



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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13 August 2023 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ALPHA @ 10 BEGINS THIS WEEK AT BELL BLOCK!



Meet the Alpha @ 10 Team: Front from the left - Barbara McCracken, Christine Smith and Sue Mace. Back - Mary-Rose Dravitzki and Paul Bouterrey.



The Alpha @ 10 Team are excited to be bringing the Alpha programme to Bell Block. The Programme begins this Wednesday 16 August from 10.00am to 11.30am at the Bell Block Catholic Centre, 138 Parklands Ave, and runs for a total of 10 weeks (5 weeks, a 2-week school holiday break, 5 weeks).

It is not too late to register! You can register online using the following link:
cnpn.infoodle.com/f/Alpha10RegistrationForm2023 or by scanning the QR Code.

Alternatively you can fill out a paper copy, available in all church foyers and email to Barbara: ivanbarb2014@gmail.com or bring in to the Parish Office.

For more information please phone Barbara at 06 755 2088 or 021 145 8041.



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.

GENERAL NOTICES

MINI-VAN TO FR JOHN ADAM'S EPISCOPAL ORDINATION: The parish is looking at organising a mini-van to Fr John Adam's Episcopal Ordination - 30 September 2023 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North. Please register your interest with the parish office or email office@catholicparishnp.nz no later than 30th August 2023.

HIGH TEA PARTY: Join us for a High Tea to raise funds for an Orphanage for disabled children in Cebu, Philippines on Saturday 16 September, 1.00pm to 3.00pm, OLHC parish foyer.

Tickets \$25 per person includes afternoon tea and refreshments. Tables of 8 or shared tables available.

To purchase a ticket contact Sarah Devine 027 918 3093 or email sarahdevine43@gmail.com

ROSTERS: We are beginning to make the rosters for the next period, September/October/November. 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.

CWL MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday 17 August, 12.00pm midday in the St Joseph's Hall supper room. Bring your lunch and join us for some together time.



CWL KNITTING PROJECT making peggy square blankets has kept us knitting. We are continue this project and welcome any donations of wool to help with this. Wool can be left at the Parish Office. A big thank you to those who have donated wool over the weeks.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

OLDER CHILDRENS BAPTISM: In term four we will begin our Older Children Baptism programme. This is for children over seven years old. If you know of any families who you think may be interested in registering their children for this, please ask them to get in touch.

Karen Maclean Young Family Minister

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: We begin our annual Marriage Preparation programme; Love is a Decision in August. This is a 90 minute group gathering, led by Steve and Nicola Hill and runs over three consecutive weeknights, Thursday 31st August, 7th and 14th September 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Those planning to marry within the coming 12 months are welcome to register for this programme. For further details contact Nicola 021 339 761



CARITAS SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK COMING SOON: 3 - 9 September 2023. Social Justice Week in 2023 is the beginning of something very special. For the next three years the focus will be on peace and responding to conflict. The overarching tagline is: 'Imagine Peace For All / Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa'.

Each year there will be a unique focus and for 2023 it is: 'Peace begins with you! / Ka timata tonu te Rangimārie i roto i ā koe!'

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Welcomes donations of good clean furniture and household items. Chest of drawers and table and chair sets are always needed. Phone Kevin 027 251 9998 for details and pick up arrangements.



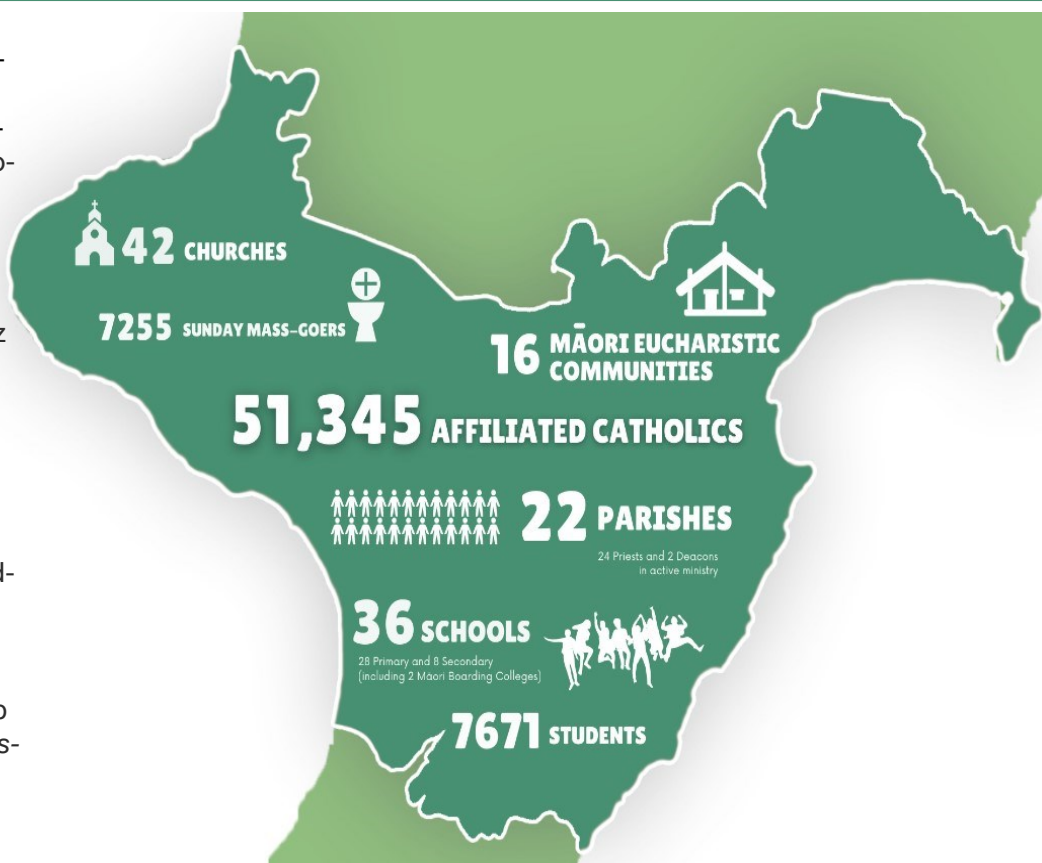
CHECK THIS OUT! This statistical diagram of the Diocese of Palmerston North is from the latest issue of Tūmanako – a pastoral initiative from the Diocese.

