



# Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 17 March 2024  
5th Sunday of Lent



## The Case for MISSION

*Living a life of renewed witness as Catholics today*



Fr. Chris Ryan MGL  
St. Declan's Parish, Sydney

### Important Dates

**Saturday 16 March**  
St Patrick's Day Mass  
6.00pm, St Patrick's Okato

**Sunday 17 March**  
St Pius X School led Mass  
9.00am, St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 17 March**  
St John Bosco School  
led Mass, 10.30am  
Our Lady Help of Christians  
Church

**Sunday 17 March**  
**Baptism Preparation for  
infants.** Contact parish  
office for times

**Tuesday 19 March**  
Feast of St Joseph

**Wednesday 20 March**  
Parent Information Evening,  
for Older Childrens Baptism  
Reconciliation and  
First Communion  
Programmes 7.00pm,  
St Joseph's Church Hall

**Friday 22 March**  
Rite II Reconciliation  
7.00pm, St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 24 March**  
Palm Sunday



A huge thank you to Fr Chris Ryan from Australia for being with us last Tuesday night. Over 200 parishioners gathered at St Joseph's Church to listen to Fr Chris' message of Mission. One of the key messages was:

"The most important thing that's happening in our church today is the renewal of our parishes – where they become places that aren't focused on themselves but look out to others. We're healthiest not when we're looking inwards where everybody feels really cared for and happy and all their needs are being met, we're actually at our healthiest when we're reaching out to others, when we're looking out beyond ourselves to those who don't yet know the saving love of God."

You can view Fr Chris' talk on the homepage of the Parish website and temporarily on the Parish YouTube channel – The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth.

See page 6 for  
more photos!

OUR NEW PARISH VISION  
A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD FOR MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP  
GATHERED AROUND JESUS CHRIST FED WITH THE EUCHARIST AND  
SENT TO TRANSFORM LIVES EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT



OUR

Financial

WELLBEING

### PLANNED GIVING:

Just like any household, the parish has real-world costs. In addition to expenses for pastoral and liturgical activities, our weekly donations are needed to meet the parish costs of electricity, gas, rates, insurance and building maintenance, staff wages, and the priests food and groceries, vehicle running costs, Clergy Trust Fund contributions and much more.

And just like any household, to meet our living and running costs, the parish requires certainty of weekly income to cover parish costs.

An important way that all parishioners can help ensure stability of parish income is to personally commit to budget a set amount each week to donate to the parish. This is best done through a 'planned giving' approach. So how do you do this?

There are two ways to participate in planned giving.

1. Gift by **internet banking**. Set up a direct credit to the parish bank account 02-0630-0288002-97. You will need to advise Ireen at the Parish Office that you want to register for planned giving. When you set up your weekly payment (or your preferred payment frequency) you will need to provide your name, planned giving number and 'planned gift' in the payer details; or
2. Use **planned giving envelopes** into which you place your weekly cash gifting. Place the envelope in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.

Phone Ireen in the Parish Office on 06 757 3682 or email [office@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:office@catholicparishnp.nz) for your supply of envelopes or for assistance with setting up planned giving donations.

And don't forget you can claim 33% of your annual giving as a tax rebate from Inland Revenue. Search 'church donation tax credit' at [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz) on how to do this.

Our giving helps to ensure that the parish can meet its running costs and contributes to the wellbeing and vibrancy of parish life.

## DONATIONS AND TAX RECEIPTS

31 March 2024 is not far away, and with it comes the end of the tax year. If you want to bring your giving up to date or make an annual donation before 31 March 2024, you will receive the tax rebate for this giving and be able to claim the 33% rebate tax. Donations can be put on the plate, brought into the office, or made online. Please contact the Parish Office for the bank details and references.

**EMAILING TAX RECEIPTS:** This year we will be emailing the tax receipts to donors. Tax receipts will be emailed to the email addresses we are using to send out the newsletter each Friday. If this is not the email address you would like the receipt to be sent to, please contact the Parish Office. And of course, if you would rather receive a printed copy, again please just let us know. We can easily issue printed receipts rather than emailed receipts.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – 29 March 2024

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country is forwarded to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered.

