



Parish Newsletter

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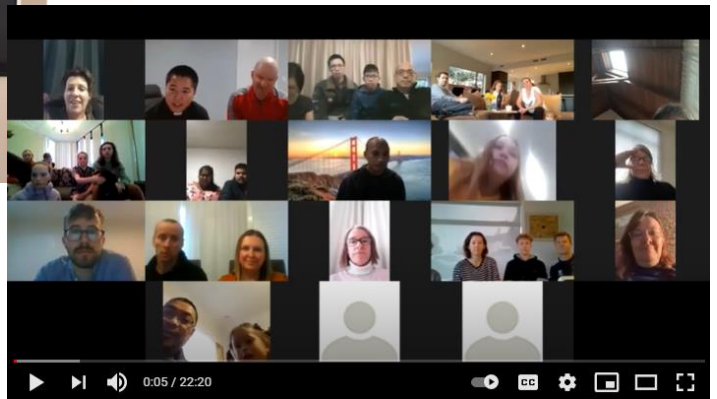
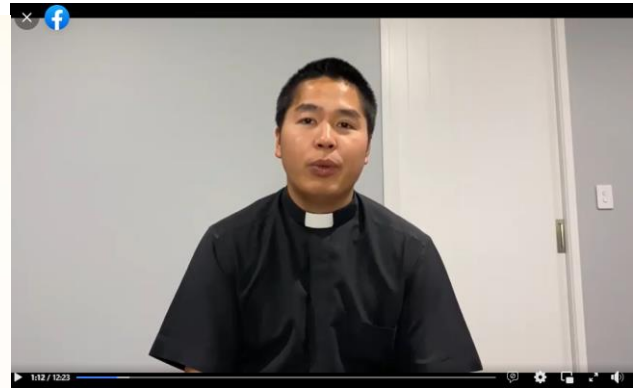
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Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26 September 2021

Lockdown 2021:



Welcome Back!!! We've missed you!!!

We were a bit more prepared technologically, for a Lockdown in 2021 and thanks to our clergy, we were able to rise to the challenge and reach out to those of you who had access to the internet.

Fathers' Simon and Vui became the faces of the 9am Sunday Mass Diocese, with the livestreaming being promoted throughout the Diocese of Palmerston North.

Thanks to Fr Vui who initiated daily Rosary, Night Prayers and regular educational YouTube videos on *What do you say about the Eucharist?* and *How to pray the Divine Office*. These are still available to view on the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth Facebook page, if you wish to check them out.

The Parish APP was also a great tool. Instant messaging enabled us to keep those of you who have downloaded the APP, up to date with news and announcements. If you haven't already done so, please follow these instructions:

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



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

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:

- You can put cash in your planned giving envelope;
- You can 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATION

OLDER CHILDREN'S BAPTISM 2021: With the church closed through until the 21 September and Baptism being unable to be celebrated until level 1, the preparation programme has been postponed until term 4, dates to be confirmed. Any questions contact Michelle, youngfamiliesminister@catholicparishnp.nz

GENERAL NOTICES

NIGHT PRAYER: With Father Vui - Please join Father Vui and parishioners to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Night Prayer) via ZOOM at 8:30 PM every Friday: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85899226961?pwd=TzUrWk8wWWp6aXpYbDBjSG5LaWsvUT09>

PRAYERS FOR RAIN: Please keep Rain, our Youth Minister in your prayers, as she had a fall during the lockdown and has a mild concussion. Rain will return to work on reduced hours, after a few weeks of recovery.

MAORI COLLECTION: Due to the lockdown, this collection could not be undertaken until we resumed Sunday Mass. Please pop your envelopes in the plate when leaving the Church. Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ.

ADMINISTRATION VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Have you got a spare hour or two in a week and want to hang out with the Ministry team? We'd love to hear from you. No experience required – we are attempting to scan all our paper documents into a digital file. Contact Denise on manager@catholicparishnp.nz or text 027 7573600

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH GLASS PARTITION: On a temporary basis, an opaque window manifestation will be applied to the glass on the internal partition, between the foyer and the Church interior, for a minimum period of 8 weeks. This is to minimise the disruption caused by people entering the church. The Building Committee welcomes your feedback on whether the screening addresses the issue. Please contact Denise at manager@catholicparishnp.nz if you wish to make your thoughts known to the Committee.

PARKING: Please do not park in the Baker Tilly carpark if you are attending the 5.30pm Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church – these parks are restricted for the use of the Covid Vaccination centre only.

