




Parish Newsletter

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4th Sunday of Lent – 27th March 2022

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SIMON SAYS

Dear Parishioners,

Covid19 restrictions have begun to lift. While it is important that we protect the vulnerable, it is also a relief to gather without division and the weight of ensuring compliance with every restriction.

23 March 2022, the Bishops released a statement saying:

“It is really welcome that these restrictions are being eased in the middle of Lent and with Easter just over three weeks away,” said Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. *“While the bishops supported vaccine passes and similar restrictions when they were introduced last November, we said our support was based on the pandemic emergency as it was at the time,”* said Bishop Lowe. *“We are well aware of the toll the emergency measures have taken, with many people experiencing serious and at times unforeseen hardships. With medical experts now telling us the omicron wave is peaking and starting to reduce in some places, it is good to see some of these restrictions coming to an end.”*

The consequences of some restrictions have had a negative effect on our community. Please let us all work together to heal these hurts. Easter is just around the corner. We will live-stream our Easter liturgies from the St Joseph’s Church into the Hall and online. We will provide a link to watch these closer to the time. Many will feel it too early to join the community in person. For those who feel free to join in person, the liturgies will be:

- Holy Thursday:** 14th April - St Joseph’s 7pm, Our Lady Star of the Sea Opunake 7pm.
- Good Friday:** 15th April - St Joseph’s 3pm, Our Lady Help of Christians 3pm. St Patrick’s Okato 2pm,
Our Lady Star of the Sea Opunake 3pm.
- Easter Vigil:** 16th April - St Joseph’s 7pm, St Patrick’s Okato 7pm.
- Easter Sunday:** 17th April - St Joseph’s 9am and 11am. Our Lady Help of Christians 10:30am.
St Martin’s Pungarehu 8:30am, Our Lady Star of the Sea Opunake 10:00am.

NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

Nominations for Leadership Team (LT) (Pastoral Council)

Nominations close 31 March

The Parish Leadership Team has lost several members recently and needs to rebuild. The title of Leadership Team was given to the Pastoral Council when the parishes of the city of New Plymouth became one parish in 2015. For more information on what a Leadership Team role entails, please see the LT guidelines in the foyer. A term of 2 years is asked of members. Meetings are held monthly on a day agreed by the team.

I nominate:..... Phone:.....

Reason for nomination:

Name and signature of nominator:.....

Signature of nominee:.....

Nomination forms can be brought into the Parish Office. If after hours, we have a secure letter box at the Office

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

February 2022 Collection Totals:

Clergy Trust Fund: \$ 6,659.00

Parish: \$18,004.00

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: The end of the tax year is approaching - 31st March. This means tax receipts. If you want to bring your giving up to date before 31st March, (so the giving is received in the 2021 tax year) now is your chance.

PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS: Red 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 for the tax receipt.

Please consider moving from envelope giving to online giving or giving by automatic payments.

GENERAL NOTICES

PARISH LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME:

Mondays of Lent –

28th March and 4th/11th April. 7-8pm, Ngamotu Room, Parish Office Building (back door entrance).

Bell Block Catholic Centre –

Each Wednesday during Lent, 7.15 –8.15 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – OLHC FITZROY

Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 5.30pm.

ALPHA 2022: EXPLORE LIFE, FAITH & MEANING.

Alpha Parish Programme - POSTPONED due to Covid.

Alpha will be starting later in the year, but now is a chance to consider attending. Go to Alpha on the Parish website to view the Alpha video and online registration.

www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/ or the Parish APP. Registration forms are also available in church foyers. Please contact Albert for more information - ahjchow@xtra.co.nz



FOODBANK: Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to contribute, please place any non-perishable goods in the basket in the Church foyer. Foodbank at the moment is particularly short of baked beans, canned spaghetti, canned fish and they can't get enough fresh bread.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH ALTAR SOCIETY: We only need three new volunteers to help with looking after the washing of the items we use at Mass; the small towels, the purificators and occasionally the altar cloth. Simple washing and some ironing. The roster will require a turn one month of the year. Pick up the washing one day during the week and return before Saturday afternoon. For details, please contact the Parish Office phone 06 757 3682.

ANOINTING MASS: The usual Monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at St Joseph's Church at 11 am on Saturday 2 April, instead of at the Hospital Chapel. A mask will still be required at that date.

