



Parish Newsletter

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Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

3rd Sunday of Advent – 12th December 2021

Rite I Reconciliation Christmas 2021: No Communal Reconciliation

St Josephs	Our Lady Help of Christians	St Patricks, Okato
Sat Dec 18 th 11.30am-12 noon	Sat 18 Dec 4.45pm before Vigil Mass	Sat 18th Dec 5.15pm – 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
	Sun 19 Dec before the No Vaccine Pass Required Mass 4:30pm – 5:15pm.	
Tues Dec 21 11.30am-before 12.05pm Mass	Tues 21 Dec 9.45am After Mass	
Thurs 23 7pm-8pm	Wed 22 Dec 9.45am After Mass	
Weds Dec 22 nd 5.30pm Adoration AND Reconciliation @ St Joseph's Church		

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE - CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH

MASS TIMES: Please pick up a Christmas Card with the Priest's messages from the Mass centre foyers and feel free to pass one on to anyone who would like to receive one

CHRISTMAS DAY FOR CHILDREN – Children, will you be at 8.30am Family Mass at St Joseph's church? Or 9am Family Mass at OLHC church? Can you dress up in nativity theme (Mary, Joseph, angel, shepherd, wise man or king) and help the priests with the homily?



DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE at St Joseph's Church: Children of all ages are invited to a morning of Christmas fun - decorating the Christmas tree **Tuesday 21 Dec 9.30-10.30am.**

Contact Michelle for more information – or just turn up!

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA!!! Tuesday 21 December – 10am

We would like to honour and serve our dedicated volunteers at our Annual Volunteers Morning Tea. We couldn't do it without you!!! No need to RSVP – just turn up!

CHRISTMAS MINCE PIES: The Christmas mince pies are wrapped and ready for those who take Communion to the house bound. Many thanks to Yarrows the Bakers for their continuing support. Please pick up from church foyers.

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

5th December 2021

CTF \$ 574.86

Parish \$ 1,554.24

Automatic Payments Planned giving November

APPG Parish \$17,494.36

APPG CTF \$6,470.52

If you wish to make a DONATION to the parish but you have NO CASH? No problem. We have PayWave located in the church foyers.

OPTIONS FOR PLANNED GIVING:

- Cash in your planned giving envelope.
- Set up an automatic payment at your bank or use internet banking. Please contact the Parish Office for the bank account number and reference details.
- You can pay via the Parish APP or website - Tax deductible receipts are automatically sent to your email address after each individual donation.

Bequests are also an important part of Christian Giving and leaving a gift to the Parish in your Will is an additional way to support your Church.

GENERAL NOTICES

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: A very big thank you to the wonderful people who contributed to the St Vincent de Paul collection of toiletries, to be given as Christmas gifts to the people we help. We have a large collection – which smells wonderful!

If you would still like to donate to these parcels, we could do with a few sweet treats to finish them off. – A batch of shortbread, some sweets or chocolates, would be welcome. Don't worry about boxing things up. We can do that. We need to have anything extra by Sunday December 12th. Thanks for your amazing generosity to date.

WHARE KAI: Recently SVdP was donated a second-hand sewing machine. We asked the Whare Kai Mums whether any of them would like such a machine – and 6 women said they would like it. This sparked an idea to run sewing sessions along with the cooking sessions at the Whare Kai.

There may be a few sewing machines around the Parish which could be brought back to life and used to enhance the skills and self-esteem of our Whare Kai Mums. If you have such a machine, and /or would enjoy teaching someone to use it, please phone Gabrielle on 759 9228.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: Each year in November we have a collection for the St Joseph's Conference of St.VdP. This appeal helps St.VdP to fund the works they undertake in the community. The Community dinners, Whare Kai, Furniture collection and delivery, assistance with food parcels and other incidental assistance to people in need. This year, COVID affected our ability to initiate this appeal. Thus we have decided to hold the appeal in February 2022 when we will be reporting to the parish on our work over the past year.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: are available from the Parish Office, \$12.00.

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP: takes place in Hamilton 17-22nd January 2022. It is an awesome opportunity for young people to encounter Christ and grow in faith as young Catholics while also having a ton of fun. We have 16 teenagers registered to go to camp from New Plymouth. It costs \$250 for a teen to attend which can be a barrier for some young people. We would like to invite the parish community to pray for all the teens and adult leaders who will be attending Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa and to contribute financially to support a teen to attend. A donation can be any amount big or small, every little bit helps our young people! Envelopes are in the Church foyers OR donate via the Parish App or contact the parish office for details on how to direct credit the bank account.

LOST AND FOUND: Found among the psalm books at St Joseph's church. Partially used Palmers gift card. Please claim from the Parish office

PARISH SMALL GROUPS: Please refer to the website/Parish APP for all the options.

