



# Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



Sunday 24 March 2024  
Palm Sunday



Over 140 people participated in our Alpha Series last year; exploring life, faith and meaning! Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, run over ten weeks with a retreat around week eight. There are three key things in an Alpha session: food, a talk and good conversation. Come along and experience Alpha 2024!

## Important Dates

### Wednesday 20 March

Opening of registration for Sacramental programmes

### Sunday 24 March

Palm Sunday

### Tuesday 26 March

Chrim Mass in Palmerston North

### Holy Thursday 28 March

Mass of the Last Supper  
7.00pm St Joseph's Church

### Good Friday 29 March

Passion of the Lord  
Liturgies at  
St Patricks Okato 2.00pm  
And 3.00pm at  
Bell Block Catholic Centre  
Our Lady Help of Christians

St Joseph's Church

### Holy Saturday 30th March

Vigil Mass at St Joseph's  
7.30pm

#### DATE

Thursdays  
2 May - 20 June (approx.)  
6.00pm - 8.00pm

#### LOCATION

St Joseph's Church Hall  
151 Devon St West  
New Plymouth

#### REGISTRATION

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

#### CONTACT

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



Each session will start with a sit down meal. It's a great way to build community and get to know each other.



The talks - played as a video are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually, around thirty minutes long. We'll explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity.



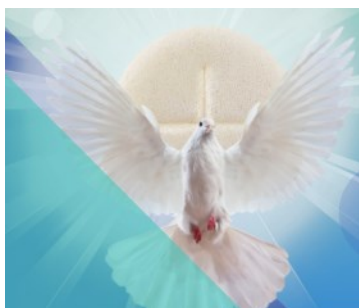
The chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic in a small group in an honest, friendly and open environment.



**REGISTER  
NOW!**



**SCAN  
ME**



## 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

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET** is a devotion that was revealed by God to St Faustina in Cracow, Poland in the 1930s. During the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, St Faustina's countryman, the devotion was given a special place in the life of the church when he designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. A novena leads up to this celebration. Brochures for the novena, which is a private novena, beginning Good Friday, are available in the church foyers.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION:** The Divine Mercy devotion will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians church Sunday 7 April at 2.30pm. There will be Rosary and Exposition followed by the Chaplet at 3.00pm. The Veneration of the Image will follow, finishing at approx. 3.15pm. Reconciliation will be available during this time. Please come and learn about this devotion. All are welcome.

**CONNECT GROUP:** The Monday Connect Group which meets every Monday in the Parish Office to look at the weekly Gospel readings, is now starting at a new earlier time of 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to this group.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE:** Applications open for those applying for funding, close 31 March 2024. The aim of the Catholic Charities Allocation Committee is to assist with funding Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Tindall Foundation and aligned with diocesan goals. Applications are judged on the basis of need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria. Application forms are available in the Parish Office or on the Diocesan website.

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



**EASTER EGG HUNT:** After 9.00am Mass on Easter Sunday we will have an Easter egg hunt at St Joseph's for the children. This will be organised by the Youth group.



**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CATERING:** Warm and welcoming hospitality is an important aspect at our parish functions. Some events for 2024 can be managed by our parish hospitality teams, for example offering tea/coffee/finger food. Other larger events which include simple meals such as lasagna, cottage pie, or curry, require greater management. We invite any individuals, groups or businesses who would be interested in being involved in catering for such events to contact us. Schools - this could be a fundraising opportunity you may wish to consider? For further information or to register your interest please contact the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENTAL NOTICES



Older Children's  
Baptism



Reconciliation



First Holy Communion



**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:

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**LENTEN REFLECTION MUSIC BY KADISHA:** Come sit, pray and reflect, listening to calm and reflective music. Monday at 12.00 midday, 25 March St Joseph's Church. Reconciliation will be offered during this time.

### GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

St Joseph's Church 10.00am Good Friday



Come to the Stations of the Cross, arranged by the Syro Malabar Community on Good Friday 29 March starting at 5.00pm at the Western Park Gates on Morley Street Hill. Contact the Parish Office for more details.



Our Diocese of Palmerston North seminarian Zung Phan will be in our parish for Holy Week. Zung is in the second year at the seminary. Please welcome Zung, pray for him and encourage him while he is in our parish.



St Joseph's school visited St Joseph's church on St Joseph's day for a special liturgy celebrating our feast day, and the presentation of badges to leaders. Shown above, the whole school singing .

**KURIOS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE 2024- JOY: SAT 13TH APRIL, NEW PLYMOUTH:** We live in a society where we desire and strive for joy, and yet we find it strangely elusive. In a way, we live in a world now that is hyper-stimulated and used to getting what they want at the touch of a button... and yet they are more depressed than ever before. Why is Christianity any different? What does Jesus provide that these earthly things don't? Come join us 9.30am on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April as Pastor Logan Hagoort opens the Word of God to share with us the joy we need. Cost: FREE (includes lunch). [Register here](#) by 8<sup>th</sup> April. Visit [kurios.nz](#) for more info or follow us on [Facebook](#)



The Swiss Club Alphorn group played in the church to over 40 parishioners and visitors last week. Parishioners from New Plymouth, Stratford and Hawera were amongst the talented musicians.

