



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 10 March 2024
4th Sunday of Lent



The Case for MISSION
Living a life of renewed witness as Catholics today

DIVINE RENOVATION

Tuesday | 12 March at 7 PM
St. Joseph's Church
106 Powderham Street
New Plymouth, 4340

This is a free event. Register today at:
divinerenovation.org/missiontour
OR just come along on the night! Bring a friend.!

Fr. Chris Ryan MGL
St. Declan's Parish, Sydney



Important Dates

Tuesday 12 March
Fr Chris Ryan
7.00pm St Joseph's Church

Saturday 16 March
St Patrick's Day Mass
6.00pm
St Patrick's Church Okato

Sunday 17 March
St Pius X school led Mass
9.00am
St Joseph's Church

Sunday 17 March
St John Bosco School
led Mass, 10.30am
Our Lady Help of Christians
Church

Sunday 17 March
Baptism Preparation for infants. Contact Parish Office for times.

Tuesday 19 March
Feast of St Joseph

Wednesday 20 March
Parent Information Evening,
for Older Childrens Baptism
Reconciliation and
First Communion
Programmes 7.00pm,
St Joseph's Church hall

Everyone is invited. Everyone, that is all those at Mass on Sunday, those who attended Alpha, those whose children go to one of the five Catholic schools in the city, everyone who receives an emailed copy of the newsletter, everyone who had a child baptised in one of our churches. Everyone!! We invite you and the whole parish, to be with us on Tuesday 12th March, 7.00pm at St Joseph's church for an evening with Fr Chris Ryan MGL.

Fr Chris is the parish priest of the Penshurst and Peakhurst parishes in Australia and the Director of the Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership. Fr Chris had the belief that the number one priority for the Catholic Church in Australia (and probably the same for us in New Zealand) ought to be the formation of leaders who are passionate about Jesus Christ and his mission. His belief led to the formation of the centre to form people as leaders in the Church's evangelising mission.

Fr Chris has practical experience and doctoral research in evangelisation and leadership formation. This work provides for a body of passionate, faith-filled, gifted and equipped leaders will emerge that can make an important contribution to the renewal of the Church. It is this background which brings Fr Chris to us on Tuesday. We are so fortunate to have him here with us in New Plymouth, even if it is for just one session. Do join us to listen to Fr Chris, talking about **The Case for Mission**. Learn how we can live a life of renewed witness and be inspired to help our parish bring people to Jesus. The evening begins in the church at 7.00pm with cake and a drink.



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

DONATIONS AND TAX RECEIPTS

31 March 2024 is not far away, and with it comes the end of the tax year. If you want to bring your giving up to date or make an annual donation before 31 March 2024, you will receive the tax rebate for this giving and be able to claim the 33% rebate tax this year. Donations can be put on the plate, brought into the office, or made online. Please contact the Parish Office for the bank details and references if you don't have a planned giving number.

EMAILING TAX RECEIPTS: This year we will be generally emailing the tax receipts to donors. Tax receipts will be emailed to the email addresses we are using to send out the newsletter each Friday. If this is not the email address you would like the receipt to be sent to, please contact the Parish Office. And of course, if you would rather receive a printed copy, again please just let us know. We can easily issue printed receipts rather than emailed receipts. Just let us know.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OVER EASTER: GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – 29 March 2024

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country from the Holy Places Collection is forwarded to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University.

Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land in which our Lord ministered.

EASTER SUNDAY DUES SPECIAL COLLECTION 31 MARCH: This is for the Clergy Trust Fund.

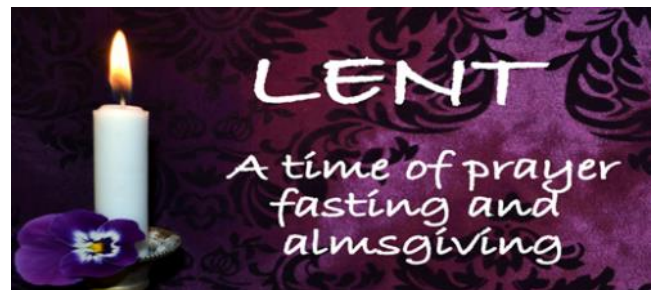
Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Dues/Offerings Special Collection. The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and the care that they receive.

Your support and help is always appreciated!

Fr. Brian Walsh (Chairman of the Clergy Trust Fund)

For both collections, specially marked envelopes will be attached to the newsletter 24 March and will 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 names, either *Holy Places* or *Dues*, as references. And of course cash as the collection is taken up, is welcomed.

CHRISM MASS. Everyone is warmly invited to be part of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Tuesday 26 March 12.05pm. Contact the Office for details.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church 5.30pm and also at St Joseph's Church at 2.15pm and at 7.00pm.

EVENING PRAYER: Each Thursday during Lent at St Joseph's Church 5.15pm.

CARITAS LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS: The Bell Block Caritas Lenten Reflection group meets each Wednesday in Lent, 7.00pm to 8.15pm, at the Bell Block Catholic Centre 132 Parklands Ave Bell Block, or there is the discussion group in the Parish Office at St Joseph's 5.15pm to 6.15pm, each Monday during Lent. Everyone is welcome to come to be part of either of these groups.

LENTEN REFLECTION MUSIC BY KADISHA: Come sit, pray and be still, listening to calm and reflective music. During Lent, each Monday at 12.00 midday, St Joseph's Church, each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians 9.30am to 10.00am.

