



# Parish Newsletter

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 1 May 2022

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## ALPHA:



Meet new  
people &  
explore faith  
together.



CONNECT WITH NEW  
PEOPLE IN YOUR AREA



WATCH AN EPISODE ON  
A TOPIC OF FAITH



ASK QUESTIONS AND  
SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Alpha

You are invited to be part of the Parish's Alpha experience. Over 10 weeks, we explore the basics of the Christian faith in a series of interactive sessions in an open, informal, and honest space. Some of the questions covered include: *Is there more to life than this? Why did Jesus die? Why and how do I pray? Who is the Holy Spirit?*

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - 9:45 - 11:15am, St Joseph's Supper room.
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – 7.00pm - 8:30pm, Our Lady's Church, Fitzroy.
- **On-line Alpha, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May** 7:30pm - 9:00pm.

Registration forms are available in church foyers or register online at <https://www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/>  
For more information, please contact Albert – [ahjchow@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ahjchow@xtra.co.nz)

## FROM POPE FRANCIS

Dear brothers and sisters, every war brings in its wake consequences that affect the entire human family: from grief and mourning to the drama of refugees, and to the economic and food crisis, the signs of which we are already seeing. Faced with the continuing signs of war, as well as the many painful setbacks to life, Jesus Christ, the victor over sin, fear and death, exhorts us not to surrender to evil and violence. Brothers and sisters, may we be won over by the peace of Christ! Peace is possible; peace is a duty; peace is everyone's primary responsibility!  
(Excerpt from Pope Francis' Easter Message 2022).

**Vision Statement:** The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is a healthy and growing Eucharistic faith community that brings people to Christ, forms disciples, and sends them out to transform the world. We commit to worship, to grow, to serve, to connect, and to give.

## COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

March 2022 Collection Totals:

Clergy Trust Fund: \$11,929.00

Parish: \$33,256.00

**PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS:** If the plate is not in circulation during Mass, there will be a collector in the foyer after Mass. Envelopes can also be dropped off to the Parish Office or popped into our secure letter box at the Office entrance. Donations can be made through internet banking even if you usually give via envelopes. Please use your name and Planned Giving number as references.

Please consider moving from envelope giving to online giving or giving by automatic payments.

Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

Ministry of Health recommends the use of contactless donations instead of a cash collection – PayWave devices are available in Mass centre foyers for your convenience and safety.

**TAX RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts are available in Church foyers today. If you have trouble locating your receipt, please contact the Parish Office.

**SEMINARIAN APPEAL - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022:** We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood. Currently, we have one seminarian who is at the seminary in Vietnam. Our prayers are that he will return to New Zealand as soon as possible to study at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland, in semester 2 of 2022.

We are also currently applying for student visas for three young men from Vietnam who will come here to learn English before joining the seminary. We expect them to be in New Zealand by July 2022.

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

There will be a special collection after Mass – 8<sup>th</sup> May for cash and envelope donations. Seminary Appeal envelopes are attached to the Parish Newsletter for those who are not on planned giving. Please write your details on the envelope if you wish to have a Tax Receipt sent to you. Donations can also be made via the Parish App.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME:** Starts Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 7-9pm Saint Joseph's Church Hall. Parents are required to attend the first Confirmation Session.

Registration for the Confirmation Programme is still open for teenagers in Year 11-13.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation. It deepens and strengthens in us the life of the Holy Spirit and of God that began at baptism.

Register online today! Go to Sacraments tab on the parish website [www.catholicparishnp.nz](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz) You will need your baptism details, and your Parent or Guardian with you to fill it in. Contact Rain for more information [youth@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz) or 027 757 3612

## FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. In May, the prayer is for Faith-Filled Young People - we pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

## GENERAL NOTICES

**POSTPONEMENT OF PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022:** The AGM and presentation of the Parish Centre Plans originally set for the 1 May has been postponed. We will advise the new date as soon as practicable.

### SHINE - JUNIOR YOUTH

**GROUP:** This Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> May, 4pm to 5pm. Shine is for year 4 - 8's and will be held at St Joseph's Hall in the Red-Carpet Room - down the end of the hallway past the toilets.



**ILLUMIN8 YOUTH GROUP:** This Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> May 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the St Joseph's Hall. Come along and join in the fun, fellowship, faith and food! "Building love and developing Friendship with Christ."

### CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON:

6<sup>th</sup> May at the OLHC Church, Fitzroy - after the 12:05 Mass. Sales table and raffle, plus lunch for \$7.00. Please join us.



### CWL COMMITTEE MEETING:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May - 10:30am, OLHC Church, Fitzroy.

### CHRISTOPHER LUKE ORGAN RECITAL:

Christopher Luke will present a selection of organ music, Tuesday 3 May, 1pm in St Joseph's Church. Entry by gold coin. All proceeds are donated to St Vincent de Paul.

