



Parish Newsletter Pūrongo a te Pāriha



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Third Sunday of Lent – 12 March 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO CATHOLIC COUCH – CELEBRATING ONE YEAR ON AIR!



Mo and Livie, students from Sacred Heart Girls College, dropped by to talk about Lent.



The Catholic Couch – Youth Radio Show are celebrating one year on air! It was launched during the tricky era of Covid to help reach out and connect with our young people. The half hour show gives our awesome young people an opportunity to share their faith and talk about things that matter to them.

Tune in on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm on Access Radio Taranaki – 104.4 FM.

In the latest show Mo meets and greets our new Youth Minister – Susilo. The show is recorded live but also is recorded as a podcast that you can check this out on the Access Radio Taranaki website – www.accessradiotaranaki.com. Available too on Spotify, or Apple podcast.

The Catholic Couch bought cookies to celebrate their one full year running the show (pictured left).

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 instead of a printed copy. If you would like the tax receipt emailed, please contact the Parish office by emailing office@catholicparishnp.nz

GENERAL NOTICES

LENT: PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

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. Have a look at the programme on the Caritas website www.caritas.org.nz – Join this 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 Thursday in Lent, 7.00pm to 8.15pm, at the Bell Block Catholic Centre. Everyone is welcome to come to be part of this group.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Our Lady Help of Christians each Friday during Lent 5.30pm. Also, St Joseph's Church, led by the Syro Malabar Community each Friday at 6.30pm during Lent.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION: Our Lady Help of Christians Wednesday after 9.10am Mass, and at St Josephs 5.00pm

MORNING PRAYER: Monday and Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday 8.10am before Mass.

EVENING PRAYER: Thursday at St Joseph's, 5.15pm.

ANOINTING MASS AT BELL BLOCK: Everyone is welcome to come to the Anointing Mass, 9.30am, Bell Block Catholic Centre, Monday 13 March, followed by morning tea. Fr Alliston will celebrate Mass and anoint those wanting to be anointed at Mass and in Bell Block rest-homes.

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. You can donate each week by using the pack of six envelopes or as a single donation. Envelopes are available in the all Mass centres. Envelopes can be returned through the parish's plate collection or posted freepost directly to Caritas. Please do include your contact details such as your name, address for a tax receipt. Alternatively, donate online by visiting www.caritas.org.nz.



CWL GENERAL MEETING: Thursday 16 March in the St Joseph's hall supper room at 12.00pm. Bring your lunch. cwl.org.nz



FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES:

Catholic Women's League have heard from their mission stations in the Pacific Islands that some young girls are not able to celebrate their First Communion as they do not have a white dress. Can any one help? All sizes are needed and these could be left at the Parish Office. Do contact the Parish Office if you need more information.

SVDP ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE: Are looking for furniture storage space. Space could be a large garage or in a factory or business. Please phone Kevin on 027 251 9998.



NO FRANCIS DOUGLAS MASS THIS WEEK: No Wednesday 2.20pm Mass this week at Francis Douglas Memorial College. Will return next week Wednesday 22 March.

RENTAL PROPERTIES DESPERATELY NEEDED: For families who have recently arrived in New Plymouth from overseas. Also, Susilo – our new Youth Minister is looking for a 2 bedroom flat to call home. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help in some way.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CARETAKER POSITION: 25 hours per week. Seeking an energetic school caretaker to join our team and educational environment. Practical grounds maintenance skills; pool testing experience (training is available); building maintenance skills to liaise with tradespeople; to be hard working, reliable, independent and thorough; be able to communicate well with all staff and children. The caretaker provides a safe, clean, functional and pleasant working environment in accordance with health and safety.

Please submit a brief CV with your experience to principal@stjosephsnp.school.nz Applications close 4.00pm, Monday 3 April 2023. Notifications for shortlisting and interview times will follow.

"THE LETTER" - CLIMATE ACTION EVENING: On Friday 24 March, from 5.30pm until about 8.15pm, two presenters from Palmerston North Diocese will facilitate a workshop in St Joseph's church hall. A light evening meal will be provided.

The workshop is based on Pope Francis' encyclical called Laudato Si – our common home, in which he follows the call of St Francis (his namesake) to have greater regard for justice involving the environment and climate change.

