



# Parish Newsletter

106 Powderham Street, PO Box 32, New Plymouth | 9 am to 4 pm | PH (06) 757 3682

[www.catholicparishnp.nz](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz) | [office@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:office@catholicparishnp.nz) | Emergency Phone 027 224 2100



Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Mission Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

---

## Parish Retreat with John O'Connor:

Fr John O'Connor founder of the Food for Faith website [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) was at OLHC last weekend for a parish retreat. Around 30 people donned their masks, signed in, sanitized their hands, and gathered to renew the fire of faith within following our second lockdown. Fr John, from Christchurch is acting director of the National Liturgy Office and ex-spiritual director of our national seminary and an engaging personality to boot. The retreat focused on the Year of St Joseph that Pope Francis called for this year. Fr John said he wanted to focus on encounter rather than dense spiritual theology. Good food was on offer in the beautiful foyer at OLHC. The lifting of minds and hearts was felt by all participants putting paid to lockdown blues. A big thank you to those who contributed to the running of the retreat.



## Today is Mission Sunday!

We are a missional parish. Meaning, we look outward to welcome the unbaptized, unchurched into the parish family. Can you contribute? We have just completed our first online Alpha. 6 couples attended to completion. One has now joined the RCIA. The others have joined a Connect group. Will you invite someone to the next Alpha? Today is a special focus on overseas mission. Our prayer and financial support towards this endeavor is important. Mission in New Plymouth is now the kaupapa (focus) for our parish.

## Hospital Anointing Mass for November transferred to St Joseph's Church

The popular monthly anointing Mass typically held on the first Saturday of every month at Good Shepherd Chapel in Taranaki Base Hospital is to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on the first Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at the normal time of 11am. Alert Level 4 prevented this Mass and anointing over August and September. Alert Level II restrictions have made this anointing Mass for the sick and elderly too difficult within the hospital environment. All regulars are warmly invited, and newcomers welcomed.

---

**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

17 October 2021

CTF                      \$286.90

Parish                    \$775.70

**UNCOLLECTED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** have been returned to the office – we will endeavour to deliver, or you can pop in and collect.

If you want any changes to the way you give, please contact the Parish Office 06 757-3682.

If you wish to make a **DONATION** to the parish but you have **NO CASH**? No problem. We have PayWave located in the church foyers.

### 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:** 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.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATION

**OLDER CHILDREN'S BAPTISM 2021:** The preparation programme is rescheduled to restart on the 31 Oct and 7 Nov. We hope to celebrate the Baptisms on 21 and 28 Nov. Any questions please contact Michelle,  
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

## GENERAL NOTICES

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It is first and foremost the celebration that all baptised, are missionaries. We participate in the Mission of God – to bring the Good News that God is here and wants to give life abundantly (Jn 10:10). Mission Sunday is also a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event, and every penny, pound and prayer you give to Mission helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.



**MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION** There will be baskets available at this weekend's Masses. If you are not on Planned Giving, please use the attached envelope or donate via the Parish App, which will automatically send you a receipt. Envelopes or cash can be put in the collection plate at any Mass or left at the Parish Office.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** This is the process for adults who wish to become Catholics or explore the Catholic faith. Beginning early November in the Parish House, the RCIA is open to those interested. Please pray about inviting someone to join in. Perhaps they have said something to you before that made you think they could be open to such an invitation. Any enquiries can be made at the Parish Office.

**NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY:** Go to the Parish website for details

**CANCELLATIONS:** Please note there is no zoom evening prayer on Friday 22 and 29 October, also no Adoration at St Joseph's on Wednesday 27 October.

**FAITH AND LIGHT UPDATE:** On 2 October, a delegation of 50 people from the Italian Faith and Light community were received by Pope Francis at the Vatican.

Pope Francis spoke to the group and said: *"The presence of Faith and Light has been and is now a prophecy because the most fragile people are often rejected, considered useless. And your prophecy is even more important today, to fight the culture of rejection and to remind everyone that diversity is a richness and must never become a reason for exclusion and discrimination"*.

