



Parish Newsletter

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2nd Sunday of Easter 24 April 2022

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TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS: It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the Triduum as a community with unrestricted numbers again. The Mass of the Last Supper, Holy Thursday was led by the Youth of the parish at St Joseph's. The Mustard Seeds provided the music. The Passion of Christ, Good Friday, was celebrated at Bell Block, Okato, Our Lady Help of Christians and St Josephs. At the Easter Vigil, Jason Avery, pictured left, was welcomed into the Church and confirmed.

Jason, you are so welcome to our parish community.

Dear Parishioners,

To clarify where we are at with covid-19 protection framework restrictions: Under the Orange traffic light, the key points are:

- There is **no limit** for indoor or outdoor gatherings.
- You do not need to wear a **face mask** at a gathering, but it is encouraged.
- Workers and volunteers at gatherings must wear face masks — unless they are exempt.

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www.covid19.govt.nz

I hope we will emerge from the pandemic soon. We are probably not ready for Catholic Café after Masses, but I am looking forward to it. I hope we can all embrace a new way of belonging and of Catholic community when restrictions lift. A strong sense of community and proud Catholic identity based on relationship with Jesus the Lord.

Pope Francis has written a new book on our emerging into a post-pandemic world. **Let Us Dream, The path to a better future. 2021.** Written with Austin Ivereigh. Pope Francis writes on how humanity, and people of faith especially, can respond. He sees in the pandemic a danger of narcissism for those who refuse to see it as a global catastrophe or who put self above neighbour in their actions and priorities regarding restrictions. He also explains the blessings such a stoppage can provide for people. "This is the time" he says, "to restore an ethics of fraternity and solidarity, regenerating the bonds of trust and belonging. Only the face of another is capable of awakening the best of ourselves. In serving the people, we save ourselves." He speaks in the epilogue of the regeneration of society, economics, and politics – and now you - to decentre, to transcend, to move out of ourselves. Visit a local refugee centre, go to an ecological agency, and see what you can do. It is heartfelt spiritual guidance. Books like this can be ordered from a local Catholic bookstore in our diocese: Pleroma Christian supplies, in Otane. Phone: 06-856 8378.

It is important for us to build on the momentum of people emerging from their homes at the lowering of restrictions. To invite people back to Sunday Mass, to Catholic community, to identity as missional disciples of Jesus Christ. It is our gathering on the Lord's Day that strengthens our relationship with Jesus the Lord, that motivates us to serve the poor – in community meals offered on Tuesday at St Joseph's Hall, to be involved with St Vincent de Paul Society, to welcome the stranger at the Sunday gathering.

Fr Alliston Fernandes from the Wellington Archdiocese is speaking about the Easter mystery on Thursday and Friday evening at OLHC and Saturday morning at Bell Block for people hungry for more of Jesus Christ. God bless, 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
PROGRAMME 2022:

CONFIRMATION

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/eNv17pxoezByupr7> 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 do not 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!

BAPTISM: We welcome Annabelle Mitchell to our Parish Community with Baptism at 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's today. Arabella Tongco, Fleur Hughes, Charlie Lamplough, Bodhi Lamplough, Jonah Smith, William Fowler-Smith, Violet Fowler-Smith and Jose Narciza will be baptised at St Joseph's church in the afternoon. We pray for the children and their families as they take this step in their faith journeys'.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: Sunday Gospel Reflections from 14 April to 31 July are available in the church foyers. These are excellent if you wish to prepare for the Sunday Gospel or if you take Communion to the Sick. Please take a copy.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: We have two calendars left for sale if you missed buying one earlier in the year. \$15 from the Parish Office.

POSTPONEMENT OF PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022:

The AGM and presentation of the Parish Centre Plans originally set for 1 May has been postponed to a date and time later in the month.

"ENCOUNTER THE PASCAL MYSTERY" with Fr. Alliston Fernandes, ICPE Mission Wellington, at Our Lady Help of Christian's Church, Fitzroy on the 28th and 29th. April from 6.45p.m -8 p.m. Do join us to learn more of the Paschal Mystery. All very welcome.

'GROWING OUR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RISEN LORD' is the title of a presentation Fr Alliston will make at Bell Block Catholic Centre, 138 Parklands Ave, next to Fred Tucker Hall, Bell Block. Saturday 30 April, 9.30am – 10.45 am. followed by quiet exposition time, and an opportunity to receive Sacrament of Reconciliation. Again, everyone very welcome.

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 7536 321 evenings or text 021 948 587.

SUNDAY MISSALS: We have six copies of the Sunday Missals left for sale. These give all the Sunday readings for Year C and the entire parts of the Mass. Excellent for readers who will always have the current week's readings on hand. Just \$15 from the office.

REDEDICATION OF THE STATUE OF ST JOSEPH

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 donor Burkett family, This Ceremony will be among the first celebrations to commemorate the 150-year anniversary of the arrival of Polish immigrants in Lyttleton. John Burkett was in this group.

FATHER ALAN ROBERTS: Fr. Alan Roberts is 50 years ordained this year. Fr Alan was raised on the family farm at Okaiawa and went to Manaia Convent. Covid restrictions curtail celebrations at present, so all well-wishers are invited to leave a message for him at www.tinyurl.com/Alans50th by 16 June.

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.



KIMI ORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LIGHT COMMUNITY: The next gathering will be held at St. Joseph's Hall New Plymouth, today 24 April 1.00pm.

TV AND ONLINE SUNDAY MASS OPTIONS: For those who are unable to attend Mass, the following TV and online options are available: The Triduum celebrations for the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth are on Catholic Parish of New Plymouth channel on YouTube.

- 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/>

Please pass on this information to those who may not see the Parish Newsletter. There were positive cases of Covid in our church community this week. If you were at the following Masses, please be vigilant.

7.00pm Vigil Mass Sat 16 April St Patrick's Okato

HEALTH & SAFETY 7.00pm Vigil

Mass Saturday 16 April at St Joseph's 9.00am Mass Sunday 17 April at St Joseph's

If you start feeling unwell or have symptoms, please get a Covid test. Please do not come to Mass if you have any Covid symptoms.

Common symptoms are:
new or worsening cough ~ coughing, sneezing, runny nose, temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste, sore throat, shortness of breath, fever.

- 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** – 7.00pm - 8:30pm, Our Lady's Church, Fitzroy.
- **On-line Alpha, Monday 9th May** 7:30pm - 9:00pm.

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Religions Woodfield, Keene Garden, Blue Line, Sundays, The Rosary, Garden, Carrington, Waiwera, Miki, Goshin, Maitia, and (For more information, please contact Albert – ahjchow@xtra.co.nz)

Weekly Masses 25th April to 1st May

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

	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	ANZAC 8.30am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help Of Christians		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am C/S	12.05pm	5.30pm	10.30am C/S
Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block							10.30am

(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 8.10am (Anzac Day)
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 to receive all the latest parish information as soon as it is available.

- 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.



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