore and re experience our Catholic and Christian heritage. This was Nga Tapuwae or Sacred Footsteps

There were many memories and experiences for those who journeyed with us that included stories of faith from the early pilgrims like the Poynton family and Bishop Pompallier the first Catholic priest to Aotearoa. We heard of journeys of discovery from Kupe and other early pacific travellers to our land and how and why it is called “the land of the Long White Cloud”. We shared and discussed the intertwining of our faith with the Māori people, their lives, their language and cosmology and how our nation cannot exist as one without the other.

We celebrated at many of the old sites including Tane Mahuta part of the Māori story of Creation, Hāta Maria, where Pompallier has been finally laid to rest, and a number of churches and sacred places. We were hosted beautifully at Hautehihi Marae in Kohukohu, which was, for many, a real highlight. Our pilgrimage ended with Mass celebrated by Bishop Steve Lowe and Pa Bernard Dennehy on the anniversary of the first Mass in Aotearoa on 13th January 1838 by Pompallier himself.



In January, 130 young people from 9 parishes across our Diocese headed to Life Teen Summer Camp 2023. They joined over 250 young people from across New Zealand for an incredible 5 days packed with fun, prayer, messy games, sacraments, new friends, adoration, dance parties and encounters with Jesus. The camp was facilitated by 50 young adult Summer Missionaries. Groups left Summer Camp energised for their parish youth ministries this year and already excited for Summer Camp



2024!

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP

JOURNEYING TO BELONGING

On the First Sunday of Lent the Cathedral was buzzing as 175 people were welcomed into the Cathedral for the *Rite of Election* and the *Call to ongoing conversion*. This celebration marks the start of their final preparation journey. Catechumens who have not been baptised and candidates that are seeking to be received in to full communion with the Church now move in to a time of prayer and contemplation before the Easter Vigil ceremonies.

The service was full of ritual as they affirmed their desire for belonging and committed to this period of reflection. Three hundred plus others gathered to affirm their commitment and offered their support. After the ceremony there was much laughter and chatter as people met Mons Bernard Kiely [who was standing in for Bishop Steve] and members of the diocesan Faith Community as they enjoyed a small cool treat.

What is the Rite of Election?

Catechumens indicate to the Bishop their desire to join the Church by signing the Book of the Elect, giving them the title "members of the elect."

The word "election" in this case has nothing to do with politics; rather, it is a discernment that God is present in the life of the catechumens and is inviting them into a fuller life of the sacraments.



Matua Manuel welcomes those seeking belonging into the Mother Church, the Cathedral

JOURNEYING TO INCLUSION



The theme of the synthesis of the global Church's response to the Synod on Synodality was called Expanding the Tent. One of the threads of both the Auckland and Aotearoa synodal process was the call to inclusion of all. Of particular mention was those for whom NZSL is their first language.

For over 30 years the Auckland Catholic Deaf Community have organised and prayed a deaf/NZSL friendly Mass once a month on the 2nd Sunday. This Mass is held in the Poynton Room of the Pompallier Diocesan Centre at 12pm followed by a shared lunch.

From this year the 4th Sunday of the month will see interpreters present at the 9.30 am Mass at Good Shepherd Parish, Balmoral. The Catholic deaf community is very grateful for the parish's warm welcome and the additional monthly opportunity to pray Mass in NZSL.

JOURNEYING TO SERVE



Mid February saw the Diocese welcome five young adults who have willingly said good-bye to family and friends to journey to Auckland to serve our young people.

Called colloquially "NETers" they spent six weeks being formed for ministry in Brisbane which was followed by local input on arrival.

From Left to Right:

Eric Diputado, Alaina Thachuk, Emma Parrish, Kate Plant & Marraki Kilpatrick

NET stands for National Evangelisation Teams. Each year, NET recruits and trains teams of Catholic young adults, aged 18-30, from around the world. These young adults volunteer a year of their lives to do ministry, encouraging young people to encounter Jesus and embrace the Church. NET has been providing peer-with-peer ministry in schools, parishes and universities across Australia and New Zealand for over 30 years.

Our team will be living in Ōtāhuhu in a house set up by the diocese. They will be ministering with our schools and parishes, particularly Holy Cross Papatoetoe as well as being an energetic and youthful presence in the wider Diocese, provide support and peer-to-peer ministry at events and initiatives.

