



Parish Newsletter

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HOPE FOR ALL:

Shona and Alan Manton are among our many parishioners who are helping deliver, in the Westown and Fitzroy areas, the Hope For All booklets.

“A diverse group of churches from throughout New Zealand have come together to give this booklet to every home. It contains remarkable stories of hope from within our nation, past and present, and an ancient message that is still bringing very real hope. This eighth edition of the booklet looks at the way faith brings hope to those who have suffered great loss.” - Hope For All booklet.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped organise and given time to this project. Look out for your copy in your letterbox.

SIMON SAYS

This year we celebrate Easter under the cloud of Covid-19. The pandemic has hung over us for two years now. We are almost through the wave/peak. Our efforts have saved many vulnerable people from severe illness or death. We have done well. We have complied with restrictions. We have even let-out our carpark at St Joseph's Church for vaccinations. The restrictions have targeted gatherings. Which is what we do. Our parish whanau has been on hold for so long. I know we can build momentum again. When the number of cases in Taranaki drops away, hopefully in May - please invite a friend who used to come to Sunday Mass to begin coming along again. The Christian adventure is done together. We journey as a family on this narrow and winding path. A lonely walk at the edges is no place to be. Jesus saw the need to walk alongside us. He healed people. Some he even resuscitated from death. He was obedient to his Father even to the dark depths of a crucifixion. We are told early Christians could barely speak the word so horrific was it. Easter Sunday morning turned everything upside down. Jesus had risen from the dead. With his Resurrection, has come also, the possibility of our sharing in it. In multiple ways. Our parish is going to be made new by the Holy Spirit too. It starts with each one of us. Can we all say this prayer for Easter with our whole heart?

Jesus, I will do anything you want me to do, and I say YES to that thing even before I know what it is. Amen.

Happy Easter everyone. Fr Simon

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

March 2022 Collection Totals:

Clergy Trust Fund: \$11,929.00

Parish: \$33,256.00

Ministry of Health recommends the use of contactless donations instead of a cash collection – PayWave devices are available in Mass centre foyers for your convenience and safety.

TAX RECEIPTS: Tax receipts are available in Church foyers today. If you have trouble locating your receipt, please contact the Parish Office.

PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS: Traffic Light regulations and Mass number restrictions mean parishioners may have difficulty making their usual envelope and cash donations. If the plate is not in circulation as a collection during Mass, there will be a collector in the foyer after Mass. Envelopes can also be dropped off to the Parish Office or popped into our secure letter box at the Office entrance.

Donations can be made through internet banking even if you usually give via envelopes. Please use your name and Planned Giving number as references.

Please consider moving from envelope giving to online giving or giving by automatic payments.

Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

WHAKAATURANGA CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022:



We are excited to open registrations for the Confirmation Programme this year for teenagers in Year 11-13. The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation. It deepens and strengthens in us the life of the Holy Spirit and of God that began at baptism. The Confirmation Programme begins on **May 10th**, dates and times are on the registration form, the website and the parish app. **HOW TO REGISTER:** Follow the link or type <https://forms.gle/eNv17pxoeezByupr7> into your browser to fill in the registration form. You will need your baptism details, and your Parent or Guardian with you to fill it in. It will take 5-10mins to complete. Please don't hesitate to contact Rain by emailing youth@catholicparishnp.nz or by phone - 027 757 3612 with any questions.

GENERAL NOTICES

ILLUMIN8 and SHINE YOUTH GROUPS: Youth Groups will resume on Sunday 1st May!

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION:

The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and care that they receive. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year.

CWL MONTHLY MEETING:

Thursday 21st April at 12 noon in the Supper room, St Joseph's Hall. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch. All welcome!



RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH: We joyfully welcome into our Parish community, Jason Avery, who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

FAREWELL FATHER JOSEPH SAW THA KHU:

After nearly 3 years in the Palmerston North Diocese, Father Joseph is returning home to Myanmar. We thank Father Joseph for his Ministry, and we keep him in our prayers for a safe journey home.



PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022: To be held 1st May – Supper Room. Time to be confirmed. The revised Parish Centre design by Tennent Brown Architects will also be presented at the AGM.

