




# Parish Newsletter

## Pūrongo a te Pāriha

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29 January 2023



### WHAT WAS LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP AT ST PETER'S CAMBRIDGE LIKE? SIX TEENAGERS REPORT BACK:

Life Teen Summer Camp was an amazing experience and a memory that will stick with me forever. It was amazing to be able to meet other Catholic teenagers from all over New Zealand who share the same faith as me and be able to create lasting friendships with them. I would definitely recommend Life Teen to other teenagers who want to deepen their relationship with their faith and meet likeminded people." - Frankie Blackburn

"JAMIEEEEE!!!!" - Benjamin Chow

"MR SPONGE" - Benjamin Chow

"This camp was awesome. I loved the fact that we all had the same structure of beliefs which made bonding easier. I loved all the football we played and the group talks. By far one of the best camps I've been on." - Thomas Thomas

"Life teen summer camp was such an amazing experience. I'll forever treasure all the leaders I met that are all so amazing, the friendships made with others from around the country, and all the memories of us bringing the hype to camp." - Bethanie Luke

"Camp was amazing, everyone was so kind and welcoming. I look forward to next year." - Sophia Smithson

"Life teen Summer Camp was one of the best experiences I've ever had. Everyone supported each other and I can't wait for next year. #liveloughlifeteen" - Elliana Luke

"Life teen summer camp was an amazing experience for me and for my connection with god, I learnt many ways to connect with god like adoration, song and most importantly friends. Thanks to life teen summer camp my year starts off strong and happy cause I have the memories to take with me and also knowing god is with me every step of the way" - Juan Pablo Caceres Ramirez

**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

### December 2022 Collection Totals:

Clergy Trust Fund December: \$9,864.45

Parish Collection December: \$26,670.55

Thank you for your donations to the two collections in December which assist the clergy across the Diocese in various ways. To date giving is  
Christmas Donations Clergy Trust Fund \$4,725.00

Sick and Elderly Priest Collection: \$3,406.00

## GENERAL NOTICES

### SHINE AND ILLUMINATE YOUTH GROUPS

Start Date 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023

I hope all our young people have had a fabulous summer and are ready to kick off the 2023 school year.

Our junior youth group, Shine, begins again in the middle of February. Shine is for those aged year 4- 8. This runs from 4.00pm – 5.00pm in the St Joseph's Church Hall. For those who haven't been to Shine before, come along and meet our Shine regulars! Shine is all about faith, fun and chocolate! This junior youth group gives this age of young people in our parish a chance to form connections. A lot of our Shine regulars head to Sunday Mass at 5.30pm afterwards.

Our senior youth group, Illuminate, also kicks off in February. Illuminate is for those from year 9 and up. Illuminate runs from 6.30pm-8.30pm in the St Joseph's Church Hall. While Rain won't be with us this year to run this group, she has promised she will come and visit! Many of our Illuminate regulars come to 5.30pm Mass first before heading along to Illuminate. If you would like to know anything else about Shine or Illuminate, please contact me via email. Karen Maclean [youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz)

**PYX:** If you have a pyx at home that you are no longer using, can it be returned to the Parish Office please. It could be left in the letter box. We would rather reuse the pyx than buy new replacements.

**ANOINTING MASS:** Saturday 4 February 11.00am St Joseph's church. Everyone is welcome at this monthly Anointing Mass.

**THE PARISH OFFICE HAS EFTPOS NOW.** If you wish to buy you don't need cash to purchase the following available in the parish office.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** \$12

**SUNDAY MISSALS** \$12. All the Sunday readings for the current church year plus the Mass settings.

**SHOP ITEMS:** Look at our range of rosary beads and religious items, including St Christopher and St Michael medals, for sale.

31st March 2023 is not far away, and with it comes the end of the tax year. We are beginning to set everything in place for the preparation of the tax receipts that will be produced in April. If you want to make any changes to your receipt, name, initials, change to a joint receipt, just contact us in the Parish Office. If you want to bring your giving up to date prior to 31st March, it will mean that you will be able to claim that amount as a rebate now in 2023, rather than waiting until 2024.

If you have any queries about becoming a donor through planned giving, by envelopes or online giving, again just contact the Parish Office.

### CHILDRENS LITURGY 9.00am MASS ST JOSEPH'S

We are looking for people to run Children's Liturgy at our 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's.

This involves taking out a group of children from the beginning of Mass to before Communion time. During the session you will have some activities to do with the children connected to the readings and theme of the Mass which helps with growing younger children's understanding and faith formation.

Usually this is for children who are under the age of having participated in the sacrament of First Communion. We are looking for a team of people who are willing to go on a roster to get this up and running again. Guidance and support will be given if you choose to offer your service to the young children in our parish in this way.

If you enjoy working with young children and feel like this is a way you could contribute to our parish community, then please contact the Parish Office!

### **Little Angels Preschool Music & Play Group**

We have some spaces in this group as some Little Angels are moving onto Kindy. We would love to have you join us for this friendly group so please get in touch with us.

The group is on every Monday during term time starting  
13<sup>th</sup> February 9am – 10.30am.  
Arrive anytime, with music starting 9.30am.  
At Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Foyer, Clinton Street.

Come join us for a time of fun, music, play and delicious morning tea.  
There is no cost to join this group.

**If you keen to join this group or give it a try out call or text  
Tess Bowling 027 583 7732 or  
chat to Amelia, Music  
Co-ordinator at the Parish Office**





**PALMS FOR ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** We are collecting the 2022 palms for burning for the ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you want to bring your palms in they can be left at the Parish Office or in the baskets in the church foyers.