### EASTER SUNDAY DUES SPECIAL COLLECTION – 31 MARCH

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Dues/Offerings 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 the care that they receive. Your support and help is always appreciated!  
Mons Brian Walsh (Chairman of the Clergy Trust Fund)

For both collections, specially marked envelopes will be attached to the newsletter 24 March and will be available in the foyer. Those on planned giving will already have donation envelopes. Alternatively please pay by direct credit 02 0630 0288003 03 using your name and planned giving number (if available) and the collection name, *Holy Places* or *Dues*, as reference. And of course cash as the collection is taken up, is welcomed.

# SACRAMENTAL



**SACRAMENTAL PROCESS IN THE PARISH 2024:** For details of our sacramental programmes for Older Children's Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, please look at the Parish website homepage for more information – [www.catholicparishnp.nz](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz). Any questions, please contact: Susilo – Youth Minister for Confirmation enquiries: [youth@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz) Karen – Young Family Minister for Older Children's Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion enquiries: [youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz)

**RITE OF RECEPTION AT EASTER VIGIL:** Following the Rite of Welcoming at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy, in August 2023, Catherine McVey was brought into the order of Catechumens. Since then, and with the support of her sponsors and the RCIA team, Catherine McVey is to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church during Easter Vigil Mass, 30th March at St Joseph's church. Catherine would very much appreciate your prayers as she prepares to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist.

# GENERAL NOTICES

**CWL MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING:** Thursday 21 March, 12.00 midday in the St Joseph's hall supper room. Guest speaker is Fr. Trung. All welcome.



**CWL EASTER RAFFLE:** Tickets will be sold at St Joseph's and Our Lady Help of Christians after Sunday Masses 17 and 24 March. \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5.00. Bring some coins to Masses and take your chance at winning Easter goodies.

**CHRISM MASS:** Everyone is warmly invited to be part of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, Tuesday 26 March at 12.05pm. Car pooling is being arranged by a parishioner. In the first instance please phone the Parish Office.

**OBITUARY:** Sister Teresa Casey, a member of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary religious community, died in Ireland Sunday 10 March 2024, aged 95 years. May she have eternal peace. Sister Teresa at the request of this parish, lived in and served the Marfell community in the 1990's and 2000's undertaking many initiatives. Teresa's ministry was inclusive of everyone, & she will be well remembered by parishioners who were here in those years. Remember those huge garage sales held in the hall. Sister Teresa was the sister of the late Fr Bill Casey a priest in Taranaki for many years.

**ALTAR SERVER AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:** Recently we asked for volunteers for Altar Serving and I received an email from a family but unfortunately I have lost the email. Sorry about this. if this was your family - can you please email me again at [anne@stpiusx.school.nz](mailto:anne@stpiusx.school.nz) Thank you. Anne Dent.

## COMING UP AT THE BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE – 132 Parklands Ave:

**ANOINTING MASS:** Wednesday 20 March at 9.30am. Followed by a cuppa. All are most welcome.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 23 March at 9.30am to 10.30am.



Some families with Fr Trung after Mass at the Bell Block Catholic Centre.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** Each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church 5.30pm and also at St Joseph's Church at 2.15pm and 7.00pm.

**EVENING PRAYER:** Each Thursday during Lent at St Joseph's Church 5.15pm.

**CARITAS LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS:** The Bell Block Caritas Lenten Reflection group meeting each Wednesday in Lent, 7.00pm to 8.15pm, at the Bell Block Catholic Centre, 132 Parklands Ave, or the the discussion group in the Parish Office 5.15pm to 6.15pm, each Monday during Lent. Everyone is welcome to come to be part of either of these groups.

**LENTEN REFLECTION MUSIC BY KADISHA:** Come sit, pray and reflect listening to calm and reflective music. During Lent, each Monday at 12.00 midday, St Joseph's Church, each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians 9.30am to 10.00m.

#### LENTEN GIVING CARITAS

Envelopes are available in the churches or make a secure donation on-line at [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) or phone 0800 22 10 22



## Te Huinga o ngā Pihopa Katorika o Aotearoa

New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference

13 March 2024

### Statement from the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand

#### Caritas Lent Appeal

Each year, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand runs the Bishops' Lent Appeal to support their work to aid and empower the most poor and vulnerable in our society. The Caritas mission, as the Catholic agency for justice, peace, and development, is of vital importance to us all, especially the vulnerable communities they work with across the Pacific and beyond.