LENTEN GIVING CARITAS

Envelopes are available in the churches or make a secure donation on-line at www.caritas.org.nz or phone 0800 22 10 22



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP WELCOME MORNING

TEA: Keen to meet others in our Parish and enjoy some fun activities together? Then come along and join our Passionist Family Group for morning tea and meet some friendly faces. We're a lovely mixture of people - young and old, short and tall, children and teens, Kiwis and nearly Kiwis! Give it a go!

Date: Sunday 17 March

Time: 10.30am

Venue: 63a Saxton Rd, NP

Contact: Sheryl Firth 021 859 955

Please bring a plate of food to share.



ALTAR SERVERS AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 9.00am

MASS We are looking for children who have made their First Communion, who would like to become an Altar Server for 2024. Your child might already be on the roster and would like to continue serving. Your child might be already filling in but would like to be put onto the roster.

Children will be rostered on to a Sunday Mass, St Joseph's 9.00am.

There will be a training session for all Altar Servers – new and experienced. Please email Anne Dent ~ anne@stpiousx.school.nz to confirm that your child would like to stay on the roster or be a new addition for 2024.



SACRAMENTAL



SACRAMENTAL PROCESS IN THE PARISH 2024:

For details of our sacramental programmes for Older Childrens Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion look at the Parish website homepage for more information – www.catholicparishnp.nz OR email Karen our Young Family Minister – at youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

CWL EASTER RAFFLE: Tickets will be sold at St Joseph's and Our Lady Help of Christians after Sunday Masses 17th and 24th March. \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5.00. Bring some coins (or notes) to Mass and take your chance at winning Easter goodies.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE:

Applications are open for those applying for funding, closing 31 March 2024. The aim of the Catholic Charities Allocation Committee is to assist with funding Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Tindall Foundation and aligned with diocesan goals. Applications are judged on the basis of need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria. Application forms are available in the Parish Office or on the Diocesan website.

COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE: Dear parishioners, the Liturgy Committee realises some people wish to receive communion on the tongue. The committee is conscious that Covid-19 is still in the Taranaki community and the element of fear associated with it still present. Please wait till the end of the communion procession to receive communion on the tongue, as the risk of spreading Covid-19 is greater when the communion minister's fingers come close to the mouth of communicants.

SWISS CLUB ALPHORN GROUP will be in St Joseph's Church Wednesday 13 March 2024 6.45pm to 7.30pm. If you would like to see this club practising come along. A gold coin donation to St Vincent de Paul would be appreciated. A rare chance to see an alphorn being played.

We are not required to attend liturgy on Good Friday, but we are encouraged to. The Good Friday Liturgy consists of 3 parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. We are also encouraged to fast and abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent to honour Jesus who sacrificed His flesh for us on Good Friday.



It seems odd to refer to the day Jesus died as "Good". The term "Good" is an old English expression meaning 'holy'. But in another sense Good Friday is always tied to Easter Sunday, which is a joyful celebration of Jesus's resurrection. He could not have resurrected if He had not died.



Kia Ora everyone, We are a non-profit organization that supports prisoners and their families. We are on the hunt for used sleeping bags/sleeping mats to give to our rough sleeping clients to support them through this coming winter. If anyone has any old sleeping bags lying around that are in good condition we will gladly take them off your hands. These can be dropped the PARS Office or at the Parish Office. Thank you



Morning tea with the Bell Block community after Mass at Bell Block last Sunday.

SHINE

WORTH CORNER

ILLUMIN8 YOUTH

WE MET DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR!

YOUTH GROUPS ARE ON BREAK!

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

ATTENTION!

SUNDAY, 10 MARCH 2024

NO YOUTH GROUP

IT'S A LONG WEEKEND

Monday, 11 March - Taranaki Anniversary

ILLUMIN8 YOUTH GROUP is back next Sunday

↓ LIFE NIGHT ↓

SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024

We will wrap up our Lenten Series with the chosen theme.

PAINLESS

See you next Sunday!

SHINE - Junior Youth Group makes a dazzling return next Sunday, too!

Join the exciting 2024 Confirmation Program! Visit the **YOUTH NOTICE BOARD** or go online to the parish website to register and secure your spot. **Hurry, don't miss out!**

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!

PURPOSE CONFIRMATION 2024

REGISTER NOW

The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for **GREATNESS**.

POPE BENEDETTO XVI

"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: Sr Patricia Mary Ford, Tony Dravitzki, Marilyn Brennan, Patrick Dow, Brian Noonan, Theres Buegler, John Fife, Don Crossan and Duncan Kennedy

WEEKLY MASSES: 11 March to 17 March 2024 Third Sunday of the month

	MON 11 March	TUES 12 March	WED 13 March	THURS 14 March	FRI 15 March	SAT 16 March	SUN 17 March
St Joseph's Church	8.30am Anniversary Day	8.00am 12.05pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion	8.00am	8.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	8.00am 12.05pm Both Liturgy of the Word with Communion	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion			5.30pm	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block 132 Parklands Ave							10.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
St Pius X school					No Mass		
Sacred Heart				9.50am			
Francis Douglas Memorial College				2.20pm			

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. NB Our priests will be in Palmerston North Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the above week, but please continue to ring the Parish Office phone 06 757 3682 for all matters during this time and follow the voice prompts if the Office is closed.

School Masses have resumed. Please note the change of day for Mass at Francis Douglas Memorial College and also change of time for Sacred Heart Girls College. Both Masses are now celebrated on Thursday. There is no Childrens Liturgy at OLHC 10 March.

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

MORNING PRAYER: Monday 11 March at 8.10am, (Anniversary Day) Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday at 7.40am. Please go to the back door of Parish Office building.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

17th March 5th Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31.31-34

PSALM: 51

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5.7-9

GOSPEL: John 12.20-33



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