



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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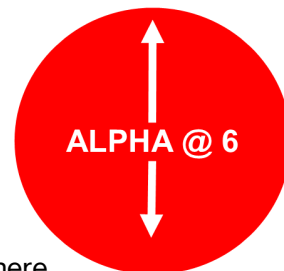


20 August 2023 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

COME AND EXPLORE!

SIGN UP NOW FOR ALPHA @ 6!



We are excited to bring you the next Alpha @ 6 Programme - starting Wednesday 30 August, 6.00pm to 8.00pm., St Joseph's Church Hall. A 10-week programme that creates a space where people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures come together to have a discussion about life, faith and Jesus.

Our first Alpha @ 6 this year started back in April and finished end of June and we're still talking about it! Food, video session and a chat were all the key ingredients.

Friendships were formed, stories and whakapapa were shared, aroha and trust developed, tears and laughter often filled the room. A new spiritual journey had begun for the 55 participants who completed the programme of 10 weeks, including a one-day Retreat.

Our programme was successful because of the amazing support from our team of volunteers over this time.

Cooking, washing dishes, child-minding, flower arranging, baking, and praying made this happen. And not only from within our team of volunteers, a HUGE thank you too, our Parish.

- Mary Elizabeth Hagenson

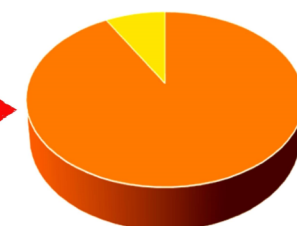
On the final night of our previous Alpha, participants were asked to complete a questionnaire about the programme:



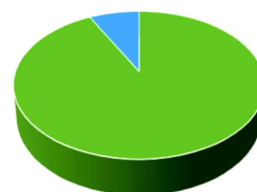
- 28 different countries represented
- 39 women and 16 men attended
- 23 volunteers for kitchen duties, childcare, leading and co-leading groups
- 90 attended the final session
- 19 participants (one third) have signed up to do something more within the Parish



My Alpha Experience



I would recommend Alpha to my friends and family



Great = 44 Good = 4 Okay = 0 Definitely = 48 Probably = 4 Not Sure = 0



SIGN UP

Scan the QR Code or
visit the Parish website
www.catholicparishnp.nz

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.

MĀORI EDUCATION COLLECTION: Sunday 27 August. The Māori Education annual collection has growing support. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori is good for all New Zealanders.

Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. There will be a collection after Communion at all Masses 27 August.

Māori Education collection envelopes are attached to this week's Parish Newsletter. If you wish to make a donation, cash on the plate is fine, but if you wish to receive a tax receipt, please include your name on the envelope.

Those who donate by Planned giving will already have a numbered, Māori Education envelope.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: We thank all those who give so generously to the parish with Planned Giving.

The Planned giving envelopes for the 2023/2024 year are available for collection from the church foyers. If you haven't already, please collect today.

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 -
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

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



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 POSTPONED: High Tea to raise funds for an Orphanage for disabled children in Cebu, Philippines has been postponed till later in the year.

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.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN APPOINTMENT: With retirement of Tony Tooman, the Diocese of Palmerston North confirms the appointment of Albert Chow as Catholic Chaplain at Te Whatu Ora Taranaki (Taranaki Base Hospital) effective 14 August 2023. Date for commissioning Albert to this role will be advised when available.

RCIA - RITE OF WELCOMING: Cath McVey, a teacher at St John Bosco School, is seeking reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church at next year's Easter vigil. Cath, a baptised Christian, is being accompanied by the parish RCIA team on this journey. The parish RCIA team, her sponsors and St John Bosco school community would like to introduce Cath to our parish as we celebrate Rite of Welcoming at 10:30am Mass today at Our Lady's Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy. Please say 'Hi' to her and keep her in your prayers.

RCIA : Considering the Catholic faith? Come to the RCIA information session on Saturday 26 August, 2-3pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 24 Clinton Street, St Fitzroy. RCIA is a process of accompaniment, reflection and discovery for adults considering the Catholic faith.

FOOD BANK: Foodbank donations can be left in the Church foyers each Sunday. All non perishable grocery items are welcomed. An extra item bought with your shopping; toothpaste, jam, cereal will make a difference to a family in need.

IMAGINE



FOR ALL

POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA

CARITAS SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK: 3 - 9 September 2023. The Parish is providing a meeting(s) for those who want to reflect with others on this year's Social Justice topic - Imagine Peace For All: Peace Begins With You.

There are 7 weekly sessions in total. Come and join Father Tom in the Parish Office (backdoor). First session - Monday 21 August 2023 from 5.15pm to 6.15pm; What is peace? What peace means and how we can build it in our personal lives. Second session - Monday 28 August 2023 from 5.15pm to 6.15pm; Peace in our hearts.