The Bishops' Lent Appeal is the most direct way of providing the resources Caritas depends on to continue this vital work.

For our Catholic community, Caritas is the means by which we help our brothers and sisters in need – upholding their human dignity through partnerships grounded in Catholic social teaching.

Over the last couple of years there has been a drop in giving to Caritas, putting pressure on their ability to fund programmes that serve those most in need. We ask that during this time of preparation and almsgiving, you make a special gift to the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 online at [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz) using the envelopes provided at Mass. This act represents the giving of alms and will mean so much to those that Caritas helps.

Yours in faith,

- ✠ Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Auckland
- ✠ Richard Laurenson, Bishop of Hamilton
- ✠ John Adams, Bishop of Palmerston North
- ✠ Paul Martin SM, Archbishop of Wellington
- ✠ Michael Gielen, Bishop of Christchurch
- ✠ Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin



Kia Ora everyone, We are a non-profit organization that supports prisoners and their families. We are on the hunt for used sleeping bags/sleeping mats to give to our rough sleeping clients to support them through this coming winter. If anyone has any old sleeping bags lying around that are in good condition we will gladly take them off your hands. These can be dropped at our office at 163 Devon St West or at the Parish Office. Thank you

**UPDATE:** Thank you to all Parishioners who have donated sleeping bags. We have received 6 sleeping bags already! Pars staff were delighted and thankful to receive them. Keep them coming!

## ARE YOU CONNECTED?



Did you know you can receive the weekly parish newsletter and other occasional important parish information by email?

If you are not receiving emails from the Parish Office, it means we don't have your current email address.

Please email: [office@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:office@catholicparishnp.nz) with your name and current email address and we will put you on the distribution list.

**SPECIAL CHARACTER HUI**  
**FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE**  
**Tuesday 19 March, 5.30pm**  
**FDMC Chapel**



Why do you send your tamariki to Francis Douglas Memorial College?  
 What is our Special Character?  
 What do we teach in Religious Education?  
 Why do our tamariki have retreats?  
 What do they do at retreats?  
 What do we teach in Religious Education?  
 Why should everyone take Religious Education every year?  
 Where do the sayings we have at FDMC come from?  
 What is the role of the Special Character Leader?

**Food and Drink provided.**  
**Come along, meet, discuss, ask!**

**We would love to see you there.**

**Anna Zsigovits-Mace**  
**Assistant Principal Special Character**

**ST PIUS X**  
**GALA DAY**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 11AM - 2PM**  
**120 BROOKLANDS RD**  
**EFTPOS AVAILABLE**

**FDMC GALA DAY**  
**SAT 6 APRIL**  
**11am - 2pm**  
 Francis Douglas Memorial College Grounds

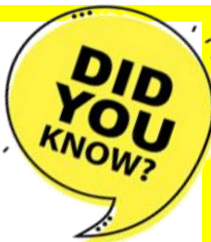
**SHINE**  
**WAITI CORNER**  
**ILLUMIN8 YOUTH**

**WE MEET DURING THE SCHOOL TERM**

- SHINE** Junior Youth Group | Year 4-8  
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
- ILLUMIN8** Youth Group | Year 9 - 13  
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

Reconciliation is the reconciling of man to God. When we sin, we deprive ourselves of God's grace.



In Reconciliation, grace is restored to the soul. It allows us to name the habits that cause us to drift from God. The priest is there, not to punish, but to be a tangible sign of God's forgiveness.

James 5:16 - 'therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.'

Lent is a wonderful time to reflect upon the mercy of Our Saviour and the ultimate price he paid for our sins - he loved us so much. Lent is also a good time to attend Reconciliation to draw closer to Our Saviour in preparation for Easter Sunday.

**Youth Group Sunday, 17 March 2024**

Get pumped for this Sunday as we wrap up our Lenten Series with a bang on "PAINLESS"! It all kicks off at 5:30pm for Mass, followed by a delicious meal at the Hall before we plunge into Life Night.

Psst... Confession will be up for grabs this Sunday!

Can't wait to catch you all there!

