



# Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 19th May 2024  
Pentecost Sunday



## Important Dates

**Sunday 19 May**  
Pentecost Sunday  
St Pius X School led Mass,  
9.00am  
St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 19 May**  
Older Children's  
Baptism Preparation

**Monday 20 May**  
"The Letter" as part of  
Laudato Si Week 2024  
Our Lady Help of Christians  
5.30pm

**Friday 24 May**  
Feast of Our Lady Help of  
Christians Rosary 5.00pm,  
Mass 5.30pm followed by  
shared Kai

**Sunday 26 May**  
Youth Mass 5.30pm  
at St Joseph's

**Friday 31 May 5.00pm to  
Saturday 1 June 5.00pm**  
24 hour Adoration  
Our Lady Help of Christians



## THEIR JOURNEY HAS STARTED.

On Monday, 6 May 2024, 63 candidates embarked on their Confirmation Programme journey. Each Monday, they delve into various subjects to aid in their preparation for confirmation. They explore topics such as understanding God as a loving Father, Jesus as their saviour who fulfilled God's promises by sending the Holy Spirit, the inspiring lives of saints who will guide them, and the exciting Confirmation Camp where they will delve deeper into the Holy Spirit's role and impact.



## PRAYER ADOPTION

Join the PRAYER ADOPTION initiative by choosing an envelope with a candidate's name to pray for them daily. Prayers are sought for their openness and guidance by the Holy Spirit in their lives. View candidate photos at the YOUTH NOTICE BOARD in the foyer.

## YOUCAT SPONSORSHIP

If you wish to sponsor a YOUCAT for a candidate, check the church foyer for an envelope with details. Also, refer to the poster on the YOUTH NOTICE BOARD for more information.



## YOUCAT SPONSORSHIP FOR CONFIRMATION 2024

This year, instead of presenting the Confirmation candidates with a Bible, we will be gifting them a YOUCAT.

Donation forms and envelopes can be found in the foyers of St. Joseph's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians Church for those willing to sponsor a YOUCAT for a candidate for \$41.50.

Donations can be made at the Parish Office during weekdays from 9am to 4pm or by dropping the envelope in the secure letter box at the Office door, or placing it in the collection plate on Sundays. For online banking details, please reach out to us via email.



## 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





## GENERAL NOTICES

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** The Holy Spirit is upon us. Look up at St Joseph's Church. Falling from the tower, the banners put the gifts of the Holy Spirit before us.

Courage, Wisdom, Right Judgement, Understanding, Knowledge, Reverence, Awe and Wonder.

May these gifts be part of our daily lives.



### FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

**Friday 24th May 2024**

We will celebrate this Feast day at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy 24th May with Rosary at 5.00pm, Mass at 5.30pm followed by shared kai. Please bring a plate.

### FLOWER ARRANGER NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

A person is required for the month of June to arrange the flowers at St Joseph's church. If you do not have your own garden, some flowers can be provided. If you would like to find out more information about joining our flower roster, please call Janice 753 6321 or text 021 948587

**CAN YOU HELP?** Fr Trung is flying to Washington DC, USA next month for the ordination to priesthood of his elder brother Joseph Thong. He will be joining his parents Luan and Su, who were unable to be with neither Fr Trung nor his younger brother Tien at their respective ordinations. Parishioners at OLHC have suggested that we make a collection to help Trung with his travel costs. There are donation envelopes in the foyer, which can be left on the plate or dropped off at the office over the coming weeks. Please add any messages you wish to on /in the envelope. Donations can also be deposited to 02 0630 0288002 03 referenced Fr Trung. This donation is not tax deductible.



## LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2024

Latin for "Praised Be," Laudato Si' is the name of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home – planet Earth. The letter is addressed to "every person living on this planet" and calls for a global dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet through our daily actions and decisions. More information can be found at [www.laudatosiweek.org](http://www.laudatosiweek.org)

### PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

Pope Francis is challenging not just us Catholics, but all people of goodwill, to wonder at the magnificence of creation, to contemplate and discover that nature is "God's Art" and that all things are connected. Come and see "The Letter" on Monday 20 May at 5.30pm to 7.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church Clinton Street Fitzroy.



