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From +John...

Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou,

In a few days time, Sunday 18th November) the world will observe the World Day of the Poor. This is the second year Pope Francis has asked us to be aware of the poor and to reach out in a special way to make their lives a little better and to help them live with dignity. The Archdiocese of Wellington is one of twelve dioceses throughout the world which has been asked to do something special. I am very grateful that so many people have supported this and have arranged a number of events and ways to reach out and assist. We are all invited of course to find opportunities for encounter, dialogue and practical assistance for people on the margins.

Some of the activities arranged for this day include:

- Mass for the World Day of the Poor: Sunday 18 November 10.30am, St Michael's, Taita. This is also the tercentenary Mass for Nano Nagle, founder of the Presentation Sisters.
- Better off together – He waka eke noa gathering: Saturday 17 November 10.00am-5.00pm, organized by Challenge 2000, including presenters and workshops on a range of social justice issues, Bishop Viard College, Porirua.
- St Vincent de Paul pop-up free stores on Saturday 17 November 10am—4pm
Newtown, 230 Riddiford St;
Petone, Sacred Heart Hall, 33 Britannia St;
Stokes Valley, 3 Scott Court, Wainuiomata
There will also be a free pop-up store in Porirua on Monday 19 November in Mungavin Hall, 10am—2.30pm.
- The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Board of Administration, Council of Priests, Te Kahu o Te Rangi and Archdiocesan Directors will hold their annual meeting at the Compassion Soup Kitchen on 17th to enable us all to reflect on what we do for the poor and also how we respond to the Letter of Pope Francis written to the People of God.
- Parishes and communities have been invited to sponsor a meal at the Compassion Centre soup kitchen in the week before the World Day of the Poor (or at any time throughout the year). Contact Karen Holland at the soup kitchen karen.h@compassion.org.nz 04 385 9299 if you would like to do this.
- The Archdiocesan EJP Commission will hold a social analysis and reflection day considering the experiences of participants in the 2016 and 2017 Benefit Impacts.
- On the second anniversary of the Kaikoura earthquake fruitcakes will be delivered to Kaikōura as an act of solidarity and support for the people there.
- St Joseph's, Upper Hutt are organizing meat-packs for distribution to low-income families, and benefit advice will be provided. (16th November).

The above are some of the activities arranged for this World Day of the Poor. Full details can be found on www.wn.catholic.org.nz. The rest is up to us.

Earlier this year Pope Francis wrote that amazing document “Gaudete et Exsultate.” In that document he told us that the Beatitudes are “like a Christian’s identity card” and that “in the Beatitudes we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives” (GeE 63)

In the days ahead we pray and ponder on how we can reflect the face of the Master to the poor who surround us. How do we share in the life of those most in need, how do we configure ourselves to Jesus who, though rich, “made himself poor.” (2 Cor 8:9)?

Naku noa. Na + Hoane



NEWS . . .

Centenary of the Armistice which ended the First World War, Sunday 11 November 2018.

Churches throughout the Country are invited to join in the **Roaring Chorus** campaign to celebrate 100 years since the Armistice which ended the First World War. The aim is to recreate the ‘roaring chorus’ of thanksgiving and jubilation that erupted across New Zealand as word of the Armistice was declared 100 years ago! It will follow **the two-minute silence that will be observed nationwide at 11am**. Churches, organisations and community groups are invited to gather whatever ‘instruments’ they have at hand and help create a ‘roaring chorus’ to once again celebrate peace and hope for the future. If you have Church bells please ring them on 11th November after two minutes silence at 11am.

Mass on Armistice Day—St Joseph’s, Mt Victoria

Father Frank Whitaker and Father Julian Wagg will be celebrating the Eucharist at 11am on Sunday 11th November at St Joseph’s. This is to remember all those who lost their lives in WW1, and especially any family members whom anyone would like to remember.

Please keep in your prayers **Fr Tikoua Kautu’s** father Taara Tinganga who is very ill. Fr Tikoua will be travelling home to Kiribati to be with his family and would appreciate prayers of comfort and support.

The next **Ministry Formation Day** will be held on Tuesday 27 November at St Anne’s Church, Newtown 10am — 3.30pm. Please register your attendance, for catering purposes, with Ann Williams in the Parish Leadership Ministry Office a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz by Tuesday 20 November.

The Feast Day of the Archdiocese of Wellington, the **Feast of Immaculate Conception** is 8 December. In previous years this feast day has been celebrated by the Filipino Community at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Hill Street. This year with the closure of the Cathedral this celebration will not be taking place. Instead each parish is asked to re-consecrate their church to the patronage of Mary and to pray for protection for our Archdiocese from earthquakes at their parish weekend Masses. On the evening of the Saturday 8 December the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Teresa’s Karori will be celebrated where the Cathedra (the Bishop’s Chair) will be installed and St Teresa’s will formally become the Pro-Cathedral and the Archdiocese will be re-consecrated to Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

An invitation has been sent to all clergy and lay pastoral leaders of the Wellington Archdiocese for **Advent Holy Hour and supper** on Friday 14 December. Please RSVP to my office, 496 1766 or t.halliday@wn.catholic.org.nz your attendance to this evening.

Suzanne Aubert believed strongly in hospitality, in treating each person as another Christ. She wrote “whether the poor person carries under his rags the heroic soul of a saint . . . let us see in him/her the image of our Divine Saviour – of Jesus the Man of Sorrows (Directory 8).