You can access this website by going to:
www.tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz

You will discover a collection of really interesting articles, including the Role and Symbols of a Bishop.

There are also resources and videos and you can sign up for the monthly e-mail.

Tūmanako is envisioned as a hub for pastoral work (ie prayer, ministry, evangelisation, information) across the diocese.



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On Tuesday 15 August we celebrate the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God, patroness of New Zealand. We were dedicated to her protection by Bishop Jean Baptiste Pompallier when he celebrated the first Mass in NZ at Totara Point, Hokianga, on 13 January 1838. We pray for our country and the Christian mission.

The Assumption of Mary illustrates for us Christ's promise of resurrection and eternal life to all who believe in him. This celebration calls us to appreciate more deeply the dignity of the human body and its intimate link to our spirituality. St Thomas Aquinas: "The soul is in the body not as contained by it but as containing it." The soul is greater than and transcends the body and is the energy of the body. In the creed, we say we believe in... "the resurrection of the body."

The gospel for this day highlights Mary's faith and her "yes" to God's drama and not her own. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

Fr Simon

COUPLES FOR CHRIST TARANAKI PRESENTS: The Christian Life Programme 2023 - Emmaus Walk With Jesus. Every Friday, 8 sessions starting 1 September, 7.00pm to 9.00pm at the St Joseph's Church Hall, New Plymouth.



Last weekend, Fr Vui completed the Taupo Marathon (photo above) alongside Nate, Katie and Finn Monley. Congratulations to you all! Fr Vui also jumped off a bridge - completing his very first bungee in Taupo!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Assumption of Mary is a Holy Day of obligation along with Christmas Day and all Sundays. From earliest times, Christians have gathered on these days because it is the hall-mark of Christian identity, to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.

You are part of the community of Pentecost!

"It is the community of Pentecost that is able to break the Bread in the certain knowledge that the Lord is alive, risen from the dead, present with his word, with his gestures, with the offering of His Body and His Blood. From that moment on the celebration became the privileged place – though not the only one – of an encounter with Him. We know that only thanks to the grace of this encounter does a human being become fully human. Only the Church of Pentecost can conceive of the human being as a person, open to a full relationship with God, with creation, and with one's brothers and sisters"

(From the Apostolic Letter "Desiderio Desideravi 2022 of the Holy Father Francis)

Youth Corner

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Year 4 - 8
4pm - 5pm
at St. Joseph's Hall

SHINE

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Year 9 - 13
6.30pm - 8.30pm
at St. Joseph's Hall



Tuesday, 15 August 2023,
the Church celebrates

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Come to the Youth Group on Sunday to learn more about our HER!

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY

SUNDAY, 13 AUGUST 2023
6.30PM - 8.30PM
at St Joseph's Hall
(after 5.30pm Mass)



Let us pray together so that we might become, along with the young people, bold in embracing God's dream and in finding the ways for a joyful, generous and transformative participation, for the Church and for humanity.

Pope Francis at WYD #lisboa 2023

NEXT Youth Mass
Sunday, 27 August 2023
5.30pm
St. Joseph's Church.

Susilo | youth@catholicparishnp.nz



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Samuel Komene, Josephine Lamb, Ken Gardner, Kathleen Mary Moriarty, Andrea Dravitzki, Marie Steiner, Restituto Bagotchay, Joe Steuart, Vera and Darcy Old.

WEEKLY MASSES: 14 August to 20 August 2023 Third Sunday of the month

	MON 14 August	TUES 15 August Feast of the Assumption	WED 16 August	THURS 17 August	FRI 18 August	SAT 19 August	SUN 20 August
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 5.30pm	9.10am	9:10am		5.30pm	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block Catholic Centre							10.30am C/S
Francis Douglas Memorial College			2.20pm				
Sacred Heart Girls College Chapel				Temporarily closed for maintenance			
St Pius X School					9.00am		

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11.30am – 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR Saturdays 4.45pm to 5.15pm OLHC prior to the 5.30 Vigil Mass.

WEEKLY:

WEDNESDAY ADORATION:

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

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

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

20 August 20th Sunday in Ordinary time

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5 6.1, 6-7

PSALM 67

SECOND READING: Romans 11.13-15, 29-32

GOSPEL Matthew 15.21-28

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