



Parish Newsletter

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4th Sunday of Advent – 19th December 2021

Emergency Phone 027 224 2100

Fundraiser for Life Teen:



Thank you everyone who supported us last Saturday by attending our Christmas Concert Youth Fundraiser it was such a wonderful evening! We raised a significant amount of money towards the young people attending Life Teen Summer Camp this January.

Thanks so much to all the youth who shared their talents with us all, they were incredible, singing, dancing, guitar, ukulele, piano, violin and even a magic show. It was great fun and the joyful spirit of Christmas was definitely in the air.

Back Row - Juan Pablo Caceres Ramirez, Nicholas Yeow, Aiden Matthew, Gabriel Gerente, Jackson Powell, Clarence Chan

Middle Row – Eve Hagenson, Lydia McCaul, Harriet Healion, Benjamin Chow, Bethanie Luke, Lucy Howarth, Ella Butterworth, Maddison Hayes, Molly Powell, Rain Forest

Front Row – Ruth Hagenson, Aliana, Martha-Rose Hagenson, Father Vui, Ella Bartlett, Livie Murray, Elliana Luke, Hamish Gibson

SIMON SAYS Dear Parishioners,

A little clarification regarding the wearing of masks under the government's 'orange light' for Vaccine Pass Required gatherings. Volunteers/workers at Mass are "required" to wear masks. That is, our greeters, our ministers of communion – they come into contact with many people.

The people gathered, are not required to wear a mask. However, the Bishops of NZ "encourage" everyone to wear a mask, to physical distance, not to use holy water, to receive communion only in the hand and not to use hymn books. I think it is important that all of us who attend our Masses do actually follow the Bishops' recommendations. Especially in view of the current outbreak in Taranaki and because we will have visitors from other parts of New Zealand. Apology for not making this clearer over the past 2 Sundays.

Fr Simon Story – Parish Priest

NB. Over the past two weeks, some volunteers have assisted us in viewing the My Vaccine Pass as you enter Mass. Over the holiday period, we would welcome some help to ensure this good work continues, without the need for a roster. If you are first to arrive at Mass from the 26th December, please let the Mass Coordinator or Priest know you're happy to help.

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

Collection 12 December 2021

Clergy Trust Fund: \$ 585.31

Parish: \$ 1,582.49

FINANCIAL REPORTING: The Finance Committee has reviewed the Parish accounts for the year to 30 September 2021 and they have now been released to the auditors. Detailed accounts are available on the parish website. Go to www.catholicparishnp.nz and click on the 'About Us' tab.

OPTIONS FOR PLANNED GIVING:

- Cash in your planned giving envelope.
- Set up an automatic payment at your bank or use internet banking. Please contact the Parish Office for the bank account number and reference details.
- You can pay via the Parish APP or website - Tax deductible receipts are automatically sent to your email address after each individual donation.

Bequests are also an important part of Christian Giving and leaving a gift to the Parish in your Will is an additional way to support your Church.

GENERAL NOTICES

25th December – Annual Christmas Collection at all Christmas Masses for the Diocesan Clergy. Giving through the Parish APP will also be available.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA! Tuesday 21 December – 10am; We would like to honour and serve our dedicated volunteers at our Annual Volunteers Morning Tea. We couldn't do it without you!!! No need to RSVP – just turn up!



DECORATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE at St Joseph's Church: Children of all ages are invited to a morning of Christmas fun - decorating the Christmas tree Tuesday 21 Dec 9.30-10.30am.

Contact Michelle for more information – or just turn up!

INVOLVING CHILDREN IN CHRISTMAS: Children, will you be at 8.30am Family Mass at St Joseph's church? Or 9am Family Mass at OLHC church? Children are invited to dress up in Nativity theme (Mary, Joseph, angel, shepherd, wise man or king) and help the priests with the liturgy. Contact me for further details, Michelle 06 7573682



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH MASS TIMES: Please pick up a Christmas Card with the Priest's messages from the Mass centre foyers and feel free to pass one on to anyone who would like to receive one.

CHRISTMAS MINCE PIES: The Christmas mince pies are wrapped and ready for those who take Communion to the house bound. Please pick up from church foyers.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS supporting St Columbans Missions Society are on sale at OLHC (See John after Mass at OLHC) and at St Joseph's 9am Mass or the parish office – only \$12 ea. These make great Christmas gifts for those whom Columban Calendars have been a family tradition, or for those new to the Faith.

SUNDAY MISSALS are available from the parish office \$15 each.

ADORATION will resume Wednesday the 2nd February at both OLHC and St Joseph's Churches.

ALPHA will resume February 2022 – register online at www.catholicparishnp.nz

NIGHT PRAYER via zoom – will resume in February.

CATHOLIC CAFÉ – we hope to resume this opportunity to share a cuppa, late January 2022.

WEEKDAY MASSES: From Monday 27th December through to the 23rd January, the weekday and Saturday Masses will be 8.30am at St Joseph's Church. No other weekday masses will be held during this time.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: A very big thank you to the people who made it possible for St Vincent de Paul members to bring smiles to the faces of so many people this week.

