



# Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



Sunday 11 February 2024  
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MUSIC NOTES

It is a busy time in the Music Ministry! After the summer break, The Mustard Seeds, Seedlings and Adult singers came together for Fr Vui's final Mass. It was wonderful to have everyone together again, providing awesome music for Mass and for Fr Vui.

This was closely followed by music for the Year 7 Mass, which the youth musicians were involved in, then we had our Worship and Adoration night last Friday with our Worship Band! They learnt a number of new songs for Friday night, which proved extremely successful and was very much appreciated by all those who came. A big thankyou from me – it was very beautiful and moving.



*Pictured above from the left: Band leavers - Gab, Bethanie and Mo.*

### Coming up in Music Ministry:



- Music Ministry look forward to coming together again to welcome Fr Trung at his first Mass with us on 25 February.
- We come together with our Anglican brothers and sisters this Wednesday 14 February for the Ash Wednesday service - 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church.
- Something new this year for Lenten reflection – every Monday in lent, join Kadisha at St Joseph's at 12.00 midday for calm, reflective music. Come sit, pray, reflect... these sessions will also include some of Kadisha's original music, music from her heart.
- Lastly, keep an eye out for The Seedlings and The Mustard Seeds at Mass as these groups start rehearsing again!

I want to personally thank Mo, Bethanie and Gab for their contribution to The Mustard Seeds and Worship Band. They are three of the founding members of our bands, and their combined musical talent has been so inspiring to work with, really helping me to get the bands up and going. I wish them every success and blessing as they venture off to University.

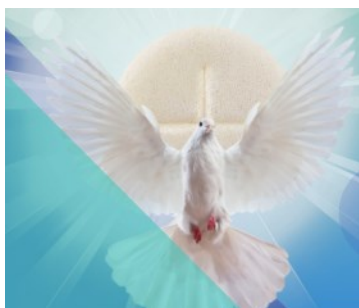
So, we now have some new Mustard Seeds joining the remaining members!! Four of our Seedlings have moved to the band now they are in senior school. I warmly welcome Krystyna, Isla, Ruth and Lucyanne to The Mustard Seeds, I know they will really enjoy band and bringing their vocal talents to it!

I want to also thank the Adult Singers who support song-leading each week, and the bigger Masses when all musicians come together. This has proven to work really well, so I look forward to more of this over the coming year.

As has been advertised, Little Angels will be starting up again for 2024 this Monday - 12 February at 9.00am, OLHC. Pre-schoolers and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us for a play, morning tea and music. It is a lovely way to start the week!



*Amelia - Parish Music Co-ordinator*



### 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

from  
FR SIMON



Dear Parishioners,

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday! Hasn't that arrived in a hurry! This is because historically the date of Easter is based on the lunar cycle and still is. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and is a season of joy. That is because we are preparing to celebrate the greatest feast on the Christian calendar – the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We typically prepare by taking up prayer, fasting and charity that we would normally not do. This is so we will be mindful that our conversion is never complete but is on-going. It is also the season of preparing to be baptised and/or renewing ones' baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday. Some people are preparing to be baptised and/or received into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil and we journey with them recalling our own baptism. Lent is a 40 day journey and parallels the journey of Israel through the desert to the promised land and Jesus' time of temptation in the desert. Lent ends before the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. The colours, environment and music over Lent all reflect the repentance and conversion called for over 40 days. Happy Lent everyone, Fr Simon.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

at ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:

Begins this Sunday - 11 February at 9.00am Mass. Children's Liturgy is for children under about eight years old who have not yet made their First Communion. Children under three years old are welcome but we do ask a parent accompanies them please. Thanks to Rachel Ammundsen who has volunteered to lead Children's Liturgy for the young families in our parish. Rachel is a primary school teacher and has many years of experience at taking Children's Liturgy. Please contact me if you have any further questions. Karen Maclean  
youngfamiliesminister@catholicparishnp.nz

### KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRIS- TIAN'S CHURCH:

Each Sunday at OLHC 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities. We welcome kids from Kindy age. If your child is younger than this they are welcome too but just need an adult to come with them.



## GENERAL NOTICES

**ROSTERS:** We are beginning to make the rosters for the next period, March/April/June, which includes Easter and the school holidays. 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](mailto:helen4sun@hotmail.com) for Our Lady Help of Christians.

**CWL MONTHLY MEETING:** Thursday 15 February, 12.00 midday in the Supper room. Please bring your lunch and join together in friendship. If you have a story or some item of interest that you would like to share with members please bring them to the meeting.



**ST PATRICK'S OKATO - FAMILY MASS:** Next Saturday - 17 February at our 6.00pm Mass. You are all welcome to come and celebrate with us and share in some hospitality afterwards. We look forward to seeing you then.

**ADORATION BEGINS AGAIN AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:** Begins this Tuesday 13 February from 9.35am to 10.30am.

**LOST - GOLD EARING:** Lost one gold earring at 5.30pm Sunday Mass (or surrounding area) - 4 February. If found, please contact Sony Anthony 022 109 6781.

### LENT: PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

#### ECUMENICAL ASH WEDNESDAY CELEBRATION:

This Wednesday - 14 February with the Anglican community 7.00pm at St. Joseph's Church. Do join together with the Anglican communities for a time of prayer and song and the receiving of the ashes.

We celebrate Mass on Ash Wednesday

St Joseph's 8.00am and 12.05pm

Our Lady Help of Christians 9.10am and 5.30pm

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

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH:

Each Friday during Lent at 5.30pm, starting next Friday 16 February.

#### CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME

**2024:** This year's theme is "The Time is Now! Ko Tēnei tonu te Wā". The obvious question that follows this call for action is "Time for what?" There are many answers to this question which are found in the key messages and themes of the Caritas Lenten Reflection programme. The programme provides a six week reflection based on the Lenten Sunday gospels. Have a look at the programme on the Caritas website [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz).

**CARITAS LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS:** Join the discussion group in the Parish Office 5.15pm to 6.15pm, each Monday during Lent. And the Bell Block Caritas Lenten Reflection group meets each Wednesday in Lent, starting 14 February, 7.00pm to 8.15pm, at the Bell Block Catholic Centre. Everyone is welcome to come to be part of these groups.



## COMMUNITY MEALS

On the 12 December Community Meals held the final meal for 2023. The theme was Christmas, and it certainly felt like everyone's Christmas had arrived.

There was plenty of food for everyone, ham, chicken (hot and cold) roast potatoes, roast vegetables, broccoli with cheese sauce, salads. There were many puddings; at least 4 pavlovas, Christmas mince tarts, Christmas cake, ice cream, fruit salad, meringues, cream, cakes, biscuits, muffins, chocolates, of course lollies and then the rest.

There were 60 giftbags, including our 10 anonymous ones. Deodorants, shampoo anything which we did not use in our giftbags went into the SVdP 'cupboard' to be added to the linen packs we are asked to provide to those most in need so your gifts will continue to provide happiness.

The journey to this meal started with a Parishioner explaining to me that the Parishioners of St Joseph Church and Our Lady Help of Christians Church (the whole parish of New Plymouth) would want to donate to the Community Meal and the gift bags. I was absolutely overcome by the generosity of spirit. It was the phone calls and emails to say they couldn't help on the day, but they'd drop off.... People would come up after Mass and donate money. The donation baskets were never empty.



Helena and Margaret helping out.



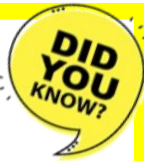
Schools decorated the giftbags

Primary schools, who have their busiest time of the year in the final term, collected making sure there were necessities and things for joy; they decorated packets to create individual gift bags, cards were created, baking was done things. People encouraged colleagues to donate from the list of suggestions. At OLHC 10 bags filled with necessities and treats appeared anonymously. Youth groups brought in extra treats, people arrived did the tasks and carried on. Things just got done. How? I don't know. By whom? I don't know. After everything was cleaned up and packed away, all that was left was a memory of a most fantastic event where everyone in the community had done all things with great love. On behalf of the SVdP, New Plymouth team thank you.

Liz (SVdP, NP Secretary)

There are a lot of great Catholics amongst the scientists and great scholars of history. The Franciscan, Roger Bacon (died 1292), for example, was ordered by the Pope to write a book about philosophy and natural science. Cardinal Nicolas of Cusa (died 1464) developed lenses to help near-sighted people. Catholics were the first to map the world: think of Marco Polo (died 1324), Bartholmeu Dias (died 1500), and Christopher Columbus (died 1506). The brilliant works of Leonardo da Vinci (died 1519) are well known. But don't forget Nicolas Copernicus (died 1543), who first brought forward the theory that the earth revolves around the sun.

Source Father Michael Remery vice Secretary European Episcopal Council



**AN EVENING WITH JOHN REUWER:** Peace Practitioner and Educator is speaking at Mere Tapu Taranaki Cathedral St Mary's, Saturday 17th February 6.30pm to 8.30pm, St Mary's Peace Lounge Vivian Street. John Reuwer is a retired emergency physician whose practice convinced him of a need for alternatives in resolving tough conflicts. Everyone is warmly invited to this evening. World Beyond War and Quakers Aotearoa NZ have sponsored his visit in which he is interested to learn from and contribute towards Aotearoa work for peace.

SHINE  
**WAIITI CORNER**  
ILLUMIN8 YOUTH

WE MEET DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

SHINE Junior Youth Group | Year 4-8  
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

YOUTH Youth Group | Year 9 - 13  
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

Welcome aboard the electrifying joyride of "INTERCONNECTED!"

Buckle up for a thrilling 12-session Life Night that's tailor-made for YOU - right where you are - at the crossroads of faith and the digital world.

And the best part? It's an absolute BLAST!

Social Night  
**CONNECTED**  
SUNDAY 11 FEB 6:30PM-8:30PM  
St. Joseph's Church Hall

**YOUTH MASS**  
FEBRUARY 2024

Mark your calendars for February! That's when we'll hit the ground running and start our Youth Mass on Sunday, 25 February 2024.

In February, the Youth Mass will be at 9:00am to welcome Fr. Trung in our parish!

"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:** Ellen Jennings, Therese Leary, Maki Scott, Keith Roebuck, Brien Bennett, James Lawn, Dennis Lawn and Restituto Bagotchay.

# WEEKLY MASSES: 12 February to 18 February

Third Sunday of the month

	MON 12 Feb	TUES 13 Feb	WED 14 Feb	THURS 15 Feb	FRI 16 Feb	SAT 17 Feb	SUN 18 Feb
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	ASH WEDNESDAY 8.00am 12.05pm Ecumenical Service 7.00pm	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians			9.10am 5.30pm	9.10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion		5.30pm	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block 138 Parklands Ave							10.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

\* **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](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz) for updated information. Weekday school Masses will resume in March.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm vigil Mass.

**ADORATION:** Adoration at Our Lady Help of Christians begins this Tuesday 13 February from 9.35am to 10.30am. Adoration at St Joseph's Church will resume soon.

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

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 18 February 1st Sunday of Lent

**FIRST READING:**  
Genesis 9.8-15

**PSALM:** 25

**SECOND READING:**  
1 Peter 3.18-22

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1.12-15



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