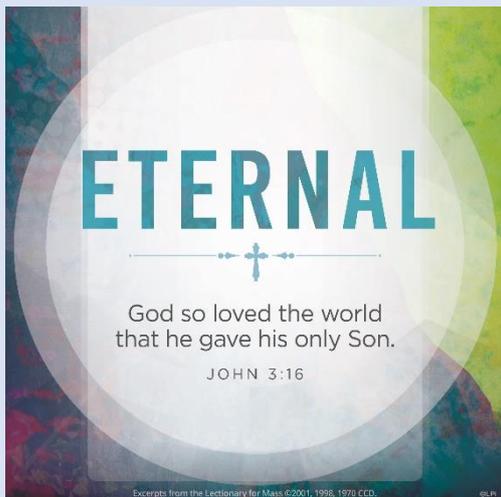


# St. Theresa's Plimmerton

Newsletter | 7 June 2020 – The Most Holy Trinity

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Firstly I'd like to offer my most heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed so generously towards a gift in celebration of my golden jubilee as a priest. I had no idea beforehand and feel absolutely blown away by your generosity. It is the first time in my life that anything like this has happened to me. Thank you so much and I assure you that you are close to me whenever I pray or celebrate the Eucharist. The following quote from Richard Rohr seems particularly appropriate in this context and also concerning the sense of community that has been so highlighted during the period of lockdown and hopefully beyond:

Mother Teresa diagnosed the world's ills in this way: we've just "forgotten that we belong to each other." Kinship is what happens to us when we refuse to let that happen. With kinship as the goal, other essential things fall into place; without it, no justice, no peace. I suspect that were kinship our goal, we would no longer be promoting justice—we would be celebrating it.

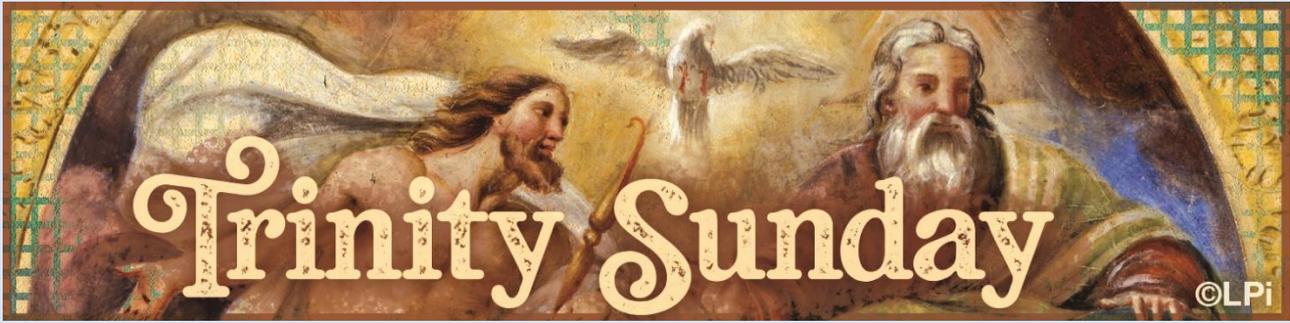
Often we strike the high moral distance that separates "us" from "them," and yet it is God's dream come true when we recognize that there exists no daylight between us. Serving others is good. It's a start. But it's just the hallway that leads to the Grand Ballroom.

Kinship—not serving the other, but being one with the other. Jesus was not "a man for others"; he was one with them. There is a world of difference in that.

God bless,

**Fr Maurice**

**Due to circumstances Mass this weekend will be live streamed only. Hopefully with the new regulations announced this week coming we will be able to celebrate in the church next week.**



Pope Francis said during his weekly address:

*“The feast of the Holy Trinity is an invitation for us to commit to enriching our everyday relationships by promoting communion, consolation, and mercy.”*

Many relationships have been enriched during our lockdown with families, friends, work colleagues, parishioners. We give thanks for this. We commit to continuing on this pathway of enriching relationships. Think about all the ways you have experienced communion during lockdown and levels 4,3 and 2.

