



# Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



Sunday 21st April 2024

4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday



***“No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people.”***

**Pope Francis**

## **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*“Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace.”* Pope Francis' Message 2024

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is observed every year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we find the essence of every vocation. Each person is called, and everyone plays a role within the Church.

Today is a significant moment to show appreciation for those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood. They commit themselves to spreading the Gospel, sharing their lives and the Eucharist, sowing seeds of hope, and unveiling the magnificence of God's realm to all.

Pope Francis, in his message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, says, “In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: “Rise up!” Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: “Have the courage to commit!” Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenseless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive. Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.”

### Important Dates

**Sunday 21 April**

National Vocations Awareness Week begins.

**Sunday 21 April Adoration**

**3.00pm to 4.00pm**  
St Joseph's Church

**Thursday 2 May**

Alpha starts

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Weekly Adoration at St Joseph's Church begins  
7.00pm - 8.00pm

**Sunday 5 May**

Weekly Sunday Adoration at Our Lady Help of Christians Church begins  
3.00pm - 4.00pm

**Sunday 12 May**

St Joseph's School led Mass  
(note change of date)

**Sunday 19 May**

Older Children's Baptism Preparation 4.00pm,  
St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 19 May**

Beginning of Laudato Si' Week

**OUR NEW PARISH VISION**

**A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD FOR MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP  
GATHERED AROUND JESUS CHRIST FED WITH THE EUCHARIST AND  
SENT TO TRANSFORM LIVES EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**



## GENERAL NOTICES

**DIOCESE OF PN ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION: St Joseph's Church, New Plymouth – Thursday 9 May 2024.** We wish to invite you to our Diocesan presentation on our annual report. Liam Greer, Diocesan Manager will be introducing the report and will discuss key areas of focus for the diocese, followed by Bishop John Adams, who will share some ideas for Parish renewal in our Diocese.

The presentation will be held in the St Joseph's Church, 106 Powderham Street, New Plymouth Thursday 9 May 2024. We will commence with a cup of tea/coffee at 4.20pm, followed by the start of the presentation at 4.30pm.

**MESSAGE FROM FR TRUNG:** Fr Trung would very much enjoy visiting parishioners. If you would like a visit or chat with Fr Trung, please phone him directly - 022 062 6726.

**STREET PARKING IN CLINTON STREET OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH:** Please take care where you park your car on Clinton Street. There have been some changes to the painted parking places. Some parking spots have been taken out so please ensure that you are not parking over driveways or an access to a garage. Please look out for the new yellow lines.



## LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2024

Sunday 19 May - 26 May 2024. This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "first fruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love.

Latin for "Praised Be," Laudato Si' is the name of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home – planet earth. The letter is addressed to "every person living on this planet" and calls for a global dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet through our daily actions and decisions. More information can be found at [www.laudatosiweek.org](http://www.laudatosiweek.org)

## TRY ALPHA!

Beginning Soon

Thurs | 02 May | 2024



Register now at [www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/)  
Contact - [alphateam@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:alphateam@catholicparishnp.nz)

**TAX RECEIPTS:** All tax receipts have been emailed or are available as a hard copy in the church foyers. If you have difficulty in locating your hard copy receipt please contact the Parish Office. Contact us too, if you have any queries about your receipts.

**SPECIAL MINISTERS TO THE SICK:** Each week we have more than 60 Special Ministers taking communion to the sick and elderly in their homes and rest homes. Recently the group joined together for a pot luck meal of delicious food. After the main and prior to dessert (lovely trifle) we talked about our ministry. Ideas and suggestions were put forward. One, we are going to make name badges for those who want them. It was a lovely evening and a great way to meet others sharing this ministry



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Nora Lynch, our parishioner who turned 104 this week. Our Special Minister to the Sick, Diane, who takes Communion to Nora weekly was invited to the celebratory birthday morning tea.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL TUESDAY COMMUNITY MEAL:

At the moment we are running a little short on regular cooks. As I am sure you are aware, these are people who will be able to cook a specific type of food once a month. Community Meals are also looking for either extra helpers for months that have 5 weeks (30 April, 30 July and 29 October) OR a group who would be able to cook, serve and clean up in months that have 5 weeks (July and October).



Weekly cooks (one dish, once a month) are required for:

Pasta Bake (or something similar) for 20 people Week 3 and Week 4 of each month

3kg Potatoes (potato bake, roasted, mashed or boiled) Week 4 of each month

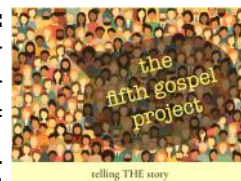
Dessert (fruit crumble or similar cake) for 20 people Week 2 and Week 4 of each month.