SYNOD 2021-23: The deadline has been extended and group/individual submissions can now be made up until August 2022. For individual submissions, go to: <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2021/10/synod-2021-2023/>

PARISH TO PARISH BnB CHANGES: From 1st September this year For one guest \$50 per/night, each additional guest, \$30 each, e.g. Two guests would be \$80 for one night. Due to COVID-19 some hosts may not be available for guests, please respect their wishes, books are available \$15, Marie Anderson, phone 03 3595 541, email: Marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY: See Parish Website for details.

MISSALS: They've arrived!!! Pick up your Missal from the parish office. Only \$15.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The parish office will be closed from 1pm Thursday 23rd December.

STAFF VACANCY: Parish Administrator Part-time 28 hours p/week, working to support the Ministry Team. Attributes we are looking for are as follows:

- 5+ years' experience in a reception/administration role, or similar
- Exceptional communication and interpersonal skills – friendly telephone manner.
- Strong organisational skills, particularly relating to time management, stress management, administration and the meeting of deadlines
- Proficient in Microsoft Office with proven experience using Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint, Outlook and Word
- Strong team focus and commitment to provide exceptional customer service to both internal and external stakeholders
- The ability to adapt to and work effectively to various working situations and individuals
- Exceptional organisational skills with a high consideration to detail and accuracy
- Trustworthy, honest, respectful, and flexible.
- To uphold a code of confidentiality in all aspects of Parish life.
- Have a commitment to the principles and teachings of the Catholic Church
- Demonstrate reliability and strong work ethic.

- Excellent handwritten communication skills.
- The ability to follow instruction, adapt to changing schedules, priorities and environments.
- The ability to converse effectively with a wide range of people from different cultures and organisations.
- Has a level of fitness and stamina to complete daily assigned tasks and a valid NZ Drivers' Licence

Contact Denise for a Job Description manager@catholicparishnp.nz

PARISH APP



This is the best way to stay up-to-date with any changes to the timetable or if we need to let you know something important is happening during the week. It's super easy to download –

Step 1: **Text CPNPAPP to 818** to download!

Step 2: Select what groups you want to 'follow' ie. Alpha

Step 3: Set up your profile

Contact the Parish office if you need assistance to download.

HEALTH & SAFETY

ORANGE LIGHT SYSTEM:

The 5.30pm Sunday evening Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, is limited to 50 and is for people who choose not to present their Vaccine Pass. One Meter distancing and face masks must be worn. NB. OLHC is being professionally cleaned on a Monday AM to ensure all surfaces are disinfected.

Thank you for respecting our volunteers who are checking My Vaccine Passes at Church entrances on Sundays. We understand Christmas can be stressful, without this added complication – and all we want to do is pray and celebrate Mass together.

The Diocese recommends all parishes comply with the new legislation, Please take note if you Volunteer in a Ministry for the Parish. The following outlines the Change to Public Health Orders and the Covid-19 Response Act:

- It is now a legal requirement for all priests to be vaccinated, to provide evidence of their vaccination status to the Diocese, and to refuse to undertake normal ministries if they are unvaccinated.
- It is now a legal requirement **for all parishes to keep a Vaccination Register** of all paid staff, **and volunteers** engaged in work for the church.
- It is now a legal requirement **for all workers for the church (paid or volunteer) to provide their parish with evidence of their vaccination status**, and to refuse to undertake their normal ministry if they are unvaccinated.
- It is now a legal requirement for vaccination passes to be scanned at gatherings where no limits are imposed.
- It is now an infringement for any individual to hold/misrepresent/or use the personal information of another individual related to their vaccination pass. This could result in a conviction for breach of the act that results in 6 month prison term or fine up to \$12,000.

PLEASE SCAN/SIGN IN WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH and WEAR A MASK (unless exempt).

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Ronald Mendoza, Peter Zimmerman, Mick O'Connor, Maurice Churstain, Joseph & Beatrice Desker, Aileen & Ben Seaver, Monica Beagle and Michael Seaver.

Mass Timetable 13 December – 19 December 2021

NB. A Vaccine Pass is required to enter Sunday Mass unless otherwise stated. Weekday Mass is available for parishioners who do not have a Vaccine Pass, on the proviso the congregation does not exceed 50. Please wear face masks.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am	8.30am	9am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am	12.05pm	5.30pm Vigil	10.30am 5.30pm - No Vaccine Pass Required
Bell Block							10.30am C/S
St Patrick's Okato						6pm Vigil	
Our Lady Star of the Sea - Opunake							10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 4.45pm at OLHC prior to vigil Mass OR 11.30am St Joseph's Saturday

WEEKLY

MORNING PRAYER – Mon/Tues/Fri – 7.40am AND Saturday's 8.10am – Parish Office back room.

ADORATION – Wednesdays after 9.10am Mass at OLHC and 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP Tuesdays - 1.00pm in the Red-Carpet Room at St Joseph's Hall.

NIGHT PRAYER via zoom - Please join Father Vui and parishioners to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Night Prayer) via ZOOM at 8:30pm every Friday: See website for link.

ALPHA will resume February 2022 – register online at www.catholicparishnp.nz

Year of Saint Joseph Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
to you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a Father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us Grace, Mercy and
Courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen

MINISTRY TEAM:

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