

Catholic Parish of Whangarei

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Dear each of you,

But special greetings and Blessings for all **Mothers**. We pray for our Mothers.

Each of us has inherited various pieces of wisdom from our parents and families.

One such piece comes to mind "**we are not out of the woods yet**".

From what Jacinda tells us we may have a glimmer of light, but we are still on a long journey.

You will have heard that when we move to Level 2 – we will be able to gather for Mass.

"Mass will however be limited to 100 people, and we need to look closely at how everything will work under the new rules. We hope to share more detailed information as soon as possible after the Prime Minister announces on Monday the actual date we move to Level 2.

God Bless, stay safe and enjoy your Bubbles." Bishop Pat Dunn

Yesterday I was talking to Anna Williams from **St Vincent De Paul**. She tells me they have been very busy supporting needy families with food parcels; even as far away as Kaikohe. Thankfully they received a Grant to assist in buying food.

Thank you to those who support the parish through **Planned Giving**. Hopefully you will have received your Tax Receipts.

This week I have assisted in delivering tax Receipts and new Envelopes. Keeping a safe distance it has been wonderful to see some parishioners.

Before the lock down I purchased an electric hair clipper. Thanks to Fr Peter I don't have a bad hair day (don't have much hair either). How many of you are hanging out to get to the hair dresser?

A big **Thank you** also to those who have been making phone contact with parishioners.

With your feed back it has helped us update the Parish roll. It will be good if we have email addresses of Parishioners also. All for ways of communication.

Our continued prayers and support through this time.

There is a prayer used after anointing of the sick:

“When we are afraid, give us courage

When we are afflicted, give us patience

When we are dejected give us hope

And when we are alone assure us of the support of your holy people.

Gods Love, Grace, and Blessings

Fr Chris Martin s.m.