I can be contacted by email ([eogooch@gmail.com](mailto:eogooch@gmail.com)) or 022 643 0252 With thanks Liz

### THE FIFTH GOSPEL PROJECT:

Father John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication, stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation, and send an experience (up to 400 words - before the end of April) by email to [john@fff.org.nz](mailto:john@fff.org.nz) More information on this mission is at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>



Actual and Budget information for the Financial Quarters to 31 March 2024 are shown below. Due to the generosity of parishioners, we have finished with a surplus of \$3,580.39 at 31 March 2024.

The Special collections for the period is \$44,932.00. These funds have all been paid to the Diocese of Palmerston North, for allocation to the groups .

**First Quarter 2024: October 2023 to December 2023**

	Actual	Budget
Income	153,285.34	137,815.00
Expenses	193,805.40	183,549.00
Deficit	\$40,520.06	\$45,734.00

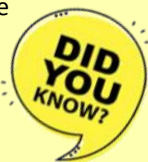
**Second Quarter 2024: January to March 2024**

Income	189,958.48	137,895.00
Expenses	145,858.03	147,158.00
Surplus	\$44,100.45	\$9,263.00

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS APRIL 2023 to MARCH 2024**

Dues Easter and Christmas	18,411.40
Holy Places	4,287.80
Caritas Lenten Appeal	3,769.20
Māori Education	1,648.30
Mission Aotearoa	4,125.10
Peter's Pence	2,943.90
Seminary	4,302.60
Sick and Retired Priests	5,743.70
<b>Total Special Collections for the Year</b>	<b>\$44,932.00</b>

Did you know that among the early Christians, the Sign of the Cross was probably the most universal expression of faith. It appears often in the documents of the period. In most places, the custom was simply to trace the cross upon the forehead.



Some writers (such as St Jerome and St Augustine) describe Christians tracing the cross on the forehead, then the lips and then the heart, as modern Western Catholics do just before the reading of the Gospel. This is not only an act of worship, it is a reminder of who we are. "Father, Son and Holy Spirit" reflects a family relationship, the inner life and eternal communion of God. By making the Sign of the Cross we begin the Holy Mass with a reminder that we are children of God. (excerpt from The Lamb's Supper, Scott Hahn).

FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH NEW PLYMOUTH REPERTORY SOCIETY  
PROUDLY PRESENT

# JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

DIRECTED BY LISA STUCK

LYRICS BY TIM RICE  
MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

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Repertory Theatre: 7:30 pm, Matinee 2 pm

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WE MEET DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

Junior Youth Group | Year 4-8  
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Youth Group | Year 9 - 13  
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

## Youth Mass

SUNDAY, 28 APRIL 2024  
5:30PM

Inviting all young people in the parish to attend this YOUTH MASS!

# YOUTH GROUP

YEAR 9 - 13

We meet every Sunday during the school term from 6.30pm to 8.30pm!

St. Joseph's Church HALL

FRIENDS - FUN - FAITH

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

### NO YOUTH GROUPS

Youth Groups are taking a break. Make sure to create lasting memories with your loved ones. We will resume on Sunday, 5 May.

Hey there, teens! If you're 13 to 18 years old, join our awesome Youth Group! Dive into the world of Jesus with us, where we mix faith with loads of fun and love. Plus, who knows, you might just score some new buddies along the way!

### COME AND SEE | SUN, 5 MAY

"Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Give yourselves over to the best of life!"  
CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 143 - POPE FRANCIS

**We pray for our deceased family and friends:** Felicity Woodfield, Con Coulton, Russell Radford, Marie Hickey, Margaret and Jim O'Connell, Elle-Rose Gudopp, Owen Goodwin and Natalie Roebuck.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND SEMINARIAN APPEAL 21 APRIL 2024

On the 4th Sunday of Easter Time, 21 April 2024, we are invited to pray for those called to serve through priestly vocation. The day also marks the beginning of our National Vocations Awareness Week. We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood.

Currently, we have one seminarian Dung Manh Phan at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. After returning from Vietnam, in July 2022 Dung studied papers for his degree. In 2023 he joined the year one cohort for his formation year 1 and this year, he is in year 2, studying fulltime towards his theology degree. Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen, and Duy Pham, from Vietnam, arrived in New Zealand in 2022 to learn English before hopefully joining the seminary. However, it was with sadness that Duy returned to Vietnam early this year, due to health reasons.

