



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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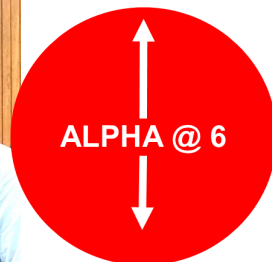


Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

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10 September 2023 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Your Alpha @ 6
Leaders:
(from the left)
Helena, Russell,
Cheryl, Angie, Kevin
H, Kevin K, Ireen,
Kelly and Jun.*

ALPHA @ 6 BEGINS AGAIN!

Dear Parishioners,

2023 has been a breakthrough year for us!

In February a group of parishioners went to the Divine Renovation Conference in Sydney and came back believing in the vision of a missional parish. We saw the focus on mission, the joy that the culture provides, and that people are out there interested in the Gospel.

The Mission Discernment Team has been meeting regularly, praying, and have almost completed committing to paper a vision and what that looks like in a parish like ours. Please pray for them that the Holy Spirit guides them to dream of what could be in our parish.

The Leadership Team meets regularly for breakfast and steers our decisions in line with mission.

The Parish Pastoral Council is forming as a team to strategise implementing the vision. Our big effort has gone into stepping up Alpha. Our primary evangelisation tool. It proposes the Gospel to the wider community in a compelling way and brings people to Jesus Christ.

We began an Alpha with a sit-down meal in April with 55 people completing. Many parishioners said it was life-changing for them. However, the focus is to invite people of no/little faith. This is the crucial role the parish plays – to invite others to come to Alpha. We are missional when we invite people of no/little faith to experience Alpha. We have also invited parents seeking sacraments for their children and non-Catholic parents wanting baptism for their children. The culture in Alpha is permeating into the parish. Several people have commented on this.

Two other Alphas have begun, in the Bell Block community and again at St Joseph's. It is amazing to see the guests accept the invitation and actually arrive! It is a joy to see so many parishioner volunteers, in teams, planning together, believing that the Holy Spirit will change people's lives. The power of teamwork and trust in the Holy Spirit is evident at Alpha.

Our Connect Groups are designed to be the follow-on from Alpha. Please take a prayer card from the church foyer and pray the Holy Spirit prayer for our parish every day. God bless the work.

- Fr Simon

OUR VISION: 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.

IMAGINE FOR ALL

POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA



CARITAS SOCIAL JUSTICE: The Parish is providing meetings for those who want to reflect with others on this year's Social Justice topic - Imagine Peace For All: Week 4 - Peace In Our Communities. There are 7 weekly sessions in total. Come and join Father Tom in the Parish Office (backdoor). Fourth session is this Monday 11 September 2023 from 5.15pm to 6.15pm, reflecting about peace in our communities.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand
New Caritas Social Justice Week Peace Series 2023-2025
He Rangitū Rangimārie Hou mō te Wiki Whakaritenga Tika ā-Pāpori a Caritas 2023-2025

FLOWERS FOR ALPHA @ 6: Each week we have small posy bowls of cut flowers on the tables at Alpha @ 6. If anyone would like to contribute flowers or foliage from their garden please contact the Parish Office for details and to let us know what you could have available. Our florist will contact you and come to your garden to pick.

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK 2023 BEGINS THIS WEEK: Māori Language Week starts this Monday 11 September. The week's theme is "Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori – making the language stronger".



Māori Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa since 1975. This special week is an opportunity for the concentrated celebration and promotion of Te Reo Māori, helping to secure its future as a living, dynamic, and rich language.

"Saint John Paul II reminded New Zealand of the strengths of Māori culture. One of the ways we can all benefit from Māori culture is by embracing the gift of Te Reo Māori in our liturgies.... My plea to you in this Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori is to do just that."
Cardinal John Dew WelCom 2016

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP: Volunteers are needed for the SVDP Shop, Fitzroy. Can you spare 3-4 hours a week to volunteer at the St Vincent de Paul Shop in Fitzroy? Help is needed to unpack, sort and iron clothes, work the till and Eftpos. Full training will be given. Please phone the shop for more details – 758 6740.



SACRAMENTAL

OLDER CHILDRENS BAPTISM: In term four we will begin our Older Children Baptism programme. This is for children over seven years old. If you know of any families who you think may be interested in registering their children for this, please ask them to get in touch.

Karen Maclean Young Family Minister -
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations and blessings to the children who are making their First Holy Communion today (Sun 10 Sept) at 11.00am Mass at St Joseph's.

GENERAL NOTICES

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP INVITATION:

When: Sunday 17 September, 10 am after Mass

Where: St Joseph's Church Hall. Come along and join our Family Group for a fun get together of food and games in the hall. We welcome all ages - anyone who is interested in becoming part of our Family Group, or would like to know more about what we do. Bring a plate to share if you can. See you there!