This short film, follows Pope Francis gathering people the world over to ponder how we are living in our "Common Home" It is a film for everyone, from older children to the elderly.

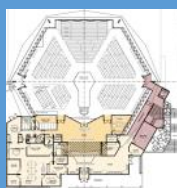
Our Lady Help of Christians Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm.

### JUBILEE 2025 | NEWS AND INFO

Bishops create special webpage for Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has created an online page of resources to use as we walk together towards Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope. Go to: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>



## NEW PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

### Fundraiser Specialist | Contractor Position

The Steering Committee continues to meet on a regular basis.

In our March update we advised that the CPNP has made a request to the Toi Foundation (formerly TSB Community Trust) for financial assistance for the position of Fund-raising Specialist. We are pleased to report that the Toi Foundation has generously granted the Parish \$15,000 towards the funding of the Fund-raiser position.

The Steering Committee view the generosity of the Toi Foundation as the initial seeding for the important task of fundraising that is before us.

Expressions of interest are now invited from parishioners who believe they have the skills, talents, and time to be considered for this key parish role. It is envisaged this will be a contracted part-time position for 2-3 years. The position will be competitively remunerated.

Please register your interest by sending your CV to our Financial Manager Teresa Hurley - [accounts@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:accounts@catholicparishnp.nz). If you would like to discuss, please call Steering Committee Chair, Colin Comber 0272492864.

Applications close 31 May 2024. All interest and enquires will be treated in strict confidence.

**ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION:** Thursday last week, we gathered in the church to meet with Bishop John and Liam Greer, General Manager of the Diocese of Palmerston North.

Bishop John began his delivery with these words.

.....“now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles “Brothers and sisters, now what shall we do?” Acts 2.37. He spoke of our moving from an age of Christendom and of our need to be a Catholic Community and the part Divine Renovation could play in this change. The power of the Holy Spirit in making that change from maintenance to Mission Church. The three important words.

#### **Come Holy Spirit.**

Liam spoke to us about the financial state of the diocese in relation to the annual return for 2022-2023, looking at Pastoral care, Advancing Education and the Common Good. He highlighted the challenges ahead, with a key focus on financial sustainability.

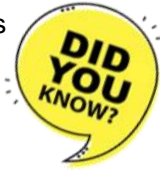
Copies of the annual report are available in the Parish Office, or if you contact us we will email a copy.

Three more titles Mary is known by that we can ponder on this month of May.

*Seat of wisdom* - Mary is the Seat of Wisdom because wisdom became incarnate in her son Jesus whom she carried. She also possessed and practised true wisdom, not the wisdom of this world.

*Mystical Rose* - The rose is portrayed as Mary's favorite flower. From the mysterious roses in Juan Diego's tilma which was imprinted with Mary's image, to the garland of roses she wore at La Sallette and the beautiful roses she brought to Lourdes, Portman, Pellevoisin, Beauving and Banneaux. It is said, every Hail Mary we say is like placing a rose at her feet.

*Tower of David* - The Tower of David was one of great strength and beauty and used for the defence of the city of Jerusalem during King David's reign. Mary is a symbol of the Tower because of the virtues she represented in beauty and strength. She defended and protected her Son, and continues to defend and protect us as we journey through life.



#### **Listening to God in the Quiet of Winter**

A Sacred Quiet Morning at St. James, Church Corner South Road, and Donnelly Street, Oakura. There is plenty of parking in the church grounds. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 9.30am – 1.00pm

A quiet time for silent prayer and reflection

Bring your Bible, writing materials, rug and or cushion for comfort if desired. Refreshments are provided. Koha is welcomed to help meet costs. Resources are provided.

For more details contact Heather Lofthouse Spiritual Director [heather1349@gmail.com](mailto:heather1349@gmail.com). 021 617 894) or email Please register attendance by 2 June by email or text.