TV AND ONLINE SUNDAY MASS OPTIONS:

For those who are unable to attend Mass, the following TV and online options are available:

- Shine TV - 2pm Sunday - watch Mass celebrated at the Auckland Diocese. Freeview Channel 25 and Sky TV channel 201
- Tongariro Parish Vigil 5pm and Sunday 9am <http://tongarirocatholic.nz/mass-live/>
- The Masses above are available online after the above viewing times
- St Joseph's NP, all Easter celebrations will be live-streamed. Link will be available via the Parish website and App (apologies, link not available at time of printing).

Please pass on this information to those who may not see the Parish Newsletter.

FLOWER ROSTER AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:

If you love flowers, would you like to help arrange the flowers in the church? This would only be a commitment of four times during the year. If you would like to know more please call Janice 06 7536321 evenings or text 021 948 587.



PATH TO NZ SAINTHOOD OF MOTHER SUZANNE AUBERT STUMBLES WITH VATICAN "NOT A MIRACLE" RULING: The medical council of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican has ruled that a potential miracle by the Venerable Mother Suzanne Aubert can be explained by

medical science. This means that Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert has not achieved the first of two miracles required to reach sainthood. Suzanne Aubert's order, the Sisters of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington, is now considering what to do next. A full statement in English and Māori about this development is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/mediareleases/suzanneaubert-ruling/>



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION:

Our Lady Help of Christians church Sunday 24th April at 2.30pm. There will be Rosary and Exposition followed by the Chaplet 3.00pm. Veneration of the Image will follow, finishing at approximately 3.15pm. Please come

and learn about this devotion. All are welcome.

STATUE OF ST JOSEPH REDEDICATION:

On Sunday, 1st May, at 12.30pm, in the St Joseph's Church foyer, New Plymouth, the statue of St Joseph will be rededicated for the parents – John and Barbara, of the Burkett family. This Ceremony will be among the first celebrations to commemorate the 150-year arrival of immigrants arriving in Lyttleton - John Burkett was an immigrant on the ship Friedeburg. 70 years ago, the Burkett Family presented to the Parish the Statue of St Joseph in memory of their parents. All are welcome to the Rededication.



▲ HEALTH & SAFETY

ORANGE LIGHT LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS:

- **PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHILE AT MASS**
- Congregations are unlimited.
- The holy water fonts remain empty.
- Keep 1 metre distancing.
- Communion will be under only one kind – the host will be handed to each person.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place.

**ALPHA
EXPLORE LIFE,
FAITH AND MEANING**

Beginning soon - May 2022!



You are invited to be part of the parish's Alpha experience. Over 10 weeks, we explore the basics of the Christian faith in a series of interactive sessions in an open, informal, and honest space. Some of the questions covered include: *Is there more to life than this? Why did Jesus die? Why and how do I pray? Who is the Holy Spirit?*

- **Monday 2nd May** - 9:45 - 11:15am, St Joseph's Supper room.
- **Thursday 5th May** – 7pm - 8:30pm, Our Lady's Church, Fitzroy.
- **On-line Alpha, Monday 9th May** 7:30pm - 9:00pm.

Registration forms are also available in church foyers or register online at <https://www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/> For more information, please contact Albert – ahjchow@xtra.co.nz

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Noeline Simpson, Owen Goodwin and Ken Gardner.

Weekly Masses 18th April to 24th April

Ministry of Health require all congregations to wear Face Masks from the 4th of February

	Easter Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.30am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help Of Christians					12.05pm	5.30pm	10.30am
Pungarehu							8.30am

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

For updated Mass information please refer to the APP or Website: www.catholicparishnp.nz

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday's 11.30am – 12 noon, St Joseph's Church OR OLHC prior to Vigil Mass.

Weekly

ADORATION – Wednesday 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church and 9.45am after 9.10am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.

NIGHT PRAYER – via Zoom – 8.30pm Fridays.
See Parish website for link.

MORNING PRAYER – Mon/Tues/Fri – 7.40am AND Saturday's – 8.10am. Go to back door of Parish Office Building.

"My Church" APP

To set up the Parish App on your phone for all the latest parish information.



Step 1: Text CPNPAPP to 818 to download!
Step 2: Select what groups you want to 'follow'
Step 3: Set up your profile
Step 4: Try the Give function – we really appreciate any donation you can make.

MINISTRY TEAM:

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