



Parish Newsletter

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Palm Sunday 10th April 2022

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YOUTH BAND: THE MUSTARD SEEDS

Our awesome youth band 'The Mustard Seeds' led the music for Mass for the first time at the end of March. They're looking forward to leading Music for Holy Thursday next week and have been practicing twice a week.

If you're interested in learning more about why they love Music and what they're doing as a youth band, please have a listen to their Music Monday episode on The Catholic Couch Podcast on the Access Radio Taranaki Website, Spotify or Apple Podcast.



SIMON SAYS

Dear Parishioners,

Today, Palm Sunday, begins Holy Week. We will be able to celebrate the Easter Triduum with 200 at each liturgy and without signing in and without vaccine passes. At St Joseph's this will be 400 as we will be broadcasting to the hall where another 200 people can be accommodated. You can also view parish liturgies online from St Joseph's church which we encourage people to do. A link will be provided closer to the time via the parish website and app. We will be moving the president's chair at St Joseph's to a position next to the credence table for the camera to view the priest and then leaving the chair there for a trial to see how it works for liturgy. We are still required to wear masks and physical distance and not come to a gathering if unwell. Cardinal John Dew has asked us not to have the following rituals during the Easter liturgies because of the risk of spreading possible infection with Covid19: Not to have processions, not to have the washing of feet, not to have the Easter Vigil fire, not to keep holy water in fonts and not to shake hands at the sign of peace. We are still waiting for the covid peak to pass through Taranaki. The Mass of the Oils or Chrism Mass is to be celebrated later in the year.

Please keep in mind the Good Friday "Holy Places" collection and the Easter Sunday collection for Priests. The "Holy Places" collection is traditionally split - 65% going to the Franciscan custody of the Holy Land, the remaining 35% is given to the Congregation for the Eastern Churches to support seminarians and priests, as well as educational and cultural activities. The collection for Priests is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. Thank you for your anticipated generosity again this year. The Parish APP is easy to use for the upcoming Special Collections - Good Friday 'Holy Places' and 'Easter Sunday' collections are able to be selected when choosing what fund you would like to support.

We have a new Leadership Team: Marg Mora, Judy Hau, Mary Elizabeth Hagenson, Kevin Kerr, Martin Chamberlain, Alex McDougall, Albert Chow, Paul Bouterey, and John Passmore. Thank you to these people who have accepted the call to provide leadership to our parish for the next two years.

God Bless, Father Simon.

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

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: The tax receipts for donations will be processed over the coming weeks. When these are completed they will be available in the church foyers.

PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS: Red Traffic Light regulations and Mass number restrictions mean parishioners may have difficulty making their usual envelope and cash donations. If the plate is not in circulation as a collection 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 for the tax receipt.

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

GENERAL NOTICES

WHAKAATURANGA CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

2022: We are excited to open registrations for the Confirmation Programme this year 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. The Confirmation Programme begins on **May 10th**, dates and times are on the registration form, the website and the parish app. **HOW TO REGISTER:** Follow the link or type <https://forms.gle/eNv17pxoezByupr7> into your browser to fill in the registration form. You will need your baptism details, and your Parent or Guardian with you to fill it in. It will take 5-10mins to complete. Please don't hesitate to contact Rain by emailing youth@catholicparishnp.nz or by phone on 027 757 3612 with any questions.



2022 RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

We are hoping delivery of the Reconciliation programme will take place in term two. If your child attends a Catholic primary school, you will receive an online google form to complete from your school. If you or anyone you know have children interested in participating in these Sacraments this year, but they are not at one of the Catholic schools please email Karen, our Young Families Minister who will send you a google form to complete. youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

ILLUMIN8 and SHINE YOUTH GROUPS: This is the last week of Youth Groups before school holidays. Youth Groups will resume on the 1st May.

PARISH LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME:

Mondays of Lent – 11th April. 7-8pm, Ngamotu Room, Parish Office Building (back door entrance).

Bell Block Catholic Centre –

Each Wednesday during Lent, 7.15 –8.15 pm.

ALPHA 2022 BEGINNING MAY 2022 -

Explore life, faith & meaning.