For young people, remember that being a priest is always another option for your life. If you are thinking about it, please talk to any of our diocesan priests you may know. Parents, if your children are interested in the vocation of priesthood, please encourage them, and pray for them. Please feel free to contact our Diocese of Palmerston North Director, Fr Trung Nguyen on 022 062 6726 or email [vocations@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:vocations@pndiocese.org.nz)

We ask you to please support our Seminarians with financial support and prayer. Please continue to pray for more candidates. Thank you in advance for your contribution no matter how small.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Specially marked envelopes are attached to the hard copy newsletter today and will also be available in the foyer. Those on planned giving will already have donation envelopes. Alternatively please pay by direct credit 02 0630 0288002 03 using your name and planned giving number (if available) and the collection name, *Seminarian Appeal*, as a reference. And of course cash as the collection is taken up, is welcomed. The special collection will be taken up after Communion today, a change from last week's newsletter.

**FR TRUNG'S JOURNEY TO PRIESTHOOD:** I was born and raised in a catholic family being one of seven children. Many of you would know that there are six boys and one girl in my family. For most Vietnamese babies, when they get baptised, the parents choose a patron saint for them. It is not recorded in the civil documents, but it will be in the baptism record. Our parents have chosen St Joseph as the patron saint for three of the boys and St Peter for the other three, and Lien is Mary. My parents told me that they prayed hard that there might be one of us who would become a priest in the future, especially from those who they chose St Peter as their patron saint.

Well, God must have been listening! Two "Josephs" and two "Peters" are following the vocation to the priesthood. I was ordained as a priest on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2020. My younger brother was ordained on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 who belongs to The Missionaries of St. Charles - Scalabrinians, and is now serving in Florida, US. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, my older brother will be ordained as a priest for the Arch Diocese of Washington DC, and my youngest brother has made his First Profession and is studying in Rome with the Institute of Charity (The Rosminians).

Looking back to my vocation, I think that it is based on "two yeses". I became an altar boy when I was 10 years old. One day, in the morning, I went to Mass with my father as normal. He went to see the priest after Mass for something because he did voluntary work for the parish council. I was following my father. The priest saw me and asked "Do you want to go with me"? I asked him, "Where and when?" He told me that he was about to move to another place and if I wanted to, I could go with him". Without thinking, I said "Yes". Assisting priests in a parish is common thing in Vietnam. This was the first yes that started my journey. It was the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2001 when I was 12 years old.

I stayed with him for 7 years. My main job was preparing the altar and serving in the Mass every morning. In 2007, I went to Ho Chi Minh City to study at the university. My major was philosophy and during that time I began to recognise the strength of my vocation. I had always wanted to be a priest and serve God.

In 2011, when I have been asked to come to New Zealand to train to be a priest. I was very surprised and thought: "Am I brave enough to leave my country? Can I leave my family? I began to think and pray that I would make the right decision for my life. After many months of praying and asking my spiritual director for his advice, I said "Yes". That second 'yes' lead me to the Palmerston North Diocese.

I arrived in New Zealand on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2012. Palmerston North Diocese has become my home. I feel the love of all the people around me. When I look back on my journey, I know that I would not be standing here without the grace from God, through the prayers of all of you, and especially your help and support. You look after me as your child, talking to me as your friend and loving me as you love God. I am always grateful for that.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. I ask you humbly to pray for me and all the priests that we may serve God and you, His people, ever more faithfully. Fr Trung.

Congratulations to Fr Craig Butler, Whanganui Parish Priest, (and our Fr Craig, former Parish Priest here in New Plymouth) who will represent the Catholic priests of Aotearoa New Zealand at a gathering of 300 priests from around the world at the Vatican at the “Parish Priests for the Synod: An International Meeting” in Rome from 28 April to 2 May. Fr Craig was nominated by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference to attend the gathering, which is being held as part of the countdown to October’s second session of the Synod on Synodality.



Fr Craig has been a priest for nearly 30 years in the Diocese of Palmerston North, including 22 as a parish priest. He is a member of the diocesan College of Consultors, the Council of Priests and was the Local Administrator for several years until Bishop John Adams was appointed bishop last year. His work has included youth ministry and helping international priests to settle in New Zealand.

“I’m humbled to be asked to go,” says Fr Craig. “I’m looking forward to the experience and the chance to meet Pope Francis there, something I never thought I would experience. I wrote to the priests of New Zealand recently saying I’ve been asked to go to Rome as a parish priest, knowing I couldn’t possibly represent them all, and asking if they would share with me their experiences of the synodal process. While I wasn’t hugely involved with the Synod process at the parish level when it began, when I became Local Administrator, I became very involved. It’s a wonderful way to hear what the Holy Spirit has to say to us from people whose voices are not always heard.”



Fr Trung at his Thanksgiving Mass in Vietnam, with his parents and grandmother, who could not be at the Ordination in NZ, as the borders were closed by the Covid pandemic.