Bishop John speaking at the Annual Report Presentation

**PILGRIMAGE** starting in Rome, by coach then to Medjugorje via Loretto and Anaconda in September 2024. For all enquiries please contact Fr James Walsh Kaitia Parish 022 0919320. There may be New Plymouth parishioners on the Pilgrimage.

<p><b>SHINE</b></p> <p><b>WAITHI CORNER</b></p> <p><b>ILLUMIN8</b></p>	<p><b>WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM</b></p> <p><b>SHINE</b> Junior Youth Group   Year 4 - Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><b>ILLUMIN8</b> Youth Group   Year 9 - 13 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL</p>
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**YOUTH GROUP** Sunday, 19 May 2024

At this Life Night, you will discover strategies to manage stress and empower yourself to grow through stressful situations by drawing acting out of your security in Christ!

**SUNDAY, 19 MAY 2024**  
6:30PM - 8:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

**YOUTH CULTURAL MASS**

**SUNDAY, 26 MAY 2024**  
5:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

INVITING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH TO ATTEND THIS YOUTH MASS!

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME - 3RD SESSION**

Candidates, get set for the thrilling round three on Monday, 20 May 2024, starting promptly at 7pm in the church hall. Get Excited!!

**"IF YOU'RE PART OF THE PROGRAMME, CATCH YOU ON MONDAY!"**

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:** Bill Murphy, Johnny and Kathleen Goodin, Barry Dombroski, Mary Phelan, Louisa Fife and John Hamblyn.



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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

**20** 8.00am  
MON

St Joseph's Church

**21** 8.00am  
TUES 9.10am  
12.05pm

St Joseph's Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
St Joseph's Church

**22** 8.00am  
WED 9.10am

St Joseph's Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church

**23** 8.00am  
THU 9.50am  
2.20pm

St Joseph's Church  
Sacred Heart Girls College Mary's Chapel  
Francis Douglas Memorial College Chapel

**24** 8.00am  
FRI 12.05pm  
5.30pm

St Joseph's Church  
St Joseph's Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church

**25** 8.30am  
SAT 5.30pm  
6.00pm

St Joseph's Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians  
St Patrick's Church Okato

**26** 9.00am  
SUN 10.30am  
5.30pm

St Joseph's Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
St Joseph's Church (Youth Mass)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests. (Phone the Parish Office 757 3682)

**MORNING PRAYER:** Monday and 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.

**KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH AND ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH :** Each Sunday at OLHC 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities. And at St Joseph's church 9.00am Sunday Mass.



### SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

26 May 2024 Feast of the Holy Trinity

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 4.32-34, 39-40

**PSALM:** 33

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8.14-17

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 28.16-20



### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Tuesday  
9:35am to 10:30am  
(after 9:10am Mass)

First Sunday of the month  
3:00pm - 4:00pm

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Every Thursday  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

### 24 HOUR ADORATION

To celebrate the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), we will have 24 hours Adoration starting at 5.00pm on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May to 5.00pm Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Our Lady Help of Christians.

Just come as you are before the Lord to offer our parish and our family to His love and mercy. If you want to come to this, please fill out your name on the timetable in the church foyers God bless you.

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### St Joseph's

106 Powderham St  
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### Our Lady Help of Christians

24 Clinton St, Fitzroy

### Bell Block

### Catholic Centre

138 Parklands Ave  
Bell Block

### St Patrick's Okato

36 Cumming St  
Okato

# BIBLE STORIES: WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

with Kieran Fenn fms

***"The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter."  
(Pope Francis)***



Why are there two Genesis Stories? Who was Adam really?  
Was John at the foot of the Cross? ... and why do we have  
four Gospels in the first place?

Have you ever asked yourself these and other questions  
about our Holy Scriptures?

**Join us in unravelling Bible stories and looking for answers  
within a group, and with Bible Scholar Kieran Fenn fms  
when we ask questions about Bible Stories: "What do they  
mean?"**



**Bible Stories — what do they mean?** with Kieran Fenn fms  
**First Sundays of the month, 5-6pm (ZOOM)**

**Fee: Koha. Donations are appreciated.**

For more information and registration: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)