<p>SHINE</p> <p><b>WAITITI CORNER</b></p> <p>ILLUMIN8 YOUTH</p>	<p><b>WE MEET DURING THE SCHOOL TERM</b></p> <p><b>SHINE</b> Junior Youth Group   Year 4-8 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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**No ILLUMIN8 Youth Group**

**SUNDAY, 24 MARCH 2024**  
**SUNDAY, 31 MARCH 2024**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

SEE YOU ON SEE YOU ON SEE YOU ON SEE YOU ON SEE YOU ON SEE YOU ON

Sunday,  
7 April 2024

**Family Dinner**

Have you signed up for the Confirmation Programme? This program is tailored for students in year 11, 12, or 13. Look for more details on the Parish or your College Notice Board or visit the parish website.

"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

Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are good reminders that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain to perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love - which is the definition of God. In pursuing that goal we find happiness. Pleasure is not the purpose of anything: pleasure is a by-product resulting from doing something that is good. One of the best ways to get happiness and pleasure out of life is to ask ourselves, "How can I please God?" and, "Why am I not better?" It is the pleasure-seeker who is bored, for all pleasure diminishes with repetition. Fulton J. Sheen

**✝ We pray for our deceased family and friends:** Maurice Strange, Will van Beers, Fay Novak, Bill Murphy, Margaret Hurley, Nora Hurley, Marie Hickey and Ellen Jennings.

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.

## BEQUESTS:

If at any time you are preparing a will, please consider the long-term needs of the parish.

As current parishioners we enjoy the use of Church facilities, be it at St Joseph's, Our Lady Help of Christians, Bell Block Mass Centre, or St Patricks, Okato. These facilities were funded by the past generations of parishioners.

All these buildings require ongoing maintenance and renewal of equipment.

Your bequest will be put to good use in helping to ensure we have well-maintained facilities for our communities, present and future, to worship and to continue to grow in faith and fellowship.

## 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.

## 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 receipt for this giving and be able to claim the 33% rebate tax this year. 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 if you don't have a planned giving number.

**EMAILING TAX RECEIPTS:** This year we will be generally 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. If you do not receive an emailed newsletter each week, it means we don't have your email address. 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.



# 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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Sat 23 March 4.45pm to 5.15pm  
Wed 27 March 9.45am - 10.30am

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Sat 23 March 11.30am to 12pm  
Mon 25 March 12pm - 12.30pm  
Thursday 28th March 9.00am to 12.00 noon & 1.00pm to 3.30pm  
Good Friday 9.00am to midday  
Sat 30 March 11.30am - 12.00pm

## 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



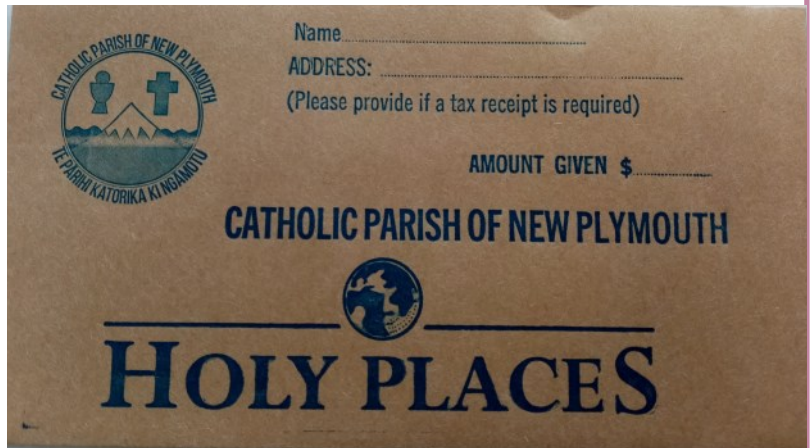
### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – 29 March 2024

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.

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.

Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University.