Resources are available from the Caritas website:
<https://www.caritas.org.nz/schools/social-justice-week>



SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE MANAWA TAPU | DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

Permanent, fulltime, 3 Management Units, 1 Permanent Senior Management Allowance. Start date: 28 January 2024.

We are seeking an inspirational, committed, active faith leader to promote, preserve and maintain the Catholic special character of the college and who will commit to uphold and live the mission of the RNDM tradition through Ako, Manaakitanga and Wāhine Toa.

Applications close Monday 11 September 2023 at 12 noon.
Email: dst@shgcnps.school.nz for a job description and Special Character Position Form..
Current NZ Teachers' Registration is a requirement.

Address letter of application along with your CV, Special Character Position Form, and provide two professional referees with contact details to:

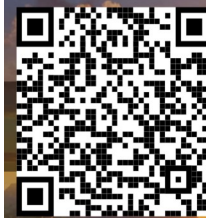
The Executive Assistant
Sacred Heart Girls College
PO Box 3241, New Plymouth 4341
Or Email: dst@shgcnps.school.nz



TARANAKI TERTIARY
CHAPLAINCY TRUST BOARD



ECUMENICAL TERTIARY CHAPLAIN: The Taranaki Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Board is recruiting for an Ecumenical Chaplain to join the WITT Te Pūkenga Student Success Team. This is a permanent, part-time position (24 hours a week) based on the WITT Te Pūkenga New Plymouth campus. Role description available on request at chaplaincyboard@witt.ac.nz
Applications close 8 September 2023.



Couples For Christ, Taranaki
from the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth
presents

Emmas
Walk with Jesus

An Invitation to
CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME 2023

For more information:

Please see posters and CFC Emmaus CLP 2023 Facebook page for details.

Please register:

Through QR code, or the link: <https://forms.gle/MQKBgXHeaaKKTiiAA>

For any queries:

Please contact Norris - mobile: 02102527801; email: norzlagera@yahoo.com
or Ann - mobile: 02102527802; email: ann_lagera@yahoo.com

In the Bible the four Evangelists have traditionally been depicted symbolically as creatures. A man (Mathew): his gospel begins with a long list of Jesus' forefathers. A lion (Mark): he begins his gospel with John the Baptist preaching like a roaring lion. An ox (Luke): an ox was a sacrificial animal such as the one Zechariah offered up in the temple. An eagle (John): his gospel begins with a bird's-eye view showing Jesus as the eternal Word.

You can often see these symbols in churches. For instance, many lecterns are adorned with the image of an eagle as a sign of the Word of God. The Old Testament was mostly written in Hebrew, and the New Testament was mostly written in Greek. The Spirit of God inspired the biblical authors from different times and places, to spread his message without error but in their own words. The Old Testament has many independently verified historical facts, however, not everything in the Bible is to be taken literally and it is the path God walks with his people that is more important. It is a message about God's love for His people.

The Church aided by the Holy Spirit, helps us to read the Bible well and to comprehend it in its entirety within the Tradition.

DID YOU KNOW?

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



CRAFT NIGHT

ILLUMINATING
YOUTH GROUP
YR 9-13

SUNDAY, 20 AUGUST 2023
5.30pm - 8.30pm

ST JOSEPH'S HALL



Join us for a fun craft night!
We are preparing something special for
our dads to give on Father's Day!

"Craft is passionately
creating something with
your hands."
SARAH CHATTERTON

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

"That is what we need in this life,
then: not fame, success or money,
but the realization that we are not
alone, that we always have Christ at
our side."

Pope Francis
at World Youth Day 2023

Susilo@youth@catholicparishnp.nz



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Samuel Komene, Josephine Lamb, Kerry Knuckey, Barbara Mulligan, Leocadio Sicut and Rene Sicut Senior.

WEEKLY MASSES: 21 August to 27 August 2023 Fourth Sunday of the month

	MON 21 August	TUES 22 August	WED 23 August	THURS 24 August	FRI 25 August	SAT 26 August	SUN 27 August
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.00am C/S	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 Martins Pungarehu							8.30am
Francis Douglas Memorial College			2.20pm				
Sacred Heart Girls College Chapel				10.00am			

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.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Each Sunday at OLHC Parish 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities. We welcome kids from kindy age. If your child is younger than this they are welcome too but just need an adult to come with them. We look forward to seeing you all there.



WEEKLY:

WEDNESDAY ADORATION:

Our Lady Help of Christians after 9.10am Mass
No Adoration this week at St Joseph's Church.

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:

27 August 21st Sunday in Ordinary time

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22. 15, 19-23

PSALM 138

SECOND READING: Romans 11. 33-36

GOSPEL Matthew 16 .13-20

MINISTRY TEAM:

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