NET's programs and experiences are designed to challenge young Catholics, through relational ministry, to follow Christ and embrace a life of community in the Church.

College construction progressing well

Our Catholic schools and colleges are a place for students to encounter the living God. We are pleased to share below two significant construction projects:

St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College is being built by the Auckland Diocese in Drury. It will be the first Catholic college in the Ignatian tradition in New Zealand, and is due to open at the beginning of 2024. The steel work has begun on the Teaching and Learning Centre. The slab has been laid for the hall, chapel and music studio.

Recently Fr Chris Gleeson SJ ran a formation retreat for the St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College Board at Tyburn Monastery, a real privilege for all who attended. Fr Chris stopped off at the school site afterwards to take a look at the progress of the building works. .

St Dominic's College in West Auckland have a new three level classroom block being constructed. The construction includes a wellness centre and staff facilities. Construction of this first stage of the redevelopment is due to be completed towards the end of 2023.



Fr Chris, Mr Dean Wearmouth [foundation principal] and John Gilbert [Board] check out the progress at the St Ignatius site.

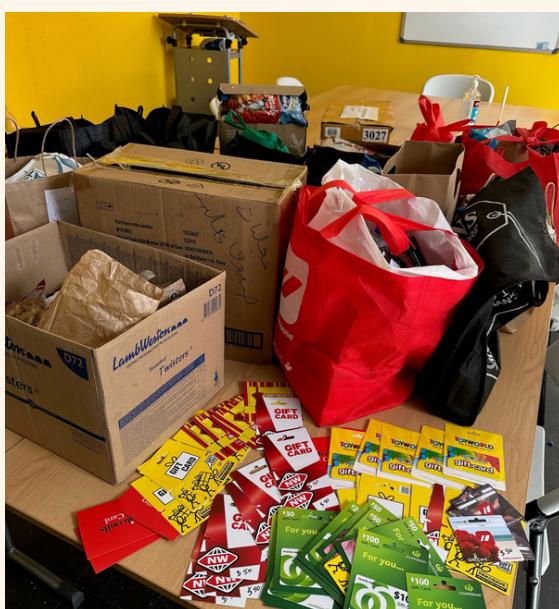


Drone footage of the construction of the new classroom block at St Dominic's College.





Glimpses of Caring in Action



Parish and school volunteers distribute food parcels to those affected by the floods.

The parishioners from St Addai, The Chaldean Catholic Church, in Papatoetoe, were one of the first communities to arrange food for victims of the floods.

St Vincent de Paul were able to distribute the food to families throughout the greater Auckland region.



RESPONDING TO NEED

FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL
CYCLONE RELIEF
APPEAL

Flood Relief Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to Bishop Steve's flood relief appeal which has raised \$285,000. A special thanks to the Christchurch Diocese for Bishop Michael's appeal which raised \$135,000.

Funds from this appeal have already gone to the Caring Foundation's partner agencies, including St Vincent de Paul Society, Food Hub operations in Onehunga, and Otahuhu, for immediate food relief, hot meals, and essential supplies for those affected by the devastating floods.

Additional support has been given to Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge to help families with food and essentials who have lost homes, and their belongings who are trying to rebuild their lives after escaping violent homes.

Funds have also gone to St Josephs Parish Kaitaia, North Hokianga, Dargaville, south Kaikohe, Opua and South Head (through the Moerewa parish volunteer's food project) and Mangere East. The funds have helped families and people who lost power and were stranded in their homes because of unpassable roads, especially those in the Far-North.

Primary and secondary schools, who had families who had lost everything, have had funding for stationery and uniforms to help get students back to school after the floods. The schools have been so grateful to have this support so quickly to help ease their students back to school in such difficult times.

Thank you to all the agencies and parishes and schools who are working behind the scenes to be there for their communities.

Our second stage of support will be to help people settle back into their homes with the essentials to help them get back into some normality. Sadly for some families, their homes will not be liveable. For them, the road to recovery will be much longer.



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F L O O D R E L I E F A P P E A L
C Y C L O N E R E L I E F
A P P E A L

Cyclone Relief Appeal

Bishop Steve's cyclone relief appeal in support of the Palmerston North and Hamilton dioceses has to date raised over \$190,000.

Some of the funds from this appeal have already been sent to assist the two dioceses in their cyclone relief efforts for the Hawkes Bay region and Gisborne/Tairāwheti area.