GIANT PLANT SALE: 6th November 8am-12 noon (if we are at Level One) to fundraise for Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy. Plants can be dropped off between 4pm-7pm on Friday 5th November at St Andrew's Hall. For more info, contact Louisa ph 7536139 ext 7968

BOOKS WANTED: If you are cleaning out your home library and have surplus books you no longer require They would be very much appreciated at the St Vincent de Paul Opportunity Shop, Fitzroy. Any inquiries please phone Margaret (06) 7534544

THE OPEN HOME FOUNDATION in New Plymouth is looking for Christian Foster Parents to provide safe, secure and loving homes for vulnerable children who have experienced some level of trauma, neglect and abuse. We are a Christian, not for profit organisation and we are looking for Christians to provide respite, emergency and permanent care. Please contact Louisa on 021 440169 or Louisa.Parker@ohf.org.nz for more information.

NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Online Sessions (Evening):

The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 27 September -11 October, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/09/02/the-gospel-of-luke/>
For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

HEALTH & SAFETY

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL TWO: Please remember to scan the QR code at the front entrance to the Mass Centres OR record your name on the paper provided. Please refer to Fr Craig's letter on next page.

From Father Craig Butler:

21 September 2021

Hello everyone,

Following the most recent changes to Alert Level II restrictions, and in conversations with both Cardinal John and the Council of Priests our churches are open to celebrate Masses.

The only real change to Level TWO is the increase of gatherings from 50 to 100 people, which means we need to be just as vigilant in terms of keeping our people and the wider community safe. To be clear, everyone is obliged to follow the public health requirements, because public safety comes before personal rights and personal opinions.

Our diocesan requirements for church use during Alert Level II include the following:

1. Masks must be worn by everyone while in church. Each church will have a supply of masks (for those who forget).
2. 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.
3. There must be someone appointed to oversee this process, firstly by welcoming people and then ensuring that everyone signs in, is wearing a mask and a reminding people to keep 2m spacing.
4. The 100-person limit does not include the presider, musicians, readers, coordinator and eucharistic ministers.
5. Church seating may be marked allowing 2m spacing in each direction (not including people from the same family/bubble)
6. **Holy Communion is to be distributed, only on the hand.** Ministers and priests are not free to place the host on people's tongues.
7. Holy Water fonts are to remain empty.
8. No Altar Servers.
9. The priest is to wear a mask, except when praying from the Presider's Chair, reading the Gospel, giving the homily and praying the Eucharistic Prayer.
10. During the Eucharistic Prayer the hosts are to be covered with a corporal.
11. When distributing Holy Communion, the priest and Eucharistic Ministers must keep their masks on.
12. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are to keep 2m away from others, keep their masks on when receiving the host (on the hand) step to one side remove their mask to receive the host and then replace it as they make their way back to their seat. (In the case of those who use walking aids, those ministering Holy Communion can use their discretion)

Limiting people to 100 per Mass is not easy. The Ministry team will re-evaluate the first-in, first-served basis in the coming week.

Baptisms are allowed. Maintaining the 2m distance will be difficult. We can only do our best to keep people safe.

To conclude, I have enclosed a quote from Cardinal John's letter to his priests.

"Bishops sometimes have a responsibility to issue directives during pandemics such as the one caused by Covid-19 especially in regard to the health and welfare of other people. Jesus told us that we have to love our neighbour as ourselves. Love of neighbour obviously includes doing our best to protect others from infections that threaten their health or even their lives. For reasons such as these the final Canon (223) in the section of rights reminds all the faithful that their rights are not absolute, and they must consider the common good of the Church and all other members of Christ's faithful."

Lastly, these restrictions are intended to keep people safe. At the same time we need to be unified in our approach. The increased virulency of the Delta Strain and the government's response proves to me that we are not out of the woods - we are in this for the long game. Thank you for your understanding and your care for our people during this extraordinary time.

Our diocesan situation will be reviewed sometime in October.

With every good wish and blessing,

Fr Craig Butler, Local Administrator

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Fred Cox, Alison Cox, Gwen Wills, Paul Oliver, Marilyn Brennan and Bruce Ramsay.

Weekly Masses 27 September – 3 October 2021

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8am	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

No Mass will be held in Bell Block next week

No CWL 1st Friday Luncheon this week

No Hospital Mass on the 2nd October

WEEKLY

MORNING PRAYER – Mon/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

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

MONTHLY

CHRISTOPHER LUKE ORGAN RECITAL - 1st Tuesdays of month – 1pm at St Joseph's Church – Entry by Koha for St Vincent de Paul Society

Mask Prayer

May your love and light shine in and through me today

In a way that no mask can hide.

May my eyes dance with the laughter and joy

Replacing my hidden smile.

May my actions of care and concern

Speak louder than my muffled voice ever could.

And how I respond to the world around me

So that others may not see my mask

But your image shining out

Moving in and through me today.

Amen

- Br Michael Herry fms

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