Those attending are expected to:

- Have viewed the 90 minute film online at <https://TheLetterFilm.org>
- Be open to some form of follow up local action on climate change.



CONFIRMATION WHAKAATURANGA 2023: Registration is open for the Confirmation Programme 2023. If you are 15 years and over and have been

Baptised, this Programme is for you.

To register please follow this link:

https://cpnp.infoodle.com/form_process?g=1efed064-1688-4e78-9ccb-f6eef36fe3c7



The Sacrament of Confirmation is a continuation of the graces you receive at Baptism. When you receive the Sacrament you're sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The sessions are held weekly on a Monday evening from the 1 May – 19 June, 7pm – 9pm. The Programme includes a weekend camp from the 26 – 28 of May.

Parents are required to attend the first session on the 1st of May. You can expect fun games and activities, learning about Confirmation and your Faith, meeting lots of people and making new friends. Honestly, you won't regret signing up.

FIRST RECONCILIATION | FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023: Parent Information and Registration Session will be held on Thursday 29 March, 7.00pm in the St Joseph's church hall. If you are considering these Sacraments for your child this year, please come along and hear what the Programme entails for this year.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT? ...

"Undaunted, they outflanked the crowds, climbed up on the roof of Peter's house, dug a hole in the roof, then lowered their friend down at the feet of Jesus."
Mark Chapter 2.

The story of the Paralyzed Man raises questions that we too must face as we consider how we respond to those who seek sacraments in our parishes. Do we have a desire for every person to truly encounter Jesus

HELP SPONSOR A TEEN: To attend the Set Free Catholic Youth Festival for Year 10 – 13 on the 18 – 20 April.

Set Free is an annual event run for Catholic teens with fantastic speakers, fun activities, and awesome worship. It's a not to be missed opportunity for young people to dive deeper into their faith with other teens across Aotearoa.

It costs \$125 per person. We're looking for people to sponsor our young people to attend. It doesn't have to be the full cost, every little bit counts.

If you are Year 10 – 13 and would like to attend Set Free with our parish group, please email youth@catholicparishnp.nz for more info and registration details.



CAKE RAFFLE!

Support our young people to attend the Set Free Catholic Youth Festival. Our awesome Youth Minister Susilo makes cakes for events. They are amazing.



Buy a \$2 ticket for a chance to commission your own cake for an event and date of your choosing. Tickets go on sale on the 19 March and the raffle will be drawn on the Sunday the 16 April.

ALPHA

coming soon

in a life-changing way? Are we driven by a conviction that the encounter with Jesus makes a difference? What, then, are we willing to do? What are we willing to change? What obstacles are we willing to climb and even tear through to make it happen?

The mission of our Church is to make disciples. Sacraments are given to us to initiate and sustain believers into discipleship. Are we willing to do whatever it takes to make this a reality?



We pray for our deceased family and friends.

Margaret Faulkner, Fr. Dominic Heslin, Grayden Sullivan, Falaniko Falaniko and Fay Novak.

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

	MON 13 March	TUES 14 March	WED 15 March	THURS 16 March	FRI 17 March	SAT 18 March	SUN 19 March
St Joseph's Church	Taranaki Ann 8.30am	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
St Patrick's Okato						6pm	
Bell Block Catholic Centre	Anointing Mass 9.30am						10.30am C/S
Francis Douglas Memorial College			No Mass this week				
St Pius X School					9am		

(C/S) denotes Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.
For updated Mass information, during the week please refer to the APP or Website www.catholicparishnp.nz
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11.30am – 12 noon St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm vigil Mass.

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WEDNESDAY ADORATION:
Our Lady Help of Christians after 9.10am Mass
St Joseph's Church at 5.00pm.

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.

EVENING PRAYER: Thursday 5.15pm St Joseph's Church

SCHOOL WEEKDAY MASSES: Please check our newsletter timetable each week. Sacred Heart School weekday Mass will resume Term II. St Pius X Mass is now fortnightly.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR:
19 March 2023
4th Sunday of Lent

*Prepare
Your Heart
for Sunday*

FIRST READING: Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
PSALM: 22
SECOND READING: Ephesians 5: 8-14
GOSPEL: John 9: 1-41

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