Kia ora, I am Nigel Murray from Woodville in the Tararua District of our diocese. Since completing my seminary studies in Auckland in 2013, I undertook a 40-day pilgrimage, walking the Camino de Santiago. A “true” road to Emmaus experience. I was destined to join a missionary community in the Philippines when a Super Typhoon hit the central region. Seeing the news reports, I was prompted further in God’s call for me to go and help. Plunging into the depths of mission initially, I gained a wellspring of experience that equipped me further in my vocation and grounded my faith further in service of others, that is the Church. Circumstances in God’s will and timing led me to finish my journey in the Philippines near the end of 2017.

Over the last 6 years, I ended up in Perth, Western Australia. Continually being prompted by the Holy Spirit and exploring my vocation further in Perth with the local Church, God had not given up on me. Our new bishop, John Adams, had arrived, after much patience and prayer. I was further prompted by my friends and the Holy Spirit to write a letter and then meet with Bishop Adams last December, while on my holiday trip to be with family for Christmas. The decision was made for me to pack up my life in Western Australia and discern further my vocation to priesthood back in my home diocese of Palmerston North. I have just had a month in Hastings Parish with Fr. Marcus and Fr. Vijay. Now here in New Plymouth, I hope to have a good learning experience with the joy of meeting you over the coming weeks.

Discernment is a gift from God; my journey of discernment is long. It requires of me to stay on the path of holiness. However, not only depending on my own personal experience, I journey with the people I am present with, the priests, and my bishop who discern alongside me. With God’s grace through the Holy Spirit, and with a burning heart, I am impelled to make the leap of faith. “They left their nets and followed Him” (Mk 1:18).

The Peace of Christ be with you all, Nigel.



Taranaki PARS wishes to thank all those who donated sleeping bags which have been gratefully received! PARS

would now appreciate any donations of small/medium sized tents and other camping equipment such as small gas cookers and insulated sleeping mats, or yoga mats to even further support people in need. Please contact PARS at (06) 758 1361 to talk about delivery/collection. Small items can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

To young people, DO NOT BE AFRAID to follow the vocation to the priesthood or Religious Life. As human beings, we are all limited, fragile, and we do not feel worthy of this vocation. But are you willing? By the grace of God, you can become his instrument to spread the good news, bringing God’s love to His people through the sacraments, through the consecrated life and through joyful ministry along the hikoi of life.



# JUNIOR LEADERS CAMP

Friday, 22 March - Sunday, 24 March 2024



It is both a privilege and an honour to present the Junior Leaders for the Confirmation Programme 2024. They are *Annabelle Joyce, Chastine Mendoza, Clarence Chan, Connell Hagenson, Danielle Evaristo, Ellie Edgcombe, Florence Parker, Frankie Blackbourn, Gabriella Gonouya, Hannah Montalla, Harry Scott, Isaac Cameron, Isaac Lamb, Kate Beckett, Kendrick Torres, Livie Murray, Lucy Forsyth, Mary Brown, Matthew Connelly, Meliz Cerda, Monica Joyce, Oliver Howarth, Patricia Malapit, Rhen Macalalag, Sienna Asi, Sindiso Mpfu, and Zach Bernardo.*

From Friday, 22 March, to Sunday, 24 March 2024, 24 out of the 27 Junior Leaders gathered at Vertical Horizon in Inglewood for a leadership formation weekend.

During the weekend, they delved into the essence of Servant Leadership, learned how to lead small groups, engage in relational ministry, and share personal testimony, and engaged in various team-building activities and games that honed their communication, teamwork, and listening skills. On Sunday morning, we came together to discuss the upcoming confirmation programme.

The weekend ended with attending the 5:30pm Mass at St. Joseph's Church, where the Junior Leaders received blessings from Fr. Trung and were commissioned.

Registrations for the Confirmation Programme 2024 are now closed. If you know teenagers aged 15 or older who expressed interest in joining but missed the registration deadline, kindly contact me at [youth@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz).

The Confirmation Programme 2024 is scheduled to commence on Monday, 6 May 2024, from 7pm to 9pm at the church hall, starting with a session for parents and candidates. With the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they are prepared to walk alongside the candidates for Confirmation this year.

Your prayers are appreciated to help these 58 candidates approach the programme with open hearts to receive God's blessings.

