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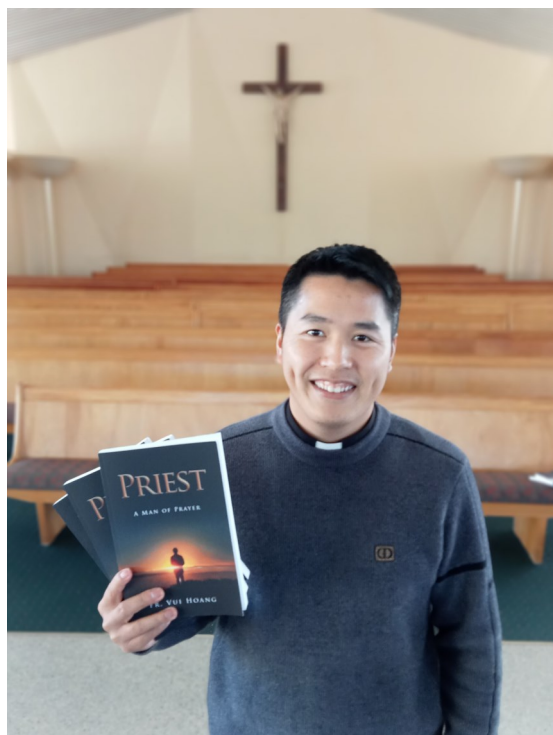
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Fifth Sunday of Lent – 26 March 2023



PRIEST - A MAN OF PRAYER BY FR. VUI HOANG

BOOK LAUNCH - THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023

Fr. Vui has just released his first book – Priest, A Man of Prayer. Everyone is welcome to come along to Fr. Vui's Book Launch on Thursday next week (30 March), 5.15pm – 6.15pm, in the St Joseph's Church Hall Supper Room.

Books will be available for a donation. Donations will then be made to an orphanage in Vietnam.

Fr. Vui writes, "Like marriages, the first five years of the priesthood are often the most challenging. There are many books about the first five years of marriage, but not many about the priesthood. So I wrote this book, *Priest A Man of Prayer*, as I needed to read it.

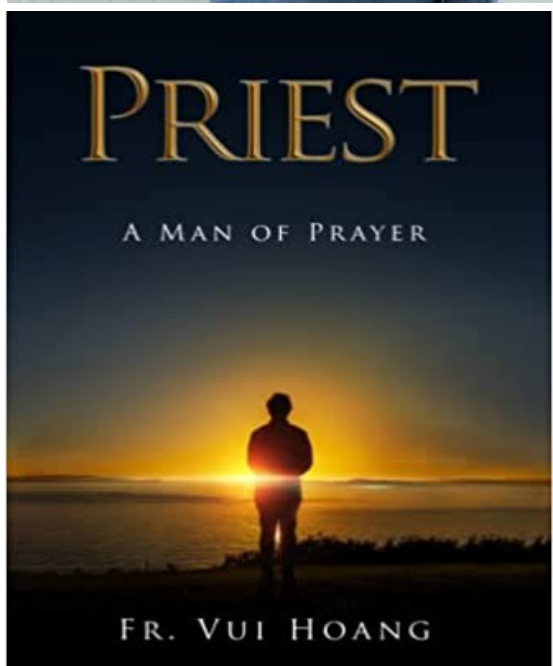
I have prayed and tried to grow in my relationship with God for years. There were good, bad, and ugly days on this spiritual journey. Sometimes I felt I was in good shape with God. Other times, I thought I was far away from Him.

After my Ordination in 2019, I was so happy to be a priest. Yet soon after, I realised things, especially prayers, do not get easier. I started to accept that prayer life is a relationship with God. This relationship is organic. Like a garden, it needs to be watered and looked after regularly.

Everyone knows that truth, but it is always hard to keep going. Whether you are a saint or a sinner, the question is the same: how do we keep going in our union with God?

This book lists spiritual principles and practices that have helped and guided me in the new priestly journey. I wrote it primarily for me, other young priests and senior seminarians soon to be ordained. But I think the principles apply almost to everyone trying to grow holiness and live a spiritual union with God."

- Fr. Vui Hoang



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.

COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

EMAILING TAX RECEIPTS:

31 March 2023 is on Friday, 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 2023, you will receive the tax receipt for this giving (and be able to claim the 33% rebate) in April. Donations can be brought into the office during this week, or made online.

This year we will be able to email the tax receipts to donors who would rather have an emailed version instead of a printed copy. If you would like the tax receipt emailed, please contact the Parish office by emailing office@catholicparishnp.nz

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION | FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION SESSION:

This Wednesday 29 March, 7.00pm, St Joseph's Church Hall. If you are considering these sacraments for your child this year, please come along and hear what the programme entails.



For more information please email Karen - youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

CONFIRMATION WHAKAATURANGA 2023:

Registration is open for the Confirmation Programme 2023. If you are 15 years and over and have been baptised, this programme is for you.



The sessions are held weekly on Monday evenings in St Joseph's Church hall, from 1 May to 19 June, 7pm – 9pm. The programme includes a weekend camp from 26 to 28 May. Confirmation Mass 5.30pm Mass 11 June.

You can expect fun games and activities, learning about Confirmation and your Faith, meeting lots of people and making new friends. Parents are required to attend the first session on the 1st of May.

For more information please go our Parish website. Please use the QR code to register or register via our website.



LENT: ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT!

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME 2023:

Discussion groups during Lent: Parish Office 5.15pm to 6.15pm, each Monday. Bell Block Catholic Centre, each Thursday, 7.00pm to 8.15pm. Everyone welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Our Lady Help of Christians Friday 5.30pm. St Joseph's Church, led by the Syro Malabar Community Friday at 6.30pm.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION: Our Lady Help of Christians Wednesday after 9.10am Mass, and at St Joseph's 5.00pm.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday and Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday 8.10am before Mass.

EVENING PRAYER: Thursdays at St Joseph's, 5.15pm.

CARITAS LENTEN GIVING:

Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world.



You can donate each week by using the pack of six envelopes or as a single donation. Envelopes are available in the churches and can be returned through the parish's plate collection or posted freepost directly to Caritas. Please do include your contact details such as your name, address for a tax receipt. Alternatively, donate online by visiting www.caritas.org.nz.

GENERAL NOTICES

KIMI ORA FAITH AND LIGHT COMMUNITY meet today 26 March in St Joseph's Hall at 1.00pm. All are welcome!

ALPHA @ 6 IS HERE FOR 2023!

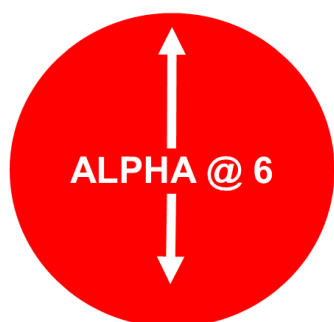
We are excited to bring you ALPHA @ 6. A 10 week course that creates a space, in person, where you can bring your friends for a conversation about life and faith.

Beginning Thursday 27 April
6.00pm to 8.00pm
St Joseph's Church Hall

Please register using the QR Code or via the Parish website www.catholicparishnp.nz



FOOD | VIDEO | CONVERSATION





JUNIOR LEADERS CAMP 2023: From the 11th to the 12th of March, from 30 Junior Leaders, 21 gathered for a weekend camp, but nine couldn't make it.

At camp, they learned how to deepen their relationship with God, be servant leaders, and run small groups. On the last night, they affirmed and prayed for each other. It was a beautiful experience to see.

They are ready to serve and pass their faith to all confirmation candidates. So do keep them and the candidates in your prayer.

(Susilo – Youth Minister)

👉 GENERAL NOTICES

SVDP ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE are looking for furniture storage space. Space could be a large garage or in a factory or business. Please phone Kevin 027 251 9998.

CHRISM MASS: Everyone is welcome to attend this very special Mass – Tuesday 4 April, 12.00pm, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.

ANOINTING MASS 11.00am Saturday 1 April St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome at this Mass.

CATHOLIC WOMANS LEAGUE: First Friday Lunch after 12.05pm Mass. CWL offer a very tasty lunch. Plated sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee for just \$7, and this also includes a raffle ticket. This is a fundraising activity for the CWL, so the more lunch guests there are, the more they can help others



PALM SUNDAY: We need to be able to access some Lawsoniana foliage to use as the small palms on Palm Sunday, 2 April. Can any parishioner help? Please phone the Parish Office 757 3682.