Cyclone Gabrielle is the seventh major weather event to hit the Gisborne/Tairāwheti area, and the diocesan team in Hamilton are hearing of the psychological impact that this is having on even the most resilient.

The Palmerston North diocese tells us that in Wairoa the images that are seen on the media don't do the level of destruction justice. The damage, sadly, is much worse.

We know that the recovery will be long and painful, but with the support of so many compassionate donors throughout New Zealand and across the globe, we will be able to make a difference.

Your financial support will continue to make a difference over the long months ahead.

To donate, please go to www.caringfoundation.org.nz
Or online to the Foundation's bank account:

BNZ 02-0100-0242648-00

(Please use surname and initials as reference, and Cyclone as a particular.)

To receive an emailed receipt, please email
info@caringfoundation.org.nz.





coming soon

DON'T MISS OUT

The Upper Room: Thursday 23 March, 7pm
Welcome back to The Upper Room! An awesome opportunity for young adults to come grab a drink and dive into some relevant topics that don't usually feature in your Sunday homily/ Join us for an fantastic evening of great music, bar snacks and our phenomenal guest speaker: James Bergin. James will be speaking on the topic of **Faith at Work: Navigating Professional Life as a Catholic.**

James is the Executive General Manager of Technology Strategy & Integration at Xero. Prior to this, he was the Chief Software Architect of ASB Bank at just 33 years old. James was named Young Executive of the Year in 2016 at the Deloitte Top 200 Awards! James is a proud Catholic and passionate about how we can live out our faith in the workplace. He lives in Auckland with his wife and family.

Tickets available:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-upper-room-tickets-559216911837>

CHANGE IN VENUE: We're excited to be hosting this event at Good George Mission Bay, 71 Tamaki Drive, Mission Bay, Auckland 1071. This is a change from our venue for previous Upper Room events, the Shakespeare Hotel in the Auckland CBD.



Stations of the Cross:

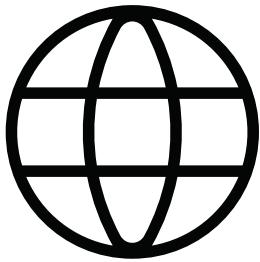
Friday 7 April

This year, we look forward to continuing our tradition of a Stations of the Cross procession through the Auckland CBD on Good Friday! We will begin by gathering at Albert Park Rotunda at 9am.

The procession will conclude at St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am.

Each year, hundreds of people from across the Diocese come together for this commemoration of our Lord's passion.

We would love you, your family, and your faith community to join us in this powerful public witness through the streets of Auckland.



Dipping into the CDA website

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Missionary Discipleship Young People Care of the Poor Liturgy & Prayer Diocesan Services

Te Riteanga o te Kupu a te Ariki, mō ngā tamariki - Liturgy of the Word with Children

Liturgy of the Word with Children

A resource page for those who minister in the community by facilitating Children's Liturgy of the Word.

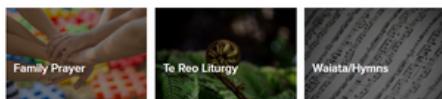
The Liturgy of the Word with Children is...

- a ritual for the presentation of God's Word with children appropriate to their understanding.
- a ritual of celebration in which Jesus' God communicates His love to God's children and to which they respond with awe, praise, thanksgiving and petition.
- liturgy, and is not Sunday School. Activity sheets can be useful as take-home material for family follow-up, but they are not appropriate to be used during a liturgical celebration.
- brief and clear.
- an opportunity to hear the Gospel message and consider how to practice it in life.

Preparation Material

12 March Lent 3rd Sunday 19 March Lent 6th Sunday 26 March Lent 5th Sunday 02 April Palm Sunday

09 April Easter Sunday 16 April Easter 2nd Sunday 23 April Easter 3rd Sunday 30 April Easter 4th Sunday



Did you know that the Liturgy Centre has a resource page for those who minister by facilitating Liturgy of the Word with Children?

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/liturgy-of-the-word-with-children/>

We post 8 weeks in advance so ministers have enough time to prepare for their rostered day.

If you or your parish are keen to learn more or receive training in using this resource please email liturgycentre@cda.org.nz or tinac@cda.org.nz

There are a lot of other useful resources for parishes and individuals on our website.

Explore!

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