Our sincere thanks to the kind anonymous person who gave us a generous donation toward our operational costs this week. Kimi Ora Faith and Light Community.

### U

**REFUGEE SPONSORS NEEDED:** Community Organisation Refugee Sponsorship (CORS): Was your extended family involved in welcoming and connecting of refugees to our Aotearoa New Zealand world in the 1980's? Please let the Parish office know if they were. There is again a need, and we would like to know how you and yours came to be involved.

**NZ CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER:** An online version is available at <https://nzcatholic.org.nz/>

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH GLASS PARTITION:** An opaque window manifestation will be temporarily applied to the glass on the internal partition, between the foyer and the Church interior to ascertain the level of distraction. The Building Committee welcomes your feedback on whether the screening addresses the issue. Once it is in situ, please email Denise at [manager@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:manager@catholicparishnp.nz) if you wish to make your thoughts known to the Committee.

**JOURNAL FOR COUPLES** Melissa Castillo, a parishioner of St Columba's, Hamilton has written a scripture/prayer/gratitude journal encouraging couples to spend time together reflecting on God's word, \$25. Contact: [lizelfc@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:lizelfc@yahoo.com.sg)

**GIANT PLANT SALE** for the Hospital Chaplaincy is Cancelled due to the Level 2 restrictions.

**MISSING DATA PROJECTOR REMOTE** – This is the remote for the projector in the supper room. Could you have picked up by mistake? Could it be in someone's computer bag? Please check. (It's a white Epsom remote).



Unfortunately, we have not had any response regarding the whereabouts of the **spare data projector**. It is an older Belkin model and is possibly in a black case. Please contact the Parish Office 06 757 3682 about both the remote and missing projector.

**TE KUPENGA - CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (CTC):** We are currently accepting enrolments for the academic year 2022 for the Bachelor of Theology degree and the Graduate Diploma in Theology degree which starts on the 21st of February 2022. Enrolments for the Certificate and Diploma courses in Christian Studies can be availed anytime during the year. There is an option to do on-campus face-to-face classes or online.

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College (CTC) is the sole provider of Catholic theological, ministry and religious education qualifications in New Zealand. We serve a Catholic community of more than 470,000, with 237 Catholic schools teaching 70,000 NZ children. For more information, email [office@tekupenga.org.nz](mailto:office@tekupenga.org.nz) or [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz)

**CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN JOINT BAPTISM STATEMENT:** The Catholic and Lutheran churches in Aotearoa New Zealand have approved a statement recognising the unity of each other's baptisms. The statement is called Baptised Together in Christ. It will be particularly helpful for families wanting to baptise their child where one parent is Lutheran and the other Catholic. The Statement is the result of work by the Roman Catholic-Lutheran Dialogue Commission, established in 2017 by Lutheran Bishop Mark Whitfield and Catholic Cardinal Archbishop John Dew. Paper copies of the statement will be available.

#### PARISH APP

Step 1: **Text CPNPAPP to 818** to download!

Step 2: Select what groups you want to 'follow' ie. Alpha

Step 3: Set up your profile

Contact the Parish office if you need assistance to download.



#### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

**COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL TWO:** Masks must be worn by everyone while in church.

People entering the church must sign in using the COVID-19 tracer app (or sign in manually) and use hand sanitizer. Children over 12 must sign in.

**Holy Communion is to be received, only on the hand.** Ministers and priests are not free to place the host on people's tongues.

### PARISH SMALL GROUPS

#### 'LYFE' group

'Lyfe' Group for Young Adults and Parents of Preschoolers or School Aged Kids. LYFE helps individuals discover and develop a deeper life with God by nurturing a life of Prayer, Word of God, Holy Spirit, witnessing & social justice. To find out more about Lyfe head to <https://biblesociety.org.nz/discover-the-bible/lyfe/>.

- Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.45pm via zoom.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87176073712?pwd=WVY3WGwvWnpHOFFPOTNBWUNvYnJtUT09> (Meeting ID: 871 7607 3712 Passcode: 775128). NOTE: the link can be accessed from the Parish website

#### 'Unpacking the Mass'

Searching for new insights or like to understand the Mass? Desiring to enter more deeply into mystery of the Mass? If so, come and be part of the 'Unpacking the Mass' small groups to delve into various elements of the Mass and reflect on Sunday Gospel reading. Check out Elements of the Mass online series @ <https://www.elementsofthecatholicmass.com/>

- Tuesday 10:15 to 11:30am @ Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy
- Wednesday, 8:00 to 9:15pm Zoom meeting, Zoom link:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86061602157>

#### Sunday Gospel reflection

You are welcome to explore Faith, life & meaning, through 'conversations' in response to God's Words in the Sunday Gospel reading.

- No meeting on Labour Day, 25th Oct. Resumes 1st November
- Thursday, 1:30pm to 2:45pm @ a Fitzroy private residence. For the address, call Tess @ 027 583 7732

For more information email Albert @[ahjchow@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ahjchow@xtra.co.nz).

### **We pray for our deceased family and friends:**

Josephine Kelly, Eila McDonald, Joanne Agnes Fleming, William Richard Fleming, Desmond Patrick Fleming, Winston Fleming, Steven Gordon, Colin Gordon and Joan Radich.

## Mass Timetable 25 October – 31 October 2021

	Mon Labour Day	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.30am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am	8.30am 5.30pm Vigil	9am 10.30am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am	12.05pm	5.30pm Vigil	9am 10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6pm Vigil	
Our Lady Star of the Sea - Opunake							10am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 4.45pm at OLHC prior to vigil Mass. 11.30am at St Joseph's on Saturday  
(C/S) denotes Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion

### WEEKLY

**MORNING PRAYER** – Mon 8.10am (Labour Day)  
Tues/Fri – 7.40am AND Saturday's 8.10am – Parish  
Office back room.

**ADORATION** – Wednesdays after 9.10am Mass at  
OLHC and 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church (except 27  
October)

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP** Tuesdays -  
1.00pm in the Red-Carpet Room at St Joseph's Hall.

**NIGHT PRAYER:** There will be no Night Prayer,  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### MONTHLY

**HOSPITAL MASS** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 6th  
November - 11am – Note the changed venue to St  
Joseph's church Powderham Street.

**CHRISTOPHER LUKE ORGAN RECITAL** - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday of month – 1pm at St Joseph's Church –  
Entry by Koha for St Vincent de Paul Society.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** – First Friday  
luncheon, after 12.05pm Mass at OLHC

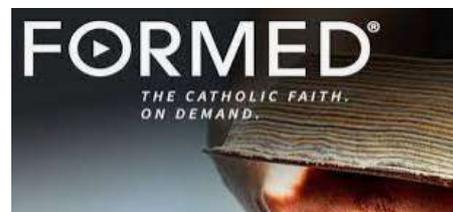
### FORMED:

The Catholic Faith on Demand:

For access to thousands of books, audio talks, movies,  
documentaries, and studies, go to  
<http://signup.formed.org/>

1. Enter our parish name: Catholic Parish of New  
Plymouth
2. Enter your name and email

FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from  
more than 60 organisations to help parishes, families  
and individuals explore their faith anywhere.



### MINISTRY TEAM:

**Priests:** *Simon Story, Vui Hoang & Tom Lawn*

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

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

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

**Parish Office Manager** *Denise*

[manager@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:manager@catholicparishnp.nz) OR 027 7573600

**Parish Secretary** *Ireen*

[office@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:office@catholicparishnp.nz) 06 7573682

**Young Families Minister** *Michelle*

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

**Youth Minister** *Rain*

[youth@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz) OR 027 7573612