The great mystic, Hildegarde of Bingen, often wrote and spoke of the Trinity as a *“greening”* and *“a life-giving breath.”*

The well-known 14<sup>th</sup> century English mystic, Julian of Norwich wrote of the Trinity in terms of relationship and hospitality, of being *“wrapped around”* in God:

*“For the almighty truth of the Trinity is our Father, for he made us and keeps us in him. And the deep wisdom of the Trinity is our Mother, in whom we are enclosed. And the high goodness of the Trinity is our Lord, and in him we are enclosed and he in us.*

*We are enclosed in the Father, and we are enclosed in the Son, and we are enclosed in the Holy Spirit. And the Father is enclosed in us, the Son is enclosed in us, and the Holy Spirit is enclosed in us, almighty, all wisdom and all goodness, one God, one Lord.”*

Here is a poem which might reveal to you something of the Trinity. Pray it for yourself, for anyone you’d like to remember today in your prayer, and for the world. EG. Divine three, surround us.

divine three

mother me

divine three

surround me

shining three

inspire me

shining three

lead me

greening three

nourish me

greening three

free me.

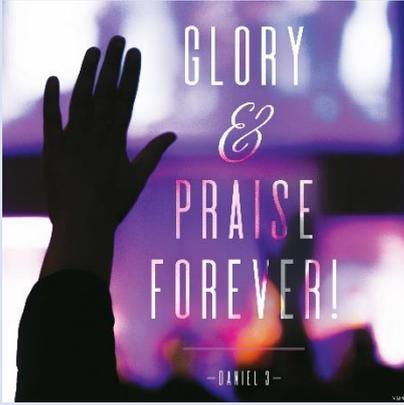
# Unite against COVID-19

## Opening of the Church next weekend:

Further to Father Maurice's letter to us all last week, here is a break down of how we will operate Mass on a Sunday in Level 2.

- Given the social distancing requirements **we will only be able to accommodate 50 people.**
- **If you do wish to attend Mass next week 14<sup>th</sup> June, please advise the Parish Office (233 1279; [st.theresas@xtra.co.nz](mailto:st.theresas@xtra.co.nz))** stating whether you are alone or with another or are a family bubble. The last thing we want to do is turn people away at the last minute.

- Grace Reiher and her family will wipe down all the pews and door handles prior to and after each Sunday Mass.
- You must enter and exit the Church through the front door only. Both the front door into the foyer and the church door will be left open so you do not have to touch the handles.
- The side chapel will not be open during Alert Level 2.
- Everyone will be required to sanitize their hands as they enter and leave the Church.
- There will be a greeter at the Church door at a table with basket on it. Please drop your contact details into the basket or fill in the contact tracing form or scan the QR code
- An usher will direct you to your pew. Household and families can sit together, otherwise you must be 1 metre away from others.
- Father Maurice will enter and exit through the Sacristy door for Mass so that he can be kept safe.
- There is to be no choir or singing at Mass during Alert Level 2.
- There will be no offertory procession or collection during Alert Level 2. At the end of Mass there will be a basket on the table (with the hand sanitizer) which you can put your offering into or you can drop it into the letterbox of the office or you can deposit by Internet banking into BNZ ADW Plimmerton Account 02 0536 0003250 29.
- Communion, in the form of the host, will be distributed from the centre aisle only and will be received on the hand, not on the tongue. To minimise people passing one another, going to and from Communion, one side of the church will follow when the other side has finished receiving. Please ensure you are 1 metre away from the person in front of you.
- After the Post Communion prayer, **the leader will give any notices and remind us that we are to leave row by row from the back (or wherever is closest to the door/s)** and leave the church immediately remembering the need for distancing.
- The toilets will be open for use. Please sanitize your hands prior to entering the toilet and then again once you leave. There will be paper towels available for drying your hands. Please ensure you safely put the used paper into the bin.
- There will be no morning tea served during Alert Level 2.



Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: "Whom shall I send?" is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: "Here am I, send me!"

