



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 28th April 2024
5th Sunday of Easter



Important Dates

Each Monday

Worship Music
with Kadisha
St Joseph's Church
11.00am - 11.30am

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

Monday 6 May

First Confirmation Session
Parents must attend with
Confirmation Candidate.
St Joseph's Church Hall
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Sunday 12 May

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

Sunday 19 May

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



**PARISH
PRIEST**



Fr Simon Story

Dear Parishioners,

There was an awesome meeting last week! The intention to become a mission-charged parish was discussed by parish leaders. It was a joyful meeting with people so keen to see renewal and the focus on evangelisation. Two people from Divine Renovation met with us to see how we were going. It was an affirming and encouraging discussion of the progress we have made and of the people who share in the vision. We all have so much we want to see happen for the kingdom of God, and to realise our vision, yet see the need for patience and for the celebration of incremental wins. We spoke of the 300 people who came to the vision launch panel discussion and of our

new Bishop John Adams who is so keen to support parishes in renewal. We remembered the 200 people who came to listen to Fr. Chris Ryan speak about the *Case for Mission*. (Recording can be seen on our parish YouTube channel). We spoke of the quiet growing sense of the Holy Spirit in our parish family. We longed to raise more leaders of mission. People who will carry the vision. We spoke of the next Alpha beginning 2 May, trending toward 50 guests. The mission plan is almost completed with the parish pastoral council and mission discernment team working together on this. We are on an exciting journey.

On another note, the parish finance committee has entered a rental agreement with Roderique Hope Trust to make available an ex-convent/presbytery on Brooklands Road. Roderique Hope Trust uses the house for emergency and transitional housing. They monitor the families who occupy the house with support.

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



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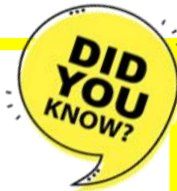
TAX RECEIPTS: All tax receipts have been emailed or are available as a hard copy in the church foyers. If you have difficulty in locating your hard copy receipt please contact the Parish Office. Contact us too, if you have any queries about your receipts.

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 keys 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.

There's a prayer called the "I don't know prayer"? It's very spiritual. You just go off somewhere quiet and hidden, and you just walk right up to God and you say, "I don't know".
"I don't know where to go from here.
I don't know what's happening.
I don't know how to process this.
I don't know what to do with these emotions.
I don't know how to handle this situation".

It covers a lot of I don't knows.
And then, with whatever little dusty sand grain of faith you have, you say..... "but You know".



GENERAL NOTICES

CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 3 May - Committee Meeting at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church foyer.



CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 3 May after the 12.05pm Mass at St Joseph's. CWL offer a delicious lunch. Plated sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee for just \$7, and this also includes a raffle ticket! This is a fundraising activity for the CWL, so the more guests at lunch, the more CWL can help others.

ROSTERS: We are beginning to make the rosters for the next period, June/July/August. If you have any special requests please contact the roster co-ordinator or the Parish Office for St Joseph's, or Helen Chitty - helen4sun@hotmail.com for Our Lady Help of Christians.

MARIAN MOTHERS next meeting will be held Thursday night, 2nd May at 7pm at OLHC (Our Lady Help of Christian's) church foyer, 24 Clinton Street, Fitzroy. me along and join in with prayer over a cuppa. Please bring a small plate. Any queries phone Glenda 021 323 765.



TYBURN MONASTERY NGAKURU: Is seeking pink belladonna lily bulbs. If you are willing to donate any please contact the Parish Office.

AN INVITATION TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK:

You are invited to a journey of discovery of the Gospel of Mark. Over 5 sessions we will read and study the overall structure of the Gospel.

We will look more closely at some chapters and deepen our understanding of what it meant to be an Apostle in the time of Jesus and what it means to us now.

Curious about the Bible? Want to read it but don't know where to start?

Please join us weekly, starting this Tuesday 30 April, 7.30pm in the Supper Room at St Joseph's Church Hall.



**ASSISTANT
PRIEST**



Fr Trung Nguyen

The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary and "it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven.

During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

For that reason, people are encouraged to say rosary or do different activities to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not only in the Church, but it is also at home. Parents can teach your children to honour Mother Mary at home by decorating a place for Her. When we doing that we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our home, the domestic church and through that we are fully participate in the life of the universal church.