**ONCE-DAILY PAINLESS!**  
 Are you suffering from the pain of grief, loss, sadness or anger? Then take PAINLESS! Because you deserve not to suffer!

**No! YOUTH GROUP**  
**ILLUMIN8 on SUNDAYS**  
**24 MARCH and 31 MARCH**

**SEE YOU ON**  
 Sunday, 7 April 2024  
**"Family Dinner"**

**"Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Give yourselves over to the best of life!"**  
 CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 143 - POPE FRANCIS



**We pray for our deceased family and friends:** Sr Teresa Casey, Brian Ford, Peter Hofmanner, Eileen O'Neill, Suzie Barnes and Jenny Bunn.

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Fr Chris Ryan talking about how the Parish Vision is not just a job for the Priest but for all of us – as a community!



Fr Chris Ryan and Cheryl Surrey with some members of the Ministry Team and Leadership Team.



Cheryl Surrey sets up the promotional table. One of the most purchased books was “Divine Renovation: From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish” by Fr James Mallon. Cheryl is the Divine Renovation Relationship Guide for New Zealand.



Parishioners enjoying coffee and cake and talking with Fr Chris before his talk. A huge thank you to the Parish Hospitality Team!

# TRY ALPHA!



## COMING SOON MAY 2024

MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK



@ THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
NEW PLYMOUTH



[www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/)



[alphateam@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:alphateam@catholicparishnp.nz)

# Holy Week 2024 and Reconciliation times

## HOLY THURSDAY

28 March 2024

Morning Prayer at St Joseph's church 8.30am  
(There are no morning Masses on this day)

### MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 7.00pm  
Night prayer at the Altar of repose  
in the St Joseph's church hall 9.00pm

## GOOD FRIDAY

The Passion of the Lord

29 March 2024

Morning Prayer at St Joseph's church 8.30am

### PASSION OF THE LORD

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 3.00pm  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 3.00pm  
BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE 3.00pm  
ST. PATRICK'S OKATO 2.00pm

## HOLY SATURDAY

### EASTER VIGIL

30 March 2024

Morning Prayer at St Joseph's church 8.30am

### EASTER VIGIL MASS

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 7.30pm

## EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

31 March 2024

### EASTER SUNDAY

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 9.00am  
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 10.30am  
BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE 10.30am  
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA 10.00am (Opunake)

## RITE I RECONCILIATION

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE Sat 23 March 9.30am - 10.30am

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Mon 18 March 12pm - 12.30pm  
Mon 25 March 12pm - 12.30pm  
Sat 23 March 11.30am to 12pm  
Sat 30 March 11.30am - 12pm

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Fri 22 March 9.30am—10.30am  
Wed 20 March 9.45am—10.30am  
Wed 27 March 9.45am - 10.30am

## RITE II RECONCILIATION

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Fri 22 March 7.00pm

We gather as a community and celebrating the liturgy with prayer and song. We then seek individual confession and absolution from one of the many priests who will be with us on that night. The liturgy concludes with a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing.



There is no VIGIL MASS at Our Lady Help of Christians Saturday 30 March

There is no VIGIL MASS at St Patrick's Okato Saturday 30 March

There is no 5.30pm evening Mass at St Joseph's Sunday 31 March

# WEEKLY MASSES: 18 March to 24 March 2024

Fourth Sunday of the month

	MON 18 March	TUES 19 March	WED 20 March	THURS 21 March	FRI 22 March	SAT 23 March	SUN 24 March
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			5.30pm	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block 132 Parklands Ave			9.30am Anointing Mass				
Sacred Heart Girls College				9.50am			
Francis Douglas Memorial College				2.20pm			

**MASS TIMES:** Owing 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](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz) for updated information.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 11.30am to 12.00 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

Please see previous page for Reconciliation times during Lent. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests. Please contact the office.

**ADORATION:** Our Lady Help of Christians Tuesday 9.35am to 10.30am after Mass.

**MORNING PRAYER:** Monday Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday at 8.10am. Please go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

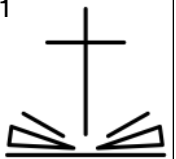
24 March 2024 Palm Sunday

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 50.4-7

**PSALM:** 22

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 2.6-11

**GOSPEL:** Mark 14.1-15.47



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