



Kia tau te Rangimarie kia koutou

***“What the Spirit bring is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control.”*** (Galatians 5:22).

Last Saturday evening when the announcement was made that Auckland was going back into Level Three of the Covid Alert Levels and the rest of the country was going into Level Two, I heard the Prime Minister appealing for patience. Jacinda Ardern was asking people to be patient as yet another Lockdown was called for, she asked the country to be patient while the Government was continuing with the Vaccination roll out, it is going to take some months, and so patience is required.

As I heard her ask for that I thought of the fact the patience is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We know that we have already been gifted by the Spirit of God in Baptism and Confirmation, that the spirit is renewed and strengthened in us through our prayer. We, as people full of the Holy Spirit, can be examples of patience to others, we can add to the country's well-being. This whole experience of Lockdowns, being tested for Covid, adjusting our lives may just be one of those times when God the Potter is shaping us and calling us to be patient as our lives are reshaped. This may be the time to acknowledge that every season is right for us, that will help us to embrace these trying times with patient acceptance as we recognize that the buds of spring and new life are present.

If we find it difficult to be patient turn to the words of St James (James 5: 7-11) where he reminds us to look to the farmer, or gardener and how patiently he waits for the seeds to grow once the soil has received the autumn rains or the spring rains. Our own spiritual growth is very similar.

We were reminded many many times last year to “Be kind.” Kindness of course is another of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We have already been gifted by God with the Spirit, patience and kindness are ours to share with others, we can generously gift them to the people around us, we can generously gift them to our country as we work together to keep one another safe.

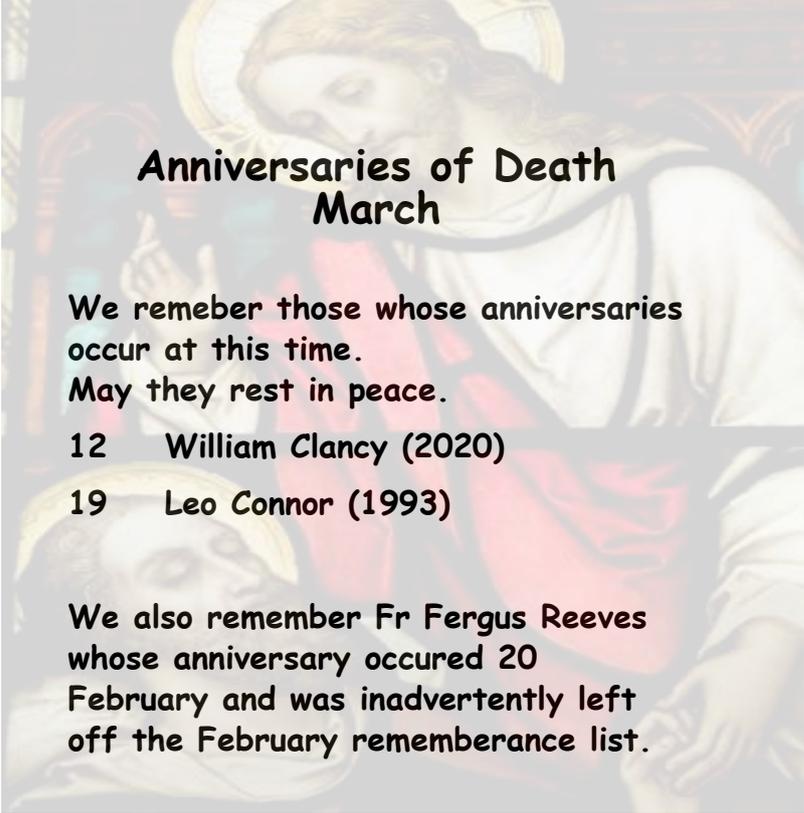
We pray this week for the fruits of the Holy Spirit and that we have the generosity to share them with others.

Naku noa

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Let us always work with patience, courage, and generosity, and above all, with confidence and love.

Venerable Suzanne Aubert



## Anniversaries of Death March

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
May they rest in peace.

12 William Clancy (2020)

19 Leo Connor (1993)

We also remember Fr Fergus Reeves whose anniversary occurred 20 February and was inadvertently left off the February remembrance list.

### NOTICES:

Please continue to pray for the sick and elderly clergy especially, Frs Maurice Carmody, Don Morrison and Colin Durning and for those who are waiting test results.

### **Chrism Masses**

Everyone is invited to attend the Chrism Mass held during Holy Week. Please note the dates in your diary now.

**Palmerston North**, midday on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

**Wellington, South Island**, 11.40am Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at Garin College

**Wellington, North Island**, 7pm Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, Karori

### **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institution**

For several months an enormous amount of work had been going into preparing for the Church to appear before the Royal Commission. I will give evidence along with others during the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> March. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **Unite Against Covid19**

Thank you to all who are working hard to keep Covid 19 at bay, thank you for ensuring that people are safe and for your cooperation in not having public Masses during these days when we are not able to gather in groups of more than one hundred.

*Remember please, for everyone's safety, Track and Trace, sanitise, keep social distances.*

### **Date Saver:**

The Annual Clergy Jubilee Mass and Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 14 July** at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie followed by lunch at The Pines in Houghton Bay. Please note this in your diary now.