



Parish Newsletter Pūrongo a te Pāriha



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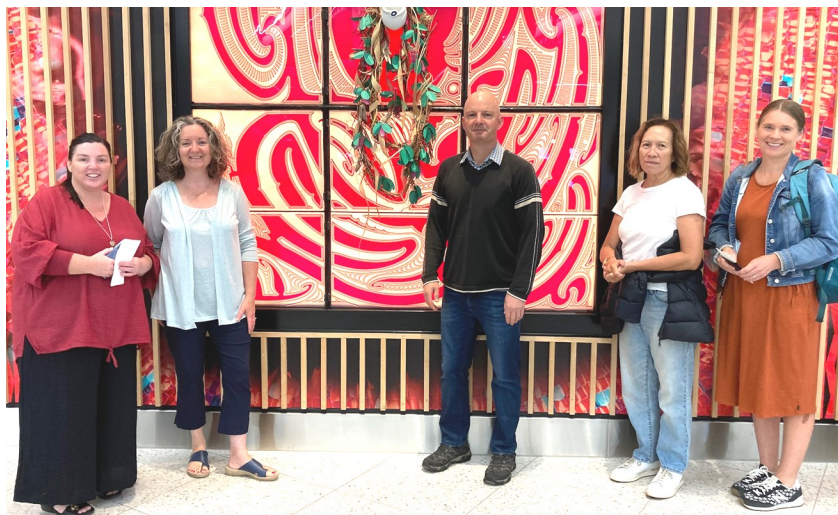
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12 February 2023



Claire, Mary Elizabeth, Fr Simon, Jude and Karen leaving New Plymouth for the Divine Renovation Conference in Sydney early Thursday morning



While we are at the Conference, we will be sharing our learnings and experiences on the Parish Facebook page. On the first day we are looking forward to hearing Fr. James Mallon, author of the book Divine Renovation and founder of the Divine Renovation Ministry Parish Renewal movement, speak on the Case for Mission. We are also excited to be among other Parish representatives from Australia and New Zealand. It is going to be great listening to their Parish journeys. Please follow us over the next few days on Facebook on the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth page – we'll see you there. Claire

SIMON SAYS

Dear Parishioners,

Last Thursday 5 parishioners left for the Divine Renovation conference in Sydney. Jude Hau and Mary Elizabeth Hagenson, from the Leadership Team, Claire Hjorring from the parish office, Karen Mclean, our Young Families Minister and myself. Divine Renovation is a Catholic Canadian organisation that supports parishes to move from a maintenance model of pastoral ministry to a missional model. We have already started the journey that sees us place evangelisation as primary in what we do. We need some help as this does not happen easily.

Pope Francis has asked parishes who are able, to strive for the mission option (Joy of the Gospel, 2013). Parishioners from Auckland, Taupo and Christchurch are also going, that I know. The conference offers talks and workshops on how to bring the whole parish along for the journey, to share the vision and strive to attain it. We want to do this because so many of our families are absent from the life of our parish. We know it doesn't have to be this way. Please pray for us over this weekend.

Further to the missional parish journey having already begun, the Mission Discernment Team, would like to meet with everyone to continue the listening to parishioners, to explain the culture and engagement survey report, and the formation of a mission plan for the parish. If you would like to know more about how the engagement & culture survey was analysed and the report put together and the next stages of our parish's mission discernment, please come. The Mission Discernment Team are holding two listening sessions in St Joseph's church 4.00pm Sunday 26 February, and in Our Lady Help of Christians, 7.15pm Wednesday 1 March.

Fr. Vui is back from Vietnam Wednesday this week. Thank you to Fr. Arthur Toothill SM who is here in our absence. God bless, 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.

COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

EMAILING TAX RECEIPTS:

31 March 2023 is not far away, and with it comes the end of the tax year.

This year we will be able to email the tax receipts to donors who would rather have an emailed version than a printed copy. If you would like the tax receipt emailed, please contact the Parish office office@catholicparishnp.nz

GENERAL NOTICES

SHINE AND ILLUMINATE YOUTH GROUPS –

Start Date Today 19 February 2023:

Our junior youth group, Shine, is for those in Years 4 to 8. Shine runs from 4.00pm – 5.00pm in the St Joseph's Church Hall. This junior youth group gives this age of young people in our parish a chance to form connections.

