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Kia ora katoa,

We hope you have all found a way to share in Te reo maori this week. If you follow us on Facebook you will see Johanna has loaded some special clips for you to enjoy in honour of this week, along with the prayer below.

We would like to thank those that have delivered the End of Life Choice Act 2019 pamphlets into letterboxes for us this week. Please ensure you are informed before you vote. Sites of interest are www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

The Caring Committee has had wonderful feedback from those we support, and we pass on their thanks to you all. We are expecting that the call on our resources will continue to be high with the wage subsidy finishing. We would ask you all to continue with your support. Focus this week is tinned food, spreads, pasta, rice and noodles.

Please remember we are here to help so if you or someone you know is in need of some practical help email the office or phone us at the parish office.

We hope to see Auckland move back to gatherings of 100 very soon. This will enable us to celebrate Mass together with the requirements of only 100 people at each Mass. We will require extra help to ensure we can gather safely together. We will be calling for volunteers to assist, please email the office if you are able to help. Our thanks to the cleaning teams who have returned to help ensure we are ready to go. When we are able to return to Mass it is recommended that you bring your own mask or face covering, but they are not mandatory.

In the meantime, our Church continues to be open daily for private visits and prayer, please remember to use the QR code or sign-in and to keep a 2-meter distance from others.

The diocese website has gospel reflections, www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz and Sunday Mass Or Shine TV - Channel 25 or Sky channel 201, 2pm each Sunday.

Please remember the Parish Council has asked that if you have any general questions that you would like the PPC to address, please send them to the office. We would ask you to send them by this Monday 21st. Thank you.

Ngā mihi nui.

E te Atua
Manaakitia tēnei tāima
Awhinatia mātou i roto i o mātou mahi
Ko tō Wairua Tapu tō mātou Ariki
Amene

*Lord
Support us at this time
Guide us in the work we are doing
Through your spirit
Amen*

Be informed about the End of Life Choice Act Referendum:

- The End of Life Choice Act provides access to an assisted death for those with less than 6 months to live. Yet any prognosis, especially as long as 6 months, is a guess. Overseas research shows that the choice of euthanasia is not driven by pain but by a range of personal reasons, including the fear of being a burden to their families or society.
- The End of Life Choice Act has no mandatory stand-down or cooling off period (as in other countries) - under the End of Life Choice Act, a person could be dead less than 4 days after diagnosis, and be under no obligation to inform their families or carers of their decision. The process does not even require the presence of an independent witness.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

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Scripture tells us to love our neighbours. There is no greater showing of love during this pandemic than doing everything we can to protect our neighbour from infection.

Fr Chris Skinner has a New Album, "Light in the Lockdown" 10 new songs that were composed during the countrywide lockdown in Aotearoa late March to May 2020. An uplifting, inspiring and encouraging way to help deal with the continuing challenges of the Pandemic. Copies available for sale at the Parish Office \$20 per album.

Liturgy Conference

Although the Liturgy Conference has been postponed until October 2021 Starting from Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd of October we plan to offer a series of **digital presentations** from Conference presenters. If you have registered for the Conference or subscribed to the Conference newsletter, the link to this portal will be emailed to you. Please subscribe to the Liturgy Conference newsletter via the website <https://wuss.org.nz/> if you want to receive the link.

Free Digital NZ Catholic

There will be no deliveries of the current print issue of NZ Catholic to parishes. However, the latest version of NZ Catholic is being made available free of charge for you to distribute. The link to the free issue is <https://indd.adobe.com/view/2a61ed4c-b19f-4f67-9d49-728df7acf784>

Liturgy of the Word

The diocesan Liturgy Centre has again produced materials for families and individuals to pray together around the Sunday Scriptures. The family edition is attached and it and a more formal version can be found at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/resources/ritual-prayers/>