**THE TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART** (The Pioneers) suggest as Lent is coming. Please consider alcohol abstinence during the Lenten season, starting Ash Wednesday 22 February. Phone Maree Novak 753 9847 for all enquiries.



**PARISH SMALL GROUP** which comes together to read and reflect on the Sunday readings, will recommence for the year on Tuesday, 7 February in the foyer of Our Lady Help of Christians, from 10.15am – to 11.30am. All Welcome

**CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE:** We will be starting our First Friday luncheon after the 12.05pm Mass on Friday 3rd February. Please join us for friendship, lunch, sales table and raffles. \$7.00. Everyone is welcome. The First Friday luncheon is a major fundraiser for the work of CWL.



CWL Committee meeting Friday 3rd February at 10.30am in Church foyer.

**ROSTERS:** We are beginning to make the rosters for the next period, March/April/May. If you have any special requests please contact the roster co-ordinator or the Parish Office for St Joseph's, or at Our Lady Help of Christians, Helen Chitty [helen4sun@hotmail.com](mailto:helen4sun@hotmail.com)

## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul people are preparing for a busy year ahead – and we need your help:



### More cooks are needed for the Community Meals

St Vincent de Paul would like to recruit some more cooks for the weekly Community Meal which is held every Tuesday at 5.30pm in the supper room under St Joseph's Church.

We have spaces on the roster for regular cooks – i.e. people who cook part of a meal once a month and drop it off at the hall prior to the meal. Each cook contributes enough food for 15 people – either a meat dish, potatoes, other vegetables or a salad and delivers their contribution to the hall door between 4.30pm and 5pm on the day of the meal. The food is good basic cooking – cottage pie, sausages, casseroles, pasta / rice dishes, salads, cold meat, roast potatoes, jellies, cakes, fruit crumbles and so on.

AND we also need emergency cooks, who will cook part of a meal on a random basis, when one of the usual cooks can't make their rostered date. Cooks are sent a roster at the start of each month and reminded on a weekly basis that their turn is coming up. If a person is no longer available for their cooking duty, we usually know 5-6 days in advance. Thus emergency cooks have plenty of notice that their talents are required in the week ahead.

If you think you could help, please contact Gabrielle on 021 0786 809 or on 758 9228

### Help with our Furniture Pick-Up and Delivery

Donations of used furniture are delivered on an as requested basis to people in need. These people are referred for this help by the many social agencies in the city - e.g. MSD, Women's Refuge and Emergency Housing groups. If you have used furniture or whiteware in good condition, (clean and tidy, unbroken, in working order) our furniture team will come and pick up the items and store them in our shed until a request comes in.

We are particularly interested in complete single and double bed bases with mattresses, small / moderate sized dining tables and chairs, and sets of drawers / shelves that can be used as storage.

People who can assist with pick-up and delivery will be welcome to the team.

If you have items to donate or can help with pick up and delivery, please contact Kevin Hartfield on (027)251-9998 or [kevinvincentdepaul1@gmail.com](mailto:kevinvincentdepaul1@gmail.com)

### Help with Whare Kai

Whare Kai consists of weekly cooking sessions where the Mums of young families cook a budget conscious, healthy family meal and get to take it home for that night's dinner.

St Vincent de Paul people, decide the recipes, work out the quantity of ingredients required, do the weekly shopping, adjust the recipe to suit the family size of the cooks, apportion the ingredients to a "food bag" for each cook.

The cooks and rostered helpers meet at St James hall in Moturoa on Tuesday mornings, cook the meal together and parcel up for transport home. Helpers may also transport Mums who can't get there under their own steam, look after pre school children, sit and chat with Mums while they enjoy a cup of tea and something to eat when they have finished cooking.

If you think you could help with Whare Kai please contact Gabrielle on 021 0786 809 or on 758 9228



**We pray for our deceased family and friends:** Lina De-Castro, Joe Hignett, Brian Holdt, Avice Parker, Kath Flood, Trevor Smith, Mary Reed and deceased members of the Schicker family, Owen Reed, Don Crossan, Peg Harbottle, Jayne Schumacher, Peter Martin and Richard Barber.

# WEEKLY MASSES: 30 January to 5 February 2023 (First Sunday of the month)

	MON 30 January	TUES 31 January	WED 1 February	THURS 2 February	FRI 3 February	SAT 4 February	SUN 5 February
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm C/S	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 C/S		5.30pm (Vigil Mass)	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm (Vigil Mass)	
Bell Block Mass Centre							10.30am

**(C/S)** denotes Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

For updated Mass information, during the week please refer to the APP or Website [www.catholicparishnp.nz](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz)

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

**COVID:** We are aware that the Covid virus is still circulating widely in the community, and this will include the parish community. To help keep our community safe, the Precious Blood will not be distributed at Communion. We will not be restarting Catholic Café as planned, but will adopt a wait and see approach. Weather permitting, the doors in the church will be kept open during Mass to aid the circulation of air. And we remember that the wearing of masks and social distancing in church are all means of stopping the spread of illness. If you feel unwell, do stay at home. The

## WEEKLY:

**ADORATION** – Wednesday Adoration at St Joseph's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians will resume in February.

**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.

**SCHOOL WEEKDAY MASSES** have not yet resumed.

## My Church" APP

To set up the Parish App on your smart phone to receive all the latest parish information as soon as it is available, as well as the newsletter.



- 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:

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

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**Youth Leader** Position open at present