Our senior youth group, Illuminate, is for those from Year 9 and up. Illuminate runs from 6.30pm-8.30pm in the St Joseph's Church Hall. Many of our Illuminate regulars come to 5.30pm Mass first before heading along to Illuminate.

If you would like to know anything else about Shine or Illuminate, please contact me via email. Karen Maclean youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz



Parish Youth having fun bowling during the holidays .

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE first monthly meeting for the year will be held in the Supper Room St Joseph's Hall Thursday 16 February 12.00pm. Bring your own lunch and \$2.00 for the raffle and catch up with members. We welcome any new members who would like to join us. Please contact Moira, phone 757 2986 for information.



PARKING: Parking for those using the church and attending Mass or meetings is available in the church grounds. There is also 60 minute free parking in some areas in Powderham Street near the church. These areas are signed and can be used by all.

THE TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART (The Pioneers) suggest as Lent is coming, please consider alcohol abstinence during the Lenten season, starting Ash Wednesday 22 February. Phone Maree Novak 753 9847 for all enquiries.



ASH WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY.

ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION with the Anglican community Ash Wednesday 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 during Lent will be prayed at St Joseph's Church Thursday 5.15pm, starting 2nd March.

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME 2023:

This year's theme, "I am the Light of the World" reminds us that Jesus brings light to a darkened world. The Caritas Lenten Reflection programme provides a six week reflection based on the Lenten Sunday gospels. An electronic copy of the booklet used is available on the Caritas website www.caritas.org.nz – Have a look at the programme and join this discussion group in the Parish office 5.15pm to 6.15pm starting Monday 20 February.

CARITAS LENTEN GIVING: During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. The Lenten giving envelopes will be distributed Sunday 19th February. Donations can also be made directly to Caritas through their website. Every coin donated adds to the help Caritas can provide.

ROSTERS: We are beginning to make the rosters for the next period, March/April/May. 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 for Our Lady Help of Christians.

SOAP FOR HOPE: Fundraising for Gabby's Starlit HOPE in New Plymouth. Handmade soaps at \$5.00 each in the Parish Office Cash only sales.



THE PARISH OFFICE HAS EFTPOS NOW: At 9.00am Sunday Mass 12 February, Office Staff will have limited supplies of the Columban calendars and missals for sale in the foyer with Eftpos available. Both \$12.00. Soap for Hope will also be available with cash only.

LITTLE ANGELS PRESCHOOL MUSIC & PLAY GROUP:

This group is on every Monday during term time starting 13 February 9am – 10.30am in the foyer at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Arrive anytime, with music starting 9.30am.

Come join us for a time of fun, music, play and delicious morning tea. There is no cost to join this group.

If you are keen to join this group or give it a try out call or text Tess Bowling 027 583 7732 or chat to Amelia, Music Co-ordinator at the Parish Office.





WORLD DAY OF PRAYER . On this day throughout the world, people from various denominations gather in one another's churches to celebrate, using a service prepared this year by the women of Taiwan. Join us and New Plymouth religious communities, Friday 3 March 10.00am St Joseph's Church.

MUSIC NOTES: The Mustard Seeds start up their 9am services for the year this Sunday 12 February at St Joseph's. Please come and enjoy Mass with their music. The Seedlings will be starting their rehearsals again the following weekend on the 18 February, keep an eye out for when they are singing, and our youngest group, Little Angels, is resuming again at Our Lady Help of Christians this Monday 13 February – please see their notice in this newsletter for more information about that.

