

NEWS BITS



NATIONAL CLERGY ASSEMBLY

Many of the members of the Fund attended the National Clergy Assembly which was held in Rotorua from 9th October to 13th October 2023. Among the 175 clergy who attended were 22 from the Archdiocese of Wellington.

CLERGY JUBILEE

This year Frs Kevin Purcell and Frank Maguire celebrated their 25th ordination anniversaries. Frs. Owen Sinclair and Jim Dooley, SM also celebrated their 60th ordination anniversaries.

Holy Mass was presided by Archbishop Paul Martin at St. Anne's Church in Newtown, with Fr. Jim Dooley SM giving the homily. This was followed with a luncheon dinner at the Pines in Houghton Bay.

There were 46 diocesan and Marist clergy who attended the celebration.



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CLERGY TRUST FUND BANK ACCOUNT

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CTF NOTICES

RETIRED CLERGY LUNCH

The late Msgr. John Carde has left a substantial amount for the CTF to look after the retired clergy in the Archdiocese.

In his first year anniversary, as a thanksgiving, the Board would like to invite everyone to a Memorial Mass for Msgr. John Carde in late January 2024 and followed by a lunch.

An email invitation will be sent to everyone with more details.



CTF AGM 2023

The Annual General Meeting of all Members will be held at St Thomas More Church, Wilton on Thursday, 7th December 2023.

There will also be a visit to deceased priests' graves at 12.30 pm on that same day. The meeting place would be the main entrance of the Karori cemetery.

This will be followed with pre-meeting refreshments at 1.30 pm. The AGM proper will follow at 2 pm.



CLERGY SURVEY

The Board reminds everyone to please participate in the clergy survey. Though this is voluntary, it would help the Board to ascertain the needs of clergy and to plan with more focus for the future, especially the management of funds.

Here is the link to the survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaLaTz4wAmMgeRGBv89RVphW-6OCJuEnmk9w03l59HemfdgQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

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CTF NEW MEMBERS

Membership to the Clergy Trust Fund is either by ordination in the Archdiocese or by signing a contract to work for and in the Archdiocese. Here are some fresh names:

- Fr Ravi Kumar Voliganti: arrived in Wellington on 5/9/23 from Andhra Pradesh, India. Born on 25/5/1980, ordained in 2012. Currently stationed at the Island Bay presbytery for orientation purposes awaiting a permanent appointment
- Fr Jaya-Praveen Yenubari: arrived in Wellington on 18/11/23 from Guntur diocese in Andhra Pradesh, India. Born in 1987, ordained in 2014. He is residing at Viard house for orientation purposes until he has a permanent appointment.
- Deacon Matthew White, recently ordained to the transitional diaconate. Currently residing and working at Ohariu parish.



Rev. Matthew White

CTF REMINDERS

KIWI SAVER

KiwiSaver is a voluntary savings scheme set up by the NZ government to help New Zealanders to save for their retirement. Clergy, too, are invited to join in this scheme. Please check this [link](#) if you qualify for the scheme. You can choose to contribute 3%, 4%, 6%, 8% or 10% of your allowance to your KiwiSaver account. The CTF is required to contribute close to 3% of your stipend if you contribute. There's an annual government contribution as well, even if you're not an employee – as much as \$521 each year (if your annual contribution gets to \$1, 042.86) until you're 65.



DECLARATION OF INCOME REMITTANCE

The Board of the CTF as trustees in its effort to do all it can to ensure the tax free status of payments to priests, asks priests at the end of each financial year to provide a Declaration that any such monies received have been forwarded as per the CTF policy to the CTF bank account. The next Declaration will be requested for the tax year ending 31st March 2024.

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CLERGY LAST WILLS AND EPOA

Gerry Burns

Have you made a will and deposited a sealed copy with the Vicar-General's office?

Each diocesan priest in the ADW is required to have a will and to deposit a sealed copy with the Vicar-General. This ensures clarity around the distribution of any property, funds or debts you may have at time of your death. It is highly advisable to have legal advice in making a will. NZ has the 'Public Trust'-service to help with this or you may wish to use a private lawyer or an online service that includes this.

There will be a cost at some stage in this process. The process includes naming one or two executors (including a priest) of the will plus people to hold 'enduring powers of attorney' for your health and property. These come into action if you are incapacitated by illness or accident. The Public Trust website has good explanatory background on all this. If you are a priest from another diocese on loan, please advise the Vicar-General of your arrangements around these matters (in writing) in case you die here in NZ.

Here are a couple of links to find out more: Public Trust: www.publictrust.co.nz; Safewill: <https://safewill.com/nz>. The V-G is happy to clarify any aspects as necessary.

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CLEAN CATHOLIC JOKES

From: <https://humornama.com/jokes/catholic-jokes/>

What's the difference between a Roman and an Irish Catholic?

The strength of the communion wine.

How do you identify the Catholics at a Star Wars convention?

When you say, "May the force be with you!"

The Catholics all respond, "And with your spirit!"

How many Catholics does it take to screw in a light bulb?

None. They just stand in the dark and ask God what they did to deserve it.

Why can't Catholics travel at light speed?

Because they have mass.

A Franciscan and Benedictine and a Jesuit are walking down the road when the Holy family appears before them. The Benedictine falls to his knees and begins praising Christ. The Franciscan immediately goes to Mary and asks if he can help with the baby or if there is anything they need.

The Jesuit walks over to Joseph, casually puts his arm around his shoulders, and says, "So, have you thought about college?"

How do Catholics make holy water?

They boil the hell out of it.

How do Roman Catholics cook their food?

In a deep friar.