Pope Francis: [Message for World Mission Day 2020](#)

*Please keep in your prayers those who are sick*

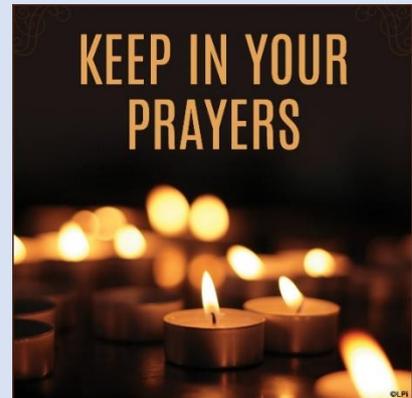
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*RIP*

John Hicks, Rosaleen Davin, Margaret Selby-Bennetts

*Anniversaries*

Winifred Roche, Marie Pennell



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This is the place to go to see the newsletter, easy access to our YouTube channel for Mass ( [St. Theresa's Plimmerton YouTube Channel](#) ), the children's corner, information about the Parish and other resources to help you get through this Covid-19 Level 2. Please remember that Father Maurice invites you to join him Sunday – Friday at 9:30am for Mass. Please click the link above to go to our YouTube channel, and then click **SUBSCRIBE** so that you can receive announcements of upcoming live streams, or check our website for days and times .

- Our Lady of Kapiti is also livestreaming Mass and Prayer services on <https://kapiti-catholic.org.nz/>. Please visit their website to see the time



**Masses at Te Ngākau Tapu church:** Sunday Masses have begun again at Te Ngākau Tapu church, next door to Bishop Viard College. The morning Mass in Māori is at 10am and the evening Mass at 5.15pm. To observe physical distancing and contact tracing, etc, the evening Mass is held in the hall next to the church with a limit of 100 attendees. If you are wishing to attend please email the Parish Priest, Mons Gerard Burns at: [g.burns@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:g.burns@wn.catholic.org.nz)



### Open Day Tuesday 30 June

For more information see the St Mary's College Website: [stmw.school.nz](http://stmw.school.nz). Enrolments are open for more information email: [office@stmw.school.nz](mailto:office@stmw.school.nz).

### Science Laboratory Technician

St Mary's College is seeking a highly organised, reliable lab technician who shows initiative, works well independently and with others in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment. The position requires a mix of practical and administrative tasks completed on a daily basis. Chemistry Lab experience is essential. The job involves purchasing and preparing chemicals as well as maintenance and preparation of science resources to be used in labs and classrooms.

An understanding of the Guidance to the Code of practice for School Exempt Laboratories, 2016, and current health and safety standards is an advantage.

The position is part-time, in school term-time only, for 20 hours per week. Remuneration is aligned with the NZEI Support Staff in Schools' Collective Agreement and dependent on the candidates background and experience.

Upholding the Special Character of St Mary's College as a Catholic mercy college and being able to work collaboratively as part of our high performing Sciences team.

Applications close Friday 12 June 2020 at 12 noon.

Please send a letter of application and your C.V. to [principal@stmw.school.nz](mailto:principal@stmw.school.nz) with a cc to Head of Science, Trevor Keough at [trevor.keough@stmw.school.nz](mailto:trevor.keough@stmw.school.nz).

### Learner Support Assistant

St Mary's College is seeking a self motivated well organised Learner Support Assistant who shows initiative, works well independently and with others in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment. You will need to be able to relate to young people and have an enthusiasm for teaching and learning. Previous experience in this type of role would be an advantage.

This position is a part time fixed term position for 20 hours per week starting in term 2 and finishing in term 4. Renumeration is aligned with the NZEI Support Staff in Schools' Collective Agreement and dependent on the candidates background and experience.

The successful applicant will be supportive of the Special Character of St Mary's College as a Catholic mercy college.

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Please send your cover letter and C.V. to Meg Doile by emailing [meg.doile@stmw.school.nz](mailto:meg.doile@stmw.school.nz).



### The lighter side of life:

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happened to pass by the beer, wine, and liquor section. One asked the other if she would like a beer.

The second nun answered that, indeed, it would be very nice to have one, but that she would feel uncomfortable purchasing it.

The first nun replied that she would handle it without a problem. She picked up a six-pack and took it to the cashier.

The cashier was surprised, so the nun said, "This is for washing our hair."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter and put a package of pretzel sticks in the bag with the beer, saying, "The curlers are on me."

# For the children

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## Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:  
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## Mission for the Week

Read John 3:16-18 with your family. Thank Jesus for taking all of your sins away.

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## Growing with the GOSPEL



John 3:16-18 ■ The Most Holy Trinity

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## Read the Gospel and Color



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