SCHOOL MASSES: . Alternate Friday 9.00am Mass begins at St Pius X school Friday 17 February. Mass at Francis Douglas Wednesday 2.20pm Mass at Francis Douglas



Altar servers and Fr Simon at Sacred Heart Opening Mass on Wednesday.

will begin in March and Thursday 10.00am Mass at Sacred Heart will begin in Term 11. Parishioners are welcome at these Masses. We celebrate St Pius X school led Mass at St Joseph's 9.00am Sunday 19 February.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL STRATFORD JUBILEE: Registrations are now live for the 125th Jubilee which is to be held 18th March 2023. Registrations are being left open for now, so please, if you can, share the registration link with anyone who would be interested in coming along. For those who have registered and paid, thank you. If the original plan does not go ahead, something on a smaller scale will be organised at school. Please join the Jubilee Facebook page for more information, or email admin@stjosephs-stratford.school.nz



ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OKATO: Thank you to all who came to spend some time together and to clean St. Patrick's Church recently. We understand that this church was built in 1895 replacing the original church that had been built in 1881. Alterations to extend this church were made in 1954. We celebrate Mass in this lovely church 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, Saturday evening at 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come out to Okato to join in these Masses.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

Community Meals begin: 7 February was the first St Vincent de Paul Community Meal of 2023. All of the Team stepped up. There were 37 diners and 9 delivered meals. Everyone was served and we took a dish we had in the freezer to the Men's Shelter. The regular team was assisted by five pupils and a member of staff from Sacred Heart Girls College. All in all a very successful evening and start to the year.



CAN YOU HELP WITH WHARE KAI? Whare Kai consists of weekly cooking sessions where the Mums of young families cook a budget conscious, healthy family meal and get to take it home for that night's dinner.

St Vincent de Paul people, decide the recipes, work out the quantity of ingredients required, do the weekly shopping, adjust the recipe to suit the family size of the cooks, apportion the ingredients to a "food bag" for each cook. The cooks and rostered helpers meet at St James hall in Moturoa on Tuesday mornings, cook the meal together and parcel up for transport home. Helpers may also transport Mums who can't get there under their own steam, look after pre school children or sit and chat with Mums while they enjoy a cup of tea and something to eat when they have finished cooking.

The Conference discussed recently Whare Kai with MSD's Social Cohesion Initiative. It was attended by representatives from Tamariki Pakari, Bernardo's, Te Puna Trust and the Women's Centre and clients. We have sufficient clients, but we urgently need more volunteers to help with the cooking lessons and child care for pre school age children. Could you help with a few hours in this way on Tuesday morning at St James Lawry Street Moturoa?

It was decided to enlarge the Whare Kai to include a presentation of other countries' cooking. We would love to hear from various groups, Philippine, Indian, Sri Lankan, Samoan etc., if they would be interested in presenting their traditional food and talking about their home country and community in New Plymouth.

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Bob Goodyear - robert.g.goodyear@gmail.com or text 0223 231 275.



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Joe Hignett, Marie McLean, Eric Salisbury, Gwen Salisbury, Selwyn Knuckey, Judith Knuckey, Marie Hickey, Grey Dow and deceased members of the Maclean family.

WEEKLY MASSES: 13 February to 19 February 2023 (Third Sunday of the month)

	MON 13 February	TUES 14 February	WED 15 February	THURS 16 February	FRI 17 February	SAT 18 February	SUN 19 February
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	9.10am		5.30pm Vigil Mass	10.30am
Bell Block Mass Centre							10.30am C/S
St Patricks Okato						6.00pm	
St Pius X school					9.00am		

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

WEEKLY:

ADORATION – Wednesday Adoration at Our Lady Help of Christians will resume 15th February after 9.10am Mass and will resume at St Joseph's Church Wednesday 1 March.

MORNING PRAYER – Before Mass Monday Tuesday and Friday 7.40am and Saturday's 8.10am. Go to back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

SCHOOL WEEKDAY MASSES: Friday 9.00am Mass at St Pius X school resumes 17 February. There will no longer be a regular weekly Mass at St Pius X, so please check our newsletter timetable each week.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR: 19 February 2023 7th Sunday in ordinary time

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19.1-2,17-18
PSALM 103
SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3.16-23
GOSPEL: Matthew 5.38-48

COVID: We are aware that the Covid virus is still circulating widely in the community, and this will include the parish community. To help keep our community safe, the Precious Blood will not be distributed at Communion. We will not be restarting Catholic Café as planned, but will adopt a wait and see approach. Weather permitting, the doors in the church will be kept open during Mass to aid the circulation of air. And we remember that the wearing of masks and social distancing in church are all means of stopping the spread of illness. If you feel unwell, please do stay at home. The 9.00am Mass is live streamed.

MINISTRY TEAM:

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Youth Leader Position open at present