We also need to remember that we honour the Blessed virgin Mary not only because it is a long tradition of the church, but we need to remember that she is mother of the Lord and our mother and she continue to cares for us all the day of our lives by interceding for us in front of the Lord. For that she deserves a whole month of honour.



MUSIC MINISTRY



Amelia—Music Coordinator

Following a break after quite a full term one, looking forward to rehearsals starting up again with all the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth's Music Ministry groups!

The term starts with The Mustard Seeds at Youth Mass on Sunday 28 April at 5.30pm. Our new drum-kit and microphones have arrived, so will be good to start using these!



Seedlings also resume their rehearsals this coming week. We'll be looking at some new music, and the adult singers will be trialing a new Song-leaders/Cantor week-day rehearsal time.



Please contact me if you are interested in joining any of these groups.

Little Angels will be starting up again for term 2 from Monday 29 April 9.00am at OLHC. Little Angels will run every Monday during term time (except public holidays) Pre-schoolers and their caregivers are welcome to join us for play, music and morning tea.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To all parishioners, I am thrilled to announce that a dear friend from Singapore will be joining us for two 3-month periods to assist me as the youth minister, supporting our Youth Group and other parish activities.

Her name is Beverley Kannangara, and she will be arriving in New Plymouth on 20 June and staying until early September. She will return from December 2024 to February 2025.



Pictured above: Beverley

I am in search of a fully furnished room to rent, capable of accommodating Beverley and her husband Zach during his time off from work on the ship. Kindly inform me if you have a spare room available for my friend. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated and contributes to my work in the parish. Please feel free to share this information with others. **Susilo**

CONGRATULATIONS RAIN AND BEN!

Last Saturday, Rain Forest (our previous Parish Youth Minister) and Ben Shore were married at the St Joseph's Chapel, Cullinane College in Whanganui. Pictured right: The Wedding Cake - Susilo our Parish Youth Minister made the cake - banana cake with butter cream cheese cinnamon frosting. Pictured below: Mo, Karen, Rain, Ben and Susilo. We wish Rain and Ben all the very best as they begin married life.



<p>SHINE</p> <p>VAULT CORNER</p> <p>ILLUMIN8 YOUTH</p>	<p>WE MEET DURING THE SCHOOL TERM</p> <p>SHINE Junior Youth Group Year 4-8 Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>ILLUMIN8 Youth Group Year 9-13 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL</p>
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TERM TWO YOUTH GROUPS ARE BACK ON SUNDAY, 5 MAY

If this is your debut, a grand welcome awaits you! We can't wait to have you with us!

<p>JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>SHINE</p> <p>If you're Year 4 - 8, this group is for you!</p> <p>We meet at St. Joseph's Church Hall every Sunday during the school term from 4pm to 5pm!</p> <p>For more information, contact: YOUTH MINISTER - Susilo: gowth@stjosephs.org.nz YOUNG FAMILY MINISTER - Karen: gowthfamilyminister@stjosephs.org.nz</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>ILLUMIN8</p> <p>YEAR 9-13</p> <p>We meet every Sunday during the school term from 6.30pm to 8.30pm!</p> <p>St. Joseph's Church HALL</p> <p>FRIENDS - FUN - FAITH</p>
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SOCIAL NIGHT SUNDAY, 5 MAY

Hey there, youngsters! Get ready to rock next Sunday! We kick things off with a Mass at 5:30pm, followed by dinner and a whole lot of fun at the Hall!

"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:** Deceased members of the Miles and Jones Families, Rodney Irving, Wally Leuthard, Irene Offord, James O'Connell, Betty Fleming, Marie Leuthard, Molly Radich, Kevin Slattery, Judy Scott and Jack Zentveld.

WEEKLY MASSES: 29 April to 5 May 2024 First Sunday of the month

	MON 29 April	TUES 30 April	WED 1 May	THURS 2 May	FRI 3 May	SAT 4 May	SUN 5 May
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.30am 11.00am Anointing Mass	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am			5.30pm	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block Catholic Centre							10.30am
Francis Douglas Chapel				2.20pm			
Sacred Heart Mary's Chapel				9.50am			
St Pius X School					9.00am		

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 for updated information.

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: 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:

5 May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING:

Acts 10.25-26, 34-35,
44-48

PSALM:

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SECOND READING:

1 John 4. 7-10

GOSPEL:

John 15. 9-17

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