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# Alleluia

## Jesus has Risen

### From +John...

Kia tau te rangimarie ki a koutou,

In these Easter Days we are hearing in the daily Gospels so many stories about the first disciples and how they rushed off to tell others that Jesus was alive and that he had appeared to them. They were excited and energised, in fact so excited and energised that all they could do was talk about Jesus, about what he had said to them and what he had done. They knew that they were being sent out by him to tell others the good news of the Gospel.

Just a month ago Pope Francis published the Apostolic Exhortation CHRISTUS VIVIT – Christ is Alive! This is a letter written to Young People, and to “The Entire People of God.” It is written to each one of us. In that document Pope Francis writes:

***‘Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us everywhere. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some. It is not only for those who seem closer to us, more receptive, more welcoming. It is for everyone. Do not be afraid to go and bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away and most indifferent. The Lord seeks all; he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and his love’ He invites us to be fearless missionaries wherever we are and in whatever company we find ourselves: in our neighbourhoods, in school or sports or social life, in volunteer service or in the workplace. Wherever we are, we always have an opportunity to share the joy of the Gospel. That is how the Lord goes out to meet everyone. He loves you, dear young people, for you are the means by which he can spread his light and hope. He is counting on your courage, your boldness and your enthusiasm.’*** (Christus Vivit 177)

For us as disciples of Jesus we are reminded that we are all sent. The Synod for the Archdiocese of 2017 had the theme “Go, You are Sent.” The above paragraph is for all of us, it is worth reflecting on and asking ourselves how we are responding to the

mission Jesus gives us. Do we respond at all to being sent? Do we respond and go with generosity and energy? Or, do we just think that our parishes and organizations are about what we can get out of them. Please reflect on the paragraph above and please remember that always the purpose of being with Jesus is to go forth from Jesus in his power and with his grace.

The Holy Father has reminded us that Jesus is counting on our courage, our boldness and our enthusiasm ... let’s go forth with Easter courage, Easter boldness and Easter enthusiasm.

Naku noa. Na + Hoane

### NEWS...

- All clergy in active Ministry in the Archdiocese are reminded to complete the retreat survey sent earlier this week to Tania.
- A reminder that Br Guy Consolmagno, the Pope’s astronomer, is visiting the Archdiocese next week. Check out <https://skies.catholicdiscovery.nz/> for information regarding where you can hear Br Guy talk.

***“God has to work in the soul in secret and in darkness because if we fully knew what was happening, and what Mystery, transformation, God and Grace will eventually ask of us, we would either try to take charge or stop the whole process.”***

St John of the Cross.