



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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27 August 2023 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

WALK ON WATER

Susilo Kentjana | Youth Minister

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24

On Mother's Day this year, Mum had a fall and was hospitalised for four days. She got 15 stitches on her head, but nothing serious happened with her brain. I thank God for the opportunity to visit my family back in my home country, Jakarta, Indonesia, from 17th June to 31st August 2023. This was five years after my last visit.

I spent most of the time with her. We talked and shared what had been happening with her. She is physically weak and needs someone to hold her when she walks. But she is in much better condition right now. Praise God! Mum is someone significant to me. She continues to play an important role in my faith journey.

This time, I also got a chance to sit down and hear the struggle my brother and his wife experienced with their children. I learned that my niece has depression, and my nephew has been diagnosed with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). Hearing this brought a shock to my system.

I had many questions and wondered why it happened to my family and me. But I believe God allows terrible things to happen because He loves me. He stretches my heart, deepens my trust, and strengthens my faith.



With my family

I stopped asking, "WHY DID THIS THING HAVE TO HAPPEN WITH ME?" to God; instead, now I am asking, "WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO LEARN FROM THIS?" I put my trust to the all-known God.

Besides the struggles, I also had a great time visiting friends and eating all the food I couldn't find here in New Zealand,

**Spirit leads me where my trust is without borders.
Let me walk upon the waters.
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander.
And my faith will be made stronger.
In the presence of my Saviour**

especially my home food. It was a great time, and my heart was full. Not only my heart but my tummy was also full.

At the end of my trip, I had an opportunity to meet my brothers and sisters at the ICPE Mission, the international community I belong to. There were about 200 people gathered for the community gathering.



With my community
the ICPE Mission

I visited the shrine where the body of St Francis Xavier was laid a few years before the body moved to India.

I was blessed to meet Archbishop Julian, the Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he shared the possibility of running a School of Evangelisation for young people in Kuala Lumpur. The Archdiocese has given us a house that we can use to run the school.



With Archbishop Julian

This trip encouraged me to continue bringing Jesus to the people in New Plymouth, especially to young people. He brought me to this parish for a purpose, to know Him and make Him known. I am so excited to see what Jesus has in store for the young people here in New Plymouth.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY.

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

MĀORI EDUCATION COLLECTION: Today – Sunday 27 August, there is a Māori Education collection after Communion at all Masses. The Māori Education Annual Collection has growing support. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori is good for all New Zealanders. Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. It is timely also to thank the many people who support all sorts of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help out.

Māori Education collection envelopes were attached to last week's Parish Newsletter. If you wish to make a donation, cash on the plate is fine, but if you wish to receive a tax receipt, please include your name on the envelope. Those who donate by Planned Giving will already have a numbered Māori Education envelope.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

OLDER CHILDRENS BAPTISM: In term four we will begin our Older Children Baptism programme. This is for children over seven years old. If you know of any families who you think may be interested in registering their children for this, please ask them to get in touch.

Karen Maclean Young Family Minister -
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

MARRIAGE PREPARATION STARTS

THIS THURSDAY EVENING: Our annual Marriage Preparation programme; Love is a Decision, begins this Thursday evening. The programme runs over three consecutive weeknights, Thursday 31st August, 7th and 14th September 7.00pm to 8.30pm. For details contact Nicola 021 339 761



GENERAL NOTICES

RCIA: *Considering the Catholic faith?* RCIA is a process of accompaniment, reflection and discovery for adults considering the Catholic faith. Come along to the RCIA information session on Saturday 26 August, 2.00pm to 3.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 24 Clin-ton St, Fitzroy.

MARION MOTHERS: Next meeting to be held on Thursday 7 September at 2.00pm. Come along and share in prayer and friendship at 252 Mangorei Road, Mer-rilands. Contact Glenda - 021 323 765.



ANOINTING MASS: The monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at 11.00am next Saturday 3 September at St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome.

COMMISSIONING OF CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN: Commissioning of Albert Chow as Catholic Chaplain at Te Whatu Ora Taranaki (Taranaki Base Hospital) will be held on Friday, 1 September 2023, 11.30am at Taranaki Base Hospital Chapel situated on Level 2 near Orthot-ics. All are welcome.

CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 1 September - Committee Meeting at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church foyer.

CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 1 September, after the 12.05pm Mass at St Joseph's. CWL offer a delicious 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 CWL can help others.

TOURNAMENT WEEK BLESSING: At the 5.30pm Vigil Mass - 26 August at Our Lady Help of Christians, we welcome for blessing the students travelling to Napier for the Secondary School Tournament week. We pray for your safe travel and may you be able to receive and give the gifts of care, compassion and concern each

PSALM BOOKS at St Joseph's church. We seemed to have lost over the last 10 months, a number of our Psalm books used for daily Mass. We should have 50 books, we now have 15. If any one has one of these books at home or in the car, we would welcome them back.

CARITAS SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK: 3 - 9 September 2023.

The Parish is providing a meetings(s) for those who want to reflect with others on this year's Social Justice topic - Imagine Peace For All: Peace Begins With You.

There are 7 weekly sessions in total. Come and join Father Tom in the Parish Office (backdoor). Second session is this Monday 28 August 2023 from 5.15pm to 6.15pm, reflecting about peace in our hearts.

MINI-VAN TO FR JOHN ADAM'S EPISCOPAL ORDINA-TION:

The parish is looking at organising a mini-van to Fr John Adam's Episcopal Ordination - 30 September 2023 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North. Please register your interest with the parish office or email office@catholicparishnp.nz no later than 30th August 2023.