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

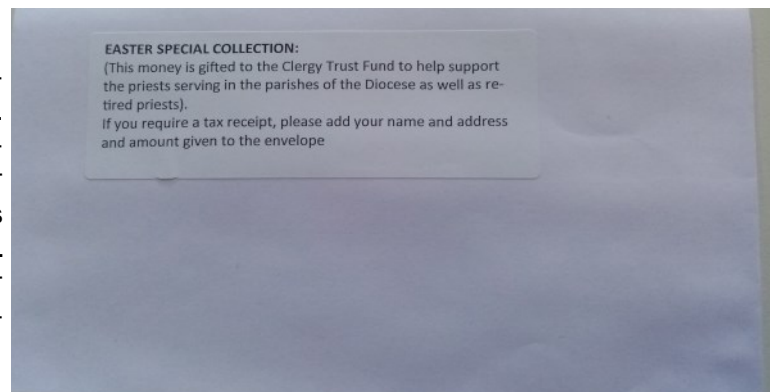


### EASTER SUNDAY DUES SPECIAL COLLECTION – 31 MARCH AND AT THE VIGIL MASS

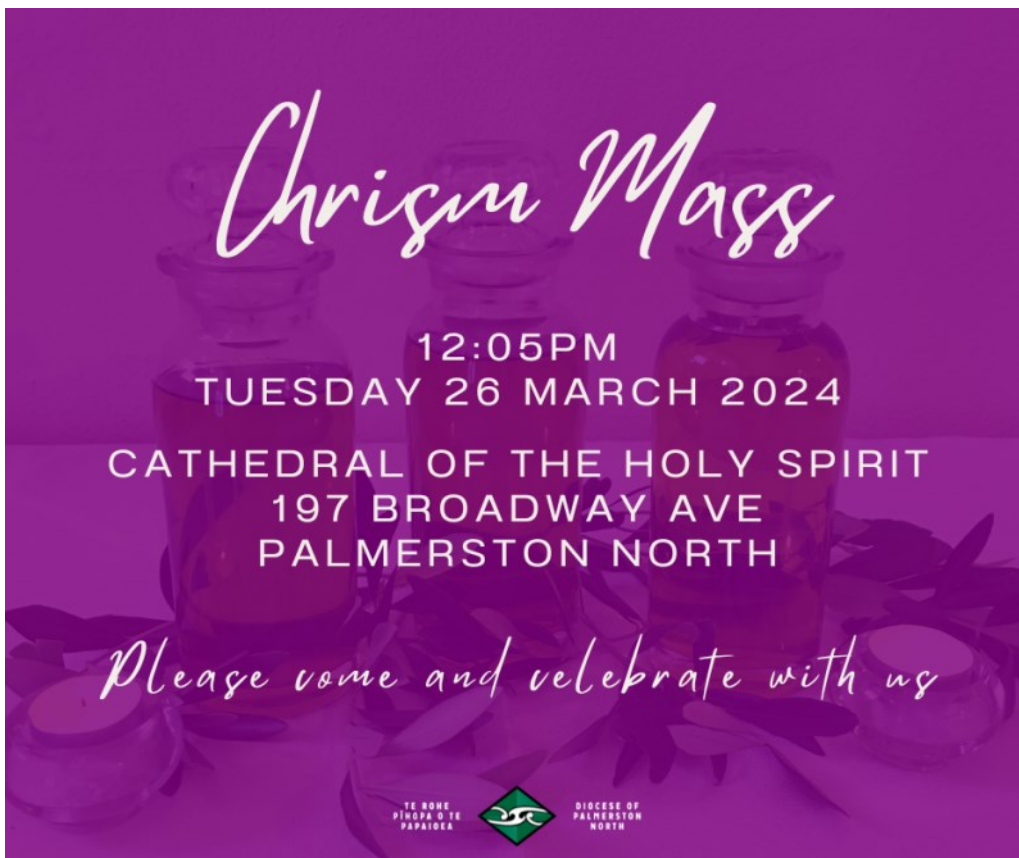
Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Dues/Offerings Special Collection. The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect 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 are attached to the hard copy newsletter today and will also be available in the foyer. Those on planned giving will already have donation envelopes. Alternatively please pay by direct credit 02 0630 0288002 03 using your name and planned giving number (if available) and the collection name, *Holy Places* or *Dues*, as a reference. And of course cash as the collection is taken up, is welcomed.



### CHRISM MASS

Chrism Mass, Mass of the Holy Oils is celebrated in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Tuesday 26 March, 12.05pm. The change of the Chrism Mass timing from an evening Mass to a midday time makes it much easier for those in the far away regions, like Taranaki, to attend the Mass.

For those travelling, a light morning tea will be available 10.30am to 11.30am. Soup and buns will be provided after Mass.

Our parishioners are still arranging shared rides, leaving early Tuesday morning and returning after the Mass. Contact the Parish Office for details.

# WEEKLY MASSES: 25 March to 31 March 2024

Fifth Sunday of the month

	MON 25 March	TUES 26 March	WED 27 March	THURS 28 March	FRI 29 March	SAT 30 March	SUN 31 March
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am and 12.05pm Both Liturgy of the Word with Communion	8.00am	Mass of the Last Supper 7.00pm	Passion of the Lord 3.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm	9.00am  No evening Mass
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion	9.10am		Passion of the Lord 3.00pm	No Vigil Mass	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato					Passion of the Lord 2.00pm	No Vigil Mass	
Bell Block 132 Parklands Ave					Passion of the Lord 3.00pm		10.30am
Sacred Heart Girls College				No Mass			
Francis Douglas Memorial College				No Mass			

**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:** Please see the previous page for Reconciliation times during Holy Week. 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 25th and Tuesday 26th March 7.40am in the office. See over for the Holy Week Morning prayer times in the church and Night prayer in the hall.

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

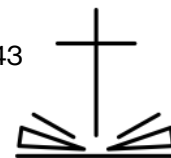
31 March 2024 Easter Sunday

**FIRST READING:** Acts 10.34a, 37-43

**PSALM:** 118

**SECOND READING:** Colossians 3.1-4

**GOSPEL:** John 20.1-18





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