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION THIS

SUNDAY (10 SEPT), 10.30AM AT OLHC: There will be no Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians this Sunday, but there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion. Thank you to those who are helping with this Liturgy.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF FR JOHN ADAMS:

Saturday 30 September 2023, 11.00am at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North. The clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North welcome you with great joy to the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Reverend John Lewis Adams as Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North. All members of our Catholic community and guests are welcome to attend this joyful occasion for our diocese. For those unable to be with us in person, a live stream can be found at www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY welcomes donations of good clean furniture and household items. Chest of drawers and table and chair sets are always needed, so are especially welcomed. We collect. Phone Kevin 027 251 9998 for details and pick up arrangements.

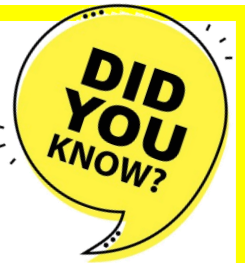


CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR ALBERT CHOW: Last Friday Albert Chow was commissioned as the Catholic Chaplain at Te Whatu Ora (Taranaki Base Hospital). The service, led by Father Simon, took place at the Hospital Chapel. Joe Gray – Lead Chaplain and Team Leader of the hospital's Chaplaincy Services (pictured above with Albert) presented Albert with a candle, cross, bible, prayer book, holy water, pyx and hospital ID; all symbols representing Chaplaincy Ministry.

Albert says, "I was slightly taken aback by the 'formalities' of the Commissioning and the import of the Catholic Chaplain role dawned on me. St. Teresa of Avila's quote "*Christ has no body on earth but yours*" particularly hits home. I am however extremely grateful to know of the prayers and support from our faith community as I embrace this Ministry."

Albert's family, parishioners and Chaplaincy team members enjoyed Morning tea following the service.

"Tabernacle" comes from the Latin 'tabernaculum' meaning tent, because the Ark of the Covenant, carrying God's sacred law, was carried by the Israelites in the desert in a tent. In the Christian Church, this sacred law is now fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who is present in the Holy Eucharist and this is often reserved inside the tabernacle.



Stained glass windows were first popularised in the 12th century to help those who could not read learn the stories they depict.

Inside the monstrance, the Holy Eucharist is held in a glass container called a 'luna' or 'lunette'.

At Holy Mass, and other times in the Church, we sit to learn; we stand to show something exceptional is happening (such as during the reading of the Gospel), and we kneel to show reverence to God.

YOUTH CORNER

Junior

YOUTH GROUP

SHINE

Year 4 - 8

4pm - 5pm

at St. Joseph's Hall

YOUTH GROUP

Year 9 - 13

6.30pm - 8.30pm

at St. Joseph's Hall

A movie about *Faith* and *The Power of Prayer*

Join Us

MOVIE NIGHT

DATE
SUNDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

TIME
6.30PM - 8.30PM

VENUE
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

BREAKTHROUGH

BREAKTHROUGH is based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unflinching love in the face of impossible odds. It's an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.

Pope's message for young people.

Don't be afraid to change the world!

Pope Francis

World Youth Day 2023

I AM LOOKING FOR ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO BE ROSTERED ON TO ATTEND YOUTH GROUP

It is a health and safety requirement that I have two adults present at events with young people. I am looking for people who have a heart to serve young people so they will feel safe, supported and loved! It is an incredible privilege to be the hands and feet of Christ in their lives.

For more details, see the poster on **YOUTH NOTICE BOARD** in the foyer or email me!

Susilo | youth@catholicparishnp.nz

Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy fundraiser

Giant PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2023, 8AM-12 MIDDAY

ST ANDREW'S HALL, LIARDET STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH

BBQ and Devonshire tea available

Please bring bags or boxes to carry plants in

Plant donations to be dropped off after 4pm on Friday 22 September at St Andrew's Hall

If you need help contact Louisa on louisa.parker@tdhb.org.nz

We pray for our deceased family and friends: Jason Brookes, John Borostyan, Richie Fleming, Molly Fleming, Ray J Fleming, Ernie Jennings, Anthony Terry Dias, Assumption Lobo, Cajetan Dias and Clotilda Dias.

WEEKLY MASSES: 11 September to 17 September Third Sunday of the month

	MON 11 Sept	TUES 12 Sept	WED 13 Sept	THURS 14 Sept	FRI 15 Sept	SAT 16 Sept	SUN 17 September
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am			5.30pm	10.30am First Holy Communion
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block Mass Centre							10.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Francis Douglas Memorial College			2.20pm				
Sacred Heart Girls College Chapel				10.00am			

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 – 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR Saturdays 4.45pm to 5.15pm OLHC prior to the 5.30 Vigil Mass.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY: No Kingdom Kidz Children's Liturgy at OLHC next Sunday – 17 September, due to the First Holy Communion Mass. Will resume Sunday 24 September.



WEEKLY:

WEDNESDAY ADORATION:

Our Lady Help of Christians after 9.10am Mass
Adoration this week at St Joseph's Church at 5.00pm.

MORNING PRAYER: Before 8.00am Mass Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 7.40am and Sat at 8.10am. Go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

17 September 24th Sunday in Ordinary time

FIRST READING: Sirach 27.30-28.7

PSALM 103

SECOND READING: Romans 14.7-9

GOSPEL Matthew 18.21-35

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