KIMI ORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LIGHT: Gathering today - Sunday 27 August, at St. Joseph's Hall NP starting at 1.00pm. All welcome.

FOUND: In the church one plain gold wedding ring. Also a car key has been found in the St Joseph's Church carpark. The key has Qiu ming shan deng ni on it. Please contact the Parish Office (06) 757 3682.

explore

life
faith
meaning



Beginning this week!
Wed 30 August 2023
6.00pm to 8.00pm

St Joseph's Church Hall.
Sign up now using the QR code
or by heading to the Parish
website – www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/

A 10-week programme that creates a space where people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures come together and have conversations about life, faith and Jesus. We'll see you there!

FDMC CHARITY CONCERT - CHARCON: Francis Douglas Memorial College's Special Character Council is excited to announce FDMC's first Charity Concert CHARCON – held on Thursday 7 September 2023, 6.30pm, FDMC Gymnasium. Tickets are on sale at from the FDMC school office and from Gabriel after 9.00am Sunday Mass today: \$10 for adults and parents and \$5 for students of any high school. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society. (For more info, be sure to follow and check out @fdmcccharcon on Instagram)



SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

Permanent, fulltime. Start date: 28 January 2024. Applications close Monday 11 September 2023 at 12 noon.

Email: dst@shgcnps.school.nz for a job description and Special Character Position Form. Current NZ Teachers' Registration is a requirement.



Couples For Christ, Taranaki
from the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth
presents

Emmanuel
Walk with Jesus

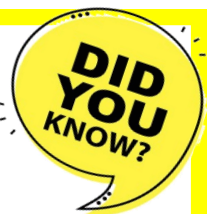
An Invitation to
CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME 2023

For more information:
Please see posters and CFC Emmaus CLP 2023 Facebook page for details.

Please register:
Through QR code, or the link: <https://forms.gle/MQKBgXHeaaKKTiIAA>

For any queries:
Please contact Norris – mobile: 02102527801; email: norzlagera@yahoo.com
or Ann – mobile: 02102527802; email: ann_lagera@yahoo.com

Of the seven sacraments only one is called the Blessed Sacrament. In all of the sacraments God gives us grace, that is his own life. But in the sacrament of the Eucharist, God IS the sacrament. We see bread (the host), but it is the Body of Christ. Therefore we give the Eucharist the same honour we would if God himself were in front of us. After celebrating the Eucharist, the Body of Christ is preserved in the tabernacle. As a sign of the continuous and living presence of Jesus a candle or lamp burns there day and night. Every time we pass, we genuflect towards the tabernacle to honour Jesus present there. Liturgical practices such as genuflections to, and adoration of, the Blessed Sacrament – whether exposed in the monstrance upon the altar or reserved in the tabernacle – teach us that this is no mere symbol or reminder of God's presence, but in reality God present in the most Holy Eucharist.



Anytime spent before the Blessed Sacrament is but a fragment of God's gift of time to us. We adore Jesus in the Eucharist by quietly being with him: He looks at you and you look at him. You can tell him everything.

YOUTH CORNER

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Year 4 - 8
4pm - 5pm
at St. Joseph's Hall



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Year 9 - 13
6.30pm - 8.30pm
at St. Joseph's Hall



*The greatest
success in life
is knowing God.*

VOLTIO HERRERA

SUNDAY
27 AUG 23



6.30PM
8.30PM

**BOWLING
NIGHT**

BRING WITH YOU:
\$10 - FOR 1 GAME OR \$22 - FOR 2 GAMES YOUR OWN SOCKS (SOCKS MUST BE WORN)
MEET AT THE CHURCH HALL AFTER MASS FOR PIZZAS!

NO YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

- Go and do something fun with your dad!
- Take a hike! or a walk!
- Hang out with your dad!
- Spend quality time with your dad!
- Honour your dad with your words!
- Do an act of service!
- Say a prayer for him!
- Give him a long and big HUG!
- Say "THANK YOU" and "I LOVE YOU, Dad!"

*It's
Father's
Day!*



Susilo | youth@catholicparishnp.nz



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Clare McSweeney, John Goodin, Kath Goodin, Mick Ross, Al Offord, Jean Turner, Father Walsh, Denis Crowley, Thelma Manton, Alice Fleming, Helena Leuthard, Ken Kennedy and Judy Scott.

WEEKLY MASSES: 28 August to 3 Sept 2023 First Sunday of the month

| | MON 28 August | TUES 29 August | WED 30 August | THURS 31 August | FRI 1 Sep | SAT 2 Sept | SUN 3 Sept |
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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 | | | 5.30pm | 10.30am |
| St Patrick's Okato | | | | | | 6.00pm | |
| Bell Block Mass Centre Parklands Ave | | | | | | | 10.30am |
| Francis Douglas Memorial College | | | 2.20pm | | | | |
| Sacred Heart Girls College Chapel | | | | 10.00am | | | |
| St Pius X school | | | | | 9.00am | | |

Due 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 for updated information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11.30am – 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR Saturdays 4.45pm to 5.15pm OLHC prior to the 5.30 Vigil Mass.

WEEKLY:

WEDNESDAY ADORATION:

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

MORNING PRAYER: Before 8.00am Mass Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 7.40am and Sat at 8.10am. Go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

3 September 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20.7-9

PSALM 63

SECOND READING: Romans 12.1-2

GOSPEL Matthew 16 .21-27

MINISTRY TEAM:

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