MUSIC NOTES: This Sunday - Youth Mass, St Joseph's, 5.30pm, with The Mustard Seeds. Included will be a beautiful new song, 'Lord, I need you', a perfect reflection of the Lenten season. The Mustard Seeds are also preparing for the Holy Thursday service at St Joseph's. The Seedlings are also busy preparing for their next Mass – Easter Day, 9am, St Joseph's. Your support of

CAKE RAFFLE – TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Support our young people to attend the Set Free Catholic Youth Festival. Buy a \$2 ticket for a chance to commission your own cake made by our very own Youth Minister Susilo. Tickets available after some Masses and in the Parish Office. Prize drawn 16 April.

HELP SPONSOR A TEEN: To attend the Set Free Catholic Youth Festival, 18-20 April. An annual event run for Catholic teens with fantastic speakers, fun activities, and awesome worship. It costs \$125 per person. We're looking for people to sponsor our young people to attend. Donations don't have to be for the full cost, as every little bit counts. See the brochure in the church on how to donate online or the envelopes for cash. If you are Year 10 to 13 and would like to attend Set Free with our parish group, please email youth@catholicparishnp.nz for info and registration.

MISSION DISCERNMENT TEAM (MDT) invites parishioners to pray for the MDT and for parish transformation by forming a Prayer Team. To do this we have created a Whatsapp Broadcast Community - *Prayer Team | Mission Discernment | Parish Transformation* - which people can join if they wish to commit to praying for the parish's mission discernment. The MDT would let people on the prayer team know when the MDT are meeting and ask that they pray (wherever they may be) for the MDT during the meeting time. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFuplfZBnclBPj5TOeRrvX> is the link for the group or use the QR code.



SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE SICK: Volunteers are needed to join the teams who take Communion to the residents at either the Hospital Wing at Jean Sandel or Tainui Rest Home. We have rosters, so it is a turn every two or three weeks. If you are interested in sharing in this ministry or wish to know more, please contact Naomi 027 292 7051. Our need is rather desperate as we really want to be able to ensure that the rest home residents continue to receive Communion on Sunday. The time needed is probably one hour after Mass.



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Jenny Bunn, John Fife, Judith Knuckey, Craig O'Connor and Martin Appert.

WEEKLY MASSES: 27 March to 2 April 2023 (First Sunday of the month)

| | MON 27 March | TUES 28 March | WED 29 March | THURS 30 March | FRI 31 March | SAT 1 April | SUN 2 April |
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| St Joseph's Church | 8.00am | 8.00am 12.05pm | 8.00am | 8.00am | 8.00am 12.05pm | 8.30am 11.00am (Anointing Mass) | 9.00am 5.30pm |
| Our Lady Help of Christians | | 9.10am | 9.10am | 9.10am | | 5.30pm Vigil Mass | 10.30am |
| St Patricks Okato | | | | | | 6.00pm | |
| Bell Block Mass Centre Parklands Ave BB | | | | | | | 10.30am |
| Francis Douglas Memorial College | | | 2.20pm | | | | |

For updated Mass information, during the week please refer to the APP or Website www.catholicparishnp.nz as Mass times, due to unforeseen circumstances can be changed after the printing of the newsletter

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11.30am – 12 noon St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm vigil Mass.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Each Sunday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School staffroom with fun craft activities.

WEEKLY:

WEDNESDAY ADORATION:

Our Lady Help of Christians after 9.10am Mass
St Joseph's Church at 5.00pm.

MORNING PRAYER: Before Mass Monday Tuesday and Friday 7.40am and Saturday's 8.10am. Go to back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

EVENING PRAYER: Thursday 5.15pm St Joseph's Church

SCHOOL WEEKDAY MASSES: Please check our newsletter timetable each week. Sacred Heart School weekday Mass will resume Term II. St Pius X Mass is now fortnightly.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR:

2 April 2023 Palm Sunday

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50.4-7

PSALM 22

SECOND READING: Philippians 2.6-11

GOSPEL Matthew 26.14-27

MINISTRY TEAM:

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