



Te Tari Ā Motu Mō Ngā Ritenga  
**NATIONAL LITURGY OFFICE**  
 New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference



### Year of Mercy

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### Gems of Mercy

The latest Gems of Mercy are about prison fellowship from the *Fit For Mission* June 2016 newsletter and a prayer in solidarity with prisoners from the *Liturgy* June 2016 magazine. These, other gems, and Year of Mercy resources for parishes and schools are available on the NLO [Year of Mercy](#) webpage.

### Rite of Blessing for Expectant Parents and their Child in the Womb



The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has recently released a new publication – a *Rite of Blessing for Expectant Parents and their Child in the Womb*. For more information visit <http://tinyurl.com/h83jw9r>.

Note: please do not send money to the National Liturgy Office. An invoice will be sent with your order.

### Advice about the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary


In New Zealand, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August the Mass for Monday of the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time is to be celebrated.

### Resources for the 500<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Reformation

The Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity has developed a joint Catholic-Lutheran “Common Prayer” to commemorate 500 years of Reformation. The Common Prayer can be found here [https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/dtpw-lrc-liturgy-2016\\_en.pdf](https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/dtpw-lrc-liturgy-2016_en.pdf).

### Social Justice Week Resources and Liturgy Notes

“We all have a migration story.” The Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week. In 2016 it runs from 11-17 September and focuses on migration. Caritas have developed content that can support parishes to include this year’s theme in the



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Social Justice Week Sunday Celebration on the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. These are available online at [www.caritas.org.nz/social-justice-week](http://www.caritas.org.nz/social-justice-week).

### **National RCIA Conference 2016**

“Journey to the Source – Essential Elements of the RCIA”. The RCIA Conference this year will be held in Perth on 6-10 October. The featured keynote speaker for the conference is Mr. Nick Wagner from TeamRCIA. He will focus on utilizing online technology and resources for enhancing Christian Initiation. For more information about the conference and to register visit [www.cianetwork.net](http://www.cianetwork.net).

### **Some useful resources:**

#### **Mass 101: Liturgy and Life, Emily Strand, MA**

“Emily Strand has seamlessly woven together history, theology, rubrics, meaning, and pastoral wisdom about the Eucharistic celebration. Catechists, RCIA leaders, youth ministers, and more can learn from this master catechist.” – Bernadette Gasslein, Editor, Worship. This book is available at the Auckland Liturgy Centre Book Shop. Email [tinac@cda.org.nz](mailto:tinac@cda.org.nz)

#### **Sacred Space website**

This website offers a daily resource that helps you to pray every day with the help of on-screen guidance. The prayers are linked with seasons and scripture and with a ‘Meditation’ centre and focus. Visit [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie). This can also be installed into mobile devices, available on the App Store and on Google Play.

#### **Pope Francis’ prayer intentions, Youtube video**

The Vatican Youtube channel releases a short video every month on Pope Francis’ prayer intentions for that month. Here is the video for August 2016 <https://youtu.be/OMfsnLsekQU>.

#### **Spotlight on Statues – Pleroma Christian Supplies**

To view their full range of statues click [here](#). Happy statue hunting!



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