CATHOLIC COUCH – YOUTH RADIO SHOW: Our Youth group, Illumin8, run a weekly radio show on Access Radio Taranaki 104.4 FM ~ Mondays at 4.30pm. Listen to what our young parishioners Ben and Jamie (and Rain) discussed Monday 21 March by going to the Podcasts on the Access Radio Taranaki Website, Spotify - The Catholic Couch and Apple Podcast - The Catholic Couch. This is an awesome way to hear the voices of the young people in our parish.

SHINE - JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP! We're really

excited to launch our Junior Youth Group this Sunday - 27th of March. Shine is for year 4 - 8's and will be held at Saint Joseph's Hall in the Red-Carpet Room which is down the end of the hallway past the toilets. We'd love, love, love to see you there this week!!



2022 RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

While we have not set firm dates for the delivery of these Sacramental programmes due to our changing environment with Covid, we have opened registrations. We are hoping delivery of the Reconciliation programme will take place in term two. If your child attends a Catholic primary school, you will receive an online google form to complete from your school. If you or anyone you know have children interested in participating in these Sacraments this year, but they are not at one of the Catholic schools please email Karen, our Young Families Minister who will send you a google form to complete.

youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

ROSARY AROUND THE LAKE: Come join us strolling round the Main Lake @ Pukekura Park honouring Our Lady every Monday- rain or shine.

Meet outside the Kiosk Cafe at 10.30 am. We'd love to see you- just turn up! Contact Mike 021 1399 931 or Marg 027 4258 460

KIMI ORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LIGHT

COMMUNITY: The next gathering will be held at St. Joseph's Hall New Plymouth, 27 March 1.00pm.

CARITAS: Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. Each year the Lenten Appeal is run by Caritas on behalf of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference, to support their work of charity and justice to the poorest and most vulnerable around the world, including Aotearoa New Zealand. Money raised helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. Caritas donation envelopes are in the church foyer. Cash can be put in the envelopes and put onto the collection plate or left at the office. Envelopes give details for online and credit card donations. Donations received by Caritas prior to 31st March will receive a tax receipt for the current year.



For those who are unable to attend Mass, the following TV and online options are available:

- 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/>
- The Masses above are available online after the above viewing times

TV AND ONLINE SUNDAY MASS OPTIONS:

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▲ HEALTH & SAFETY

There were positive Covid cases in our church communities this week. If you were at the following Masses, please be vigilant.

9.00am Mass St Joseph's Church 20th March
5.30pm Mass St Joseph's Church 20th March

If you start feeling unwell or have symptoms, please get a Covid test.

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.

Please do not come to Mass if you have any of these symptoms.

RED LIGHT LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS:

- **PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHILE AT MASS**
- Congregations are limited to 200
- 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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FURNITURE: Thank you to the people who responded to the St Vincent de Paul request for beds and bases. We now, at the moment, have enough to meet present needs. However, we are on the hunt for small dining room tables and chairs. If you have a table or chairs that might be suitable, please contact Gabrielle 758 9228.

ANNUAL APPEAL: A big thank you to everyone who donated to the St Vincent de Paul annual appeal earlier this month. The total for this appeal now stands at \$3,241.60. You can be sure that this money will be well used to serve those in need.

If you missed this collection but would still like to donate, you can do so by direct credit to Account no: 15-3942-0689853-00. Please state in the details: Donation, planned giving number (if available) and surname, so we can create a receipt for you.

Donation envelopes are still in the church if you would prefer to donate by cash. Just drop into the plate on Sunday or drop off at the Parish Office.

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Bruce Robinson, Margaret Wright, Hugh McCarthy and Eleanor O'Byrne

Weekly Masses 28th March to 3rd April

NB. A Vaccine Pass is required to enter weekday AND Sunday Mass unless otherwise stated.

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

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church Powderham Street NP	8.00am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am	8.30am 11.00am Anointing Mass	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help Of Christians Fitzroy	5.30pm – No Vaccine Pass Required	9.10am	9.10am	9.10am	12.05pm	5.30pm Vigil	10.30am 5.30pm – No Vaccine Pass Required
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block Mass Centre							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: Saturdays 11.30am – 12 noon St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at 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/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 for all the latest parish information.

- 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.

MINISTRY TEAM:

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