

News & for Prayer

- *It was a joy on the 18th of June to celebrate the **marriage of Abby-Jean Ikin and Semesa Manulevu.***
- **The God Loves You Tour**—hits Wellington's TSB Arena on Wednesday 16 November at 7pm. We will be doing some preparatory work with the congregation during Oct/Nov with a view to encouraging a contingent to attend via free transport. Please advise if you would like a ride.
- **Radical Discipleship has been our theme for services during September. We have discussed:**
 - counting the cost—faith challenges
 - the joy of angels—repentant sinners
 - who do we serve—God or...?
- **A New Weekly Prayer Meeting on Wednesday Afternoons**—this will be held in Te Whare Karakia **2:00-3:00pm.** Begins Wed. 28th Sept.
- **Margaret and Terry** will be holidaying in Tasmania from Thursday 20 October to Thursday 3rd November.
- **Property Maintenance**— lighting, door repairs, a water heating fix, lawn mowing, painting, tree pruning has been done. Thanks all.
- **STOP PRESS**—Sala's funeral will be in St Anne's, Friday 30th Sept. @ 11am.

St Anne's Pantry September News

- During the past month we have had an upsurge in requests for food parcels and deliveries. 160 food parcels have been delivered to a total of 808 people during this time.
- Total deliveries for 2022 to date are 1276. This is a little short of the total deliveries made during the whole of 2021— 1405 parcels.
- These statistics suggest that while COVID-19 and other winter ills are in decline, the impact of the difficult financial and employment times we are in are taking their toll on families.
- It has been interesting to note two things about requests coming in. A number have reported being laid off or fired! And, the high cost of living has impacted, especially higher than usual power bills. People are having to pay their power bill to avoid power being cut. A consequence sometimes is there is no, or little, money left for food!
- As we move towards year end, we begin planning for 2023. We are very dependent on local people giving financial support. This year we will spend over \$50,000 buying food and groceries. The need is ongoing.
- We are also looking for designated funding to keep employing our Administrator.



PARISH NEWS

25th September 2022



Salanieta Manulevu

On Thursday 22nd September our dear sister in the Lord, Salanieta Manulevu left us to be with the Lord God in heaven. May she rest in peace and rise in glory on the Last Day.

We share our sincere condolences with Sala's close family many of whom worship with us in St Anne's. To her children, their partners, grandchildren and all those in her closer whanau, we say be comforted that you have had as an elder someone who sincerely and caringly loved you and God. She was deeply prayerful and always an evangelist at heart, urging anyone who would listen to be a friend with Jesus and know eternal life. Thank you for sharing Sala with us.

Sala, we acknowledge your brave and faithful journey through your final illnesses. We are strengthened as we have observed you rise above your infirmities to keep praising and trusting God. While there will be opportunities for us to be with you and your family this week where we will talk, remember, pray and cry in the light of your passing to be with the Lord; we take a moment here to record our sincere appreciation for all you have meant to the people of Porirua. You were present for St Anne's Parish, the Supermarkets where you have worked, Porirua Habitat for Humanity and especially those housed in Habitat houses, and in a multitude of other settings. Be at rest. We love you.

Sunday 25th September

Sergius of Radonezh

Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow

SENTENCE

Your steadfast love, O Lord, is better than life itself; therefore my lips will speak your praise.

Psalm 63:3

PRAYER

Praise and glory to you, eternal God, for **Sergius**, monk, reconciler and peacemaker; help us toward that holiness which made him **Russia's** most beloved saint.

Amen

John 17:1-8

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF RUSSIA?

Hot on the heels of the global battle to overcome COVID-19 and, recent impacts of Global Warming through floods, landslips and horrifying fires has come **Russia's war against Ukraine**. Some of us begin to feel quite overwhelmed as members of the human family. And on top of it, Queen Elizabeth II has died and our national service of remembrance takes place tomorrow, Mon 26th Sept.

Wars and rumours of war have plagued humankind from the beginning of the race. It seems that human inhumanity to other humans knows no bounds as the vivid images being beamed around the globe confront us with horrific carnage and the wanton destruction of human life, let alone of the creation on

which we are so dependent.

Today's Gospel reading from John invites us to **pray like Jesus to the Father**. He prayed with confidence that His disciples got it and believed that He was the Messiah to be followed. Now we pray with Jesus as modern day disciples, that the war between east and west, Russia and NATO, with their allies including New Zealand, **can be won in the heavens**. Certainly it cannot be won by human warfare.

Perhaps our prayer to the Father needs to be that diplomacy wins with **peace the outcome**. God knows how to achieve this; may we know heavenly wisdom to pray and believe that. As **God was the victor in the life of Russia's patron Saint Sergius** in the 14th Century; so in the 21st Century may Russia draw similar strength to eschew war for peace. And may the western allies work/pray hard to move in a spirit other than warfare, & **win the victory we all desire: peace**.

I believe **our P.M. is moving in this other spirit** as she ensures the Russian Ambassador, Georgii Zuev, remains in NZ. Let's pray for him, and for her, as the communication channels remain open: **that meaningful dialogue happens** here and there!

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SERGIUS RADONEZH

Sergius, born about 1314, was a simple man of the people, whose **life of devotion and prayer** led him to establish monasteries all over Russia and to **teach ordinary people the ways of godly living**. He and his brother Stephen rebuilt the monastery of the Holy Trinity near Moscow, and Sergius became its abbot. He died in 1392 and is **the patron saint of the Russian people**.