Your gifts of toiletries and sweet treats looked amazing when they were all bagged up and tied with ribbon.

We were given some beautiful Christmas cards, hand made by girls from Sacred Heart Girls College - works of art, sparkling with beads and glitter, with messages of hope and joy sticking out the tops of the bags.

A great community effort. Thank you!

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY ONLINE SESSIONS: Go to www.catholicparishnp.nz OR the Parish APP and click on the 'Resources' tab to view sessions.

ADVENT 2021 ONLINE. Receive daily New Zealand based Advent reflections in your inbox. www.foodforfaith.org.nz. Give God an opportunity to prepare your heart and mind for Christmas

.SACRED HEART GIRLS COLLEGE PTA: Pre-loved uniform shop is opening January 2022 – donations are welcome and can be left at the parish office after the 10th January. The Uniform Shop will start 9am, 24th January at the School Events Centre. Enquiries to shgcptfa@gmail.com

WelCom December 2021/January 2022 edition is in Church foyers: Contents include:

- New Zealand Catholic Bishops’ Pastoral Letter – ‘Living, Caring, Worshipping, and Ministering in a Covid-19 World’
- Cardinal John Dew’s column – ‘A breath of new life for you all’.
- Papal award – Richard Puanaki, Wairoa.
- Paula Wells, Principal Sacred Heart Girls College New Plymouth – relocating to Wellington role.
- Tony Murphy of Palmerston North Diocese – remembered.
- Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care – update.
- Christmas in a time of pandemic – Fr Neil Vaney sm.
- ‘The Journey Into Reality’ – reflective poem by Bishop Peter Cullinane, as supplementary lift-out.

STAFF VACANCY: Parish Administrator Part-time 28 hours p/week, working to support the Ministry Team. Contact Denise for a Job Description manager@catholicparishnp.nz

▲ HEALTH & SAFETY

INCREASED FOOT TRAFFIC: Please use the pedestrian crossing outside the Police Station to cross the road over the Christmas Mass timetable.

ORANGE LIGHT LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS:

- the holy water fonts remain empty
- Please continue to register your attendance by scanning the QR Code in the entrances.
- Please wear a mask whilst in the Church
- communion will be under only one kind – the host will be handed to each person.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place for vulnerable people.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm Wednesday 23d December, reopening Monday 10th January 2022. Please continue to phone the office number 06 7573682 for all queries throughout the holiday period. The Emergency phone will also be attended during this time.

The Newsletter will resume 24th January 2022

Rite I Reconciliation

St Josephs	Our Lady Help of Christians	St Patricks, Okato
Sat Dec 18 th 11.30am-12 noon	Sat 18 Dec 4.45pm before Vigil Mass	Sat 18th Dec 5.15pm 5.45pm before Vigil Mass
	Sun 19 Dec before the No Vaccine Pass Required Mass 4:30pm – 5:15pm.	
Tues Dec 21 11.30am- before 12.05pm Mass	Tues 21 Dec 9.45am After Mass	
Thurs 23 7pm-8pm	Wed 22 Dec 9.45am After Mass	
Weds Dec 22nd 5.30pm Adoration AND Reconciliation @ St Joseph’s Church		

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Noeline & Sam Drought & Brian Collins, Nancy Dobson, William Dobson, Trisha Smith, John Keegan, Alison Cox, Fred Cox, Harry Goodin, Noeline Kavanagh, Flynn, Hewes and Martin (UK) Families, Bob Shaw, Gasperino Fiadino, Rodolfo Fiadino, Francis Charles Parker, Isobelle Letitia Parker, Edward William Rowe Parker, Vera & Darcy Old, Mike Old, Dave Newland, Jordan Adams, Moya Thomson, Mary Ballentyne, John Hermanns, Sister Vincent, Judy Scott, Mary & Fred Tipler, Terry Dudley, Mamie Fleming, Rita Rogers and Cath Fleming.



Weekly Masses 20th December to 26th December 2021

NB. A Vaccine Pass is required to enter Sunday Mass unless otherwise stated.

Weekday Mass is available for parishioners who do not have a Vaccine Pass, on the proviso the congregation does not exceed 50. Please wear face masks.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri Xmas Eve	Sat Xmas Day	Sunday Boxing Day
St Joseph's Church	8am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am Carols 7.30pm - 8pm Vigil Carols 11.30pm - Midnight Mass	8.30am 10.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
OLHC		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am	Carols 6.30pm 7pm Vigil	9am 10.30am - No Vaccine Pass Required NO VIGIL	10.30am 5.30pm – No Vaccine Pass Required
St Patrick's Okato					Carols 6.45pm - 7pm Vigil		
St Martin's 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: Saturdays 11.30am – 12 noon St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to vigil Mass – see extra timetable inside newsletter

FORMED: An online library resource for anyone in the parish, which may be of use throughout the holiday period.

Instructions to access:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish name: Catholic Parish of New Plymouth
3. Enter your name and email.

"My Church" APP

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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