Alpha Parish Programme:

Mon 2nd May – 9:45am to 11:15am

Thurs 5th May – 7pm to 8.30pm

Sessions will be held in the St Joseph's Supper Room. Mon 9th May – Online Alpha. Go to Alpha on the Parish website to view the Alpha video and online registration. www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/ or the Parish APP. Registration forms are also available in church foyers. Please contact Albert for more information - ahjchow@xtra.co.nz



“MY GREAT ADVENTURE OF LOVE” – Vocation story by Sister Jeanne-Marie: This Sunday, 10th April - 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the St Joseph's Supper Room. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY: The Syro Malabar Catholic Mission welcomes everyone to join them on the “The Stations of the Cross” journey, at the OLHC Church grounds – 5pm, after the 3pm Good Friday service.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022: To be held 1st May – Supper Room. Time to be confirmed. The revised Parish Centre design by Tennent Brown Architects will also be presented at the AGM.

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/>
- The Masses above are available online after the above viewing times
- St Joseph's NP, all Easter celebrations will be live-streamed. Link will be available via the Parish website and app during the coming week.

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

FLOWER ROSTER AT 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.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

is a devotion that was revealed by God to St Faustina in Cracow, Poland in the 1930s. During the pontificate of Pope John Paul II. St Faustina's countryman, the devotion was given a special place in the life of the church when

he designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. A novena leads up to this celebration. Brochures for the novena, which is a private novena, beginning Good Friday, are available in the church foyers.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION: The Divine Mercy devotion will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians church Sunday 24 April at 2.30pm. There will be Rosary and Exposition followed by the Chaplet 3.00pm. The Veneration of the Image will follow, finishing at approx. 3.15pm. Please come and learn about this devotion. All are welcome.

▲ HEALTH & SAFETY

There were positive Covid cases in our church communities this week. If you were at the following Masses, please be vigilant.

8am Mass, Friday 1st April, St Joseph's Church.

If you start feeling unwell or have symptoms, please get a Covid test.

Common symptoms are:

new or worsening cough ~ coughing,
sneezing,
runny nose,
temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste,
sore throat,
shortness of breath,
fever.

Please do not come to Mass if you have any of these symptoms.

RED LIGHT LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS:

- **PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHILE AT MASS**
- Congregations are limited to 200
- 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.

HOLY WEEK 2022 – TIMETABLE

TUESDAY 12 April	WEDNESDAY 13 April	HOLY THURSDAY 14 April	GOOD FRIDAY 15 April	EASTER SATURDAY 16 April	EASTER SUNDAY 17 April
Reconciliation 5.30pm – 6.30pm St Joseph's, NP.	Reconciliation 9:45am – 10:15am (during Adoration after Mass) OLHC, Fitzroy.	Reconciliation 10.30am – 11am St Joseph's, NP.	2pm – St Patrick's, Okato.	Reconciliation 11.30am – 12 noon. St Joseph's, NP.	Mass 8.30am – St Martin's, Pungarehu.
	Reconciliation 5.30pm – 6.30pm St Joseph's, NP.	Mass 7pm – St Joseph's, NP.	3pm – St Joseph's, NP.	Vigil 7pm – St Joseph's, NP.	Mass 9am – St Joseph's, NP.
		Mass 7pm- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake.	3pm – OLHC, Fitzroy.	Vigil 7pm – St Patrick's, Okato.	Mass 10am – Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake.
			3pm – Bell Block.		Mass 10.30am – OLHC, Fitzroy.
			3pm – Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake.		Mass 11am – St Joseph's, NP.

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Marie Russell, Reg Schow, Noeline Simpson, Owen Goodwin, Bruce Robinson, Kath O'Connell, Dave Newland, Charles Hurley, Theresa Hurley, Nora Hurley, Father Campbell, Judy Scott, Norma Charteris, Adam Adamski, Ngarie McDonald and Margaret O'Connell.

Weekly Masses 11th April to 17th April - Holy Week

Ministry of Health require all congregations to wear Face Masks from the 4th of February

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Holy Thurs	Good Fri	Easter Sat	Easter Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8am	8am 12.05pm	8am	7pm	3pm	7pm	9am 11am
Our Lady Help Of Christians		9.10am	9.10am		3pm		10.30am
Bell Block					3pm		
St Patrick's Okato					2pm	7pm	
St Martin's Pungarehu							8.30am

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

For updated Mass information please refer to the APP or Website: www.catholicparishnp.nz

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Please see timetable page 3.

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 – after Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday night.

Good Friday – via zoom – 8.30pm. See Parish website for link.

MORNING PRAYER – Mon/Tues/Holy Thursday/ Good Friday and Easter Saturday morning – 9am, St Joseph's Church.

"My Church" APP

To set up the Parish App on your phone for all the latest parish information.



- 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:

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