**ROSTERS:** We are beginning to organise some of the rosters for June/July/August. If you have any special requests, please let the organiser of your roster know.

**FLOWER ROSTER - ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:** If you love flowers, would you like to help arrange the flowers in the church? This would only be a commitment of four times during the year. If you would like to know more please call Janice 06 7536321 evenings or text 021 948 587.

**RESOURCES FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022:** Resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are now available to download from the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference website. The Week is celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday - 29 May to 5 June. The resources are handy for individuals, especially the Eight Days of Prayer section. The chosen theme for 2022 is "*We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him,*" and is based on Matthew 2:2. Full resources available: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wpcu2022/>

**MIGRANT FARMERS DINNER:**

Migrant Connections Taranaki and Rural Support are partnering to provide a free dinner for migrant farmers, their families and friends on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 5.30pm – 8.30pm, Manaia Golf Club, 117 Bennett Drive, Manaia. Guest speaker is Raul Gomez Salinas – 2021 DairyNZ Farm Manager of the Year. Please RSVP by email to [coordinator@trst.org.nz](mailto:coordinator@trst.org.nz). The purpose of this evening is to bring the Taranaki community together to relax and enjoy each other's company after a stressful two years. Migrant Connections Taranaki and Taranaki Rural Support look forward to being with you and sharing a fun and super relaxing evening.



**REDEDICATION OF THE STATUE OF ST JOSEPH:**

On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, at 12.30pm, in the St Joseph's Church foyer, New Plymouth, the statue of St Joseph will be rededicated for the parents – John and Barbara, of the donor Burkett family, This Ceremony will be among the first celebrations to commemorate the 150-year anniversary of the arrival of Polish immigrants in Lyttleton. John Burkett was in this group.

**VOCATION AND DISCERNMENT RETREAT:** Will be held from the 26 – 28 August 2022 at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. A small koha fee for participants. Registrations – please email Father Trung Nguyen – [pettrung89@gmail.com](mailto:pettrung89@gmail.com)

**TV AND ONLINE SUNDAY MASS OPTIONS:**

For those who are unable to attend Mass, the following TV and online options are available:

- Shine TV - 2pm Sunday - watch Mass celebrated at the Auckland Diocese. Freeview Channel 25 and Sky TV channel 201
- Tongariro Parish Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am <http://tongarirocatholic.nz/mass-live/>

Please pass on this information to those who may not see the Parish Newsletter.

**FORMED:** An online library resource for anyone in the parish. Instructions to access:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish name: Catholic Parish of NP
3. Enter your name and email.

**ORANGE LIGHT LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS:**

- **PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHILE AT MASS**
- Congregations are unlimited.
- The holy water fonts remain empty.
- Keep 1 metre distancing.
- Communion will be under only one kind – the host will be handed to each person.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:**

- **MAY MEETING:** St Vincent de Paul New Plymouth will be held in the supper room of St Joseph's Hall on Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Anyone interested in the work of St Vincent de Paul Society is welcome to attend.
- **TAX RECEIPTS:** For those who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal in February are available for pick up in the foyer of St Joseph's church. They are filed in with the receipts for Parish donations.
- **THANK YOU:** To the students from SHGC and FDMC who took part in the recent St Vincent de Paul fund raising effort at The Warehouse stocktake – and to the parents and teachers who supported them. The work raised a total of \$4,017. The money will be well used, to support local people in need.



**We pray for our deceased family and friends:**

Ignatius Fernandes, Dominic and Flory Fernandes, Sue Jolly, Anthony Dias, Lazarus Sebastian, Remedina Rodrigues, Felicity Woodfield, Noeline Simpson, Ken Gardner and Terry McLean.

## Weekly Masses 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> May

	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.00am C/S	8.00am	8.00am	8.30am 11.00am Anointing Mass	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help Of Christians		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am C/S	12.05pm	5.30pm	10.30am
St Martin's Pungarehu							8.30am
Nga Pekanga							10.30am
FDMC Chapel			2.20pm				

(C/S) denotes Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion

For updated Mass information please refer to the APP or Website: [www.catholicparishnp.nz](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday's 11.30am – 12 noon, St Joseph's Church OR OLHC prior to Vigil Mass.

### Weekly

**ADORATION** – Wednesday 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church and 9.45am after 9.10am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.

**NIGHT PRAYER** – via Zoom – 8.30pm Fridays.  
See Parish website for link.

**MORNING PRAYER** – Mon/Tues/Fri – 7.40am AND Saturday's – 8.10am. Go to back door of Parish Office Building.

### “My Church” APP

To set up the Parish App on your phone to receive all the latest parish information as soon as it is available.

Step 1: Text CPNPAPP to 818 to download!  
Step 2: Select what groups you want to 'follow'  
Step 3: Set up your profile  
Step 4: Try the Give function – we really appreciate any donation you can make.



### MINISTRY TEAM:

**Priests:** *Simon Story, Vui Hoang & Tom Lawn*

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