**Susilo Kentjana**



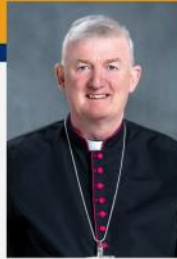


## NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS' COUNCIL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

TE RŌPU O NGĀ RANGATAHI O  
TE RŪNANGA O NGĀ PĪHOPA  
KATORIKA O AOTEAROA



**NICK WILSON**  
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**LINEA SIMONS**  
DUNEDIN



**MIRIAMA ALLEN**  
TŪRANGA MĀORI

In September 2023, Bishop John Adams appointed me to represent the Diocese of Palmerston North on the New Zealand Catholic Bishop Conference (NZCBC) Council for Young People - Te Roopu o ngā Rangatahi o te Rūnanga o ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa.

The Council for Young People comprises Nick Wilson (Chair), Samuel Brebner (Auckland), Christyna Malietoa-Brown (Hamilton), Susilo Kentjana (Palmerston North), Louise Llyod (Wellington), Mark Currie (Christchurch), Linea Simons (Dunedin), and Miriama Allen (Tūranga Māori), with Bishop John Adams as the Bishop's Representative.

Let me share a bit of who we are. The Council for Young People is established by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference. We support the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand in their ministry among young people, reporting through the Conference's Commission for Church. The Council will be guided in its work by scripture and policies set by the NZCBC, in addition to consultation with Te Rūnanga o Te Hāhi Katorika o Aotearoa to deepen bi-cultural understandings. We meet twice a year for face-to-face meetings and regular Zoom meetings.

Last week, I journeyed to Auckland from Wednesday, 10 April, to Thursday, 11 April 2024, for our first face-to-face meeting this year. During our discussions, we covered various topics such as youth formation in worship and Liturgy, Pope Francis' announcement of a Jubilee Year in 2025, the Pilgrimage for young people, World Youth Day in 2027, and forthcoming conventions for young people. "In 2027, I envision 500 young people from New Zealand, with 100 from the Diocese of Palmerston North, participating in World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea," expressed Bishop John during the meeting. This objective sets the tone as the council commences its efforts and preparations for WYD 2027.

I am honoured to contribute to shaping the faith of young people in New Zealand, particularly in the Diocese of Palmerston North. Your prayers are valued as we embark on this meaningful journey.

**Susilo Kentjana** *Council for Young People - Diocese of Palmerston North Representative*

**CHAIR IN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY AND CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES:** The University of Otago's Theology Programme needs financial support to establish an endowment fund of \$4,000,000 to support a full-time, permanent Chair of Catholic Theology. The Chair will facilitate the development of a strong culture of research in Catholic Theology, and focus on engagement between Catholic Theology and contemporary society.

Support will enable the University of Otago Theology Programme to develop leaders with courage, confidence, faith and leadership, and to increase the capability, academic depth and quality of research in Catholic Theology.

To donate or for further information, please get in touch with Tanner Skillings [tanner.skillings@otago.ac.nz](mailto:tanner.skillings@otago.ac.nz) or 021 279 8968 or go to <https://alumni.otago.ac.nz/donate/catholic>

To find more information about the University of Otago's Theology Programme please visit [otago.ac.nz/theology/index.html](https://otago.ac.nz/theology/index.html)

# WEEKLY MASSES: 22 April to 28 April 2024

Fourth Sunday of the month

	MON 22 April	TUES 23 April	WED 24 April	THURS 25 April	FRI 26 April	SAT 27 April	SUN 28 April
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.00am	ANZAC DAY 8.30am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am			5.30pm	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	

**MASS TIMES:** Due to unforeseen circumstances Mass times can be changed after the printing of the Newsletter, therefore please refer to the APP or website [www.catholicparishnp.nz](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz) for updated information. There are no Masses at the colleges or at St Pius X during the school holidays.

**KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH:** Each Sunday at OLHC 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities.

**CHILDRENS LITURGY ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH** in the foyer at 9.00am Mass. We welcome kids from kindy age. If your child is younger than this they are welcome too, but just need an adult to come with them.

**LOST AND FOUND:** We have in the office a pair of lovely blue rosary beads found in the church after a weekday Mass. And we also have an unnamed purse with a few notes in it. Please contact the Parish Office if these are your items.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests. (Phone the office 757 3682)

## ADORATION:

Today Sunday 21 April 3.00pm to 4.00pm to pray for Vocations.

Our Lady Help of Christians Tuesday 9.35am to 10.30am after Mass.

Each Thursday from 2 May at St Joseph's Church 7.00pm.

First Sunday of the month Adoration from 3.00pm - 4.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians.

**MORNING PRAYER:** Monday and Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday at 8.10am. Please go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

28 April 2024                      5th Sunday of Easter

**FIRST READING:** Acts 9.26-31

**PSALM:** 22

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3.18-24

**GOSPEL:** John 15.1-8

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