



Parish Newsletter

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The Ascension of the Lord - 29 May 2022

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CWL CONFERENCE 2022:



The 78th Wellington Archdiocesan Catholic Women's League Conference was held in New Plymouth last week. 40 members attended including the National President - Susan Dickson from Methven and Susan Lloyd - Archdiocesan President from Upper Hutt. Members came from Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt, Heretaunga, Otari, Onslow, Levin, Inglewood and New Plymouth. Members were welcomed with a Powhiri by Taihuia Abraham. The keynote speaker was Paul Rangiwahia who is a wellbeing advocate as well as a coach and a trainer. A very big thank you to all those who helped to make it a most enjoyable and successful Conference.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven; let our hearts ascend with him."

St Augustine

This Solemnity embraces two elements. On the one hand it directs our gaze toward heaven, where the glorified Jesus is seated at the right hand of God (cf. Mk 16:19).

On the other, it reminds us of the mission of the Church: why? Because Jesus, Risen and Ascended into heaven, sends his disciples to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Therefore, the Ascension exhorts us to lift our gaze toward heaven, in order to return it immediately to the earth, to implement the tasks that the Risen Lord entrusts to us.

Pope Francis (Regina Caeli)

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

April 2022 Collection Totals:

Clergy Trust Fund: \$7,878.00

Parish: \$25,012.00

Seminary Collection \$3,777.00

PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS: The plate will now be circulated at Mass again. Another sign that a “normality” is coming back.

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.

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

Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

Tax receipts for the year ending 31 March 2022 are available in the church foyers. The tax receipt can be used to claim a 33% rebate from the IRD. If you made a donation of \$100, the IRD will refund \$33.00. A donation of \$1,000.00 will generate a refund of \$333.00

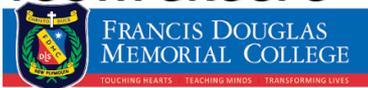
We are at present ordering the Planned giving envelopes for the 2022/2023 year. If you had considered changing from envelope giving to online banking or automatic payments, please contact the parish office and we will arrange this with you. Automatic payments do offer a solution to the withdrawal of cheque facilities.

If you have permanently changed from envelope giving to APP giving, please advise the Parish Office and we cancel your envelope number.

If you give a cash donation on the plate a change to envelope giving will give you a tax receipt which can generate a rebate from the IRD. Again, the staff in the Parish Office can help you with this.

PayWave devices are available in Mass centre

YOUTH GROUPS



FRANCIS DOUGLAS COLLEGE:

This week we launched a youth group at Francis Douglas Memorial College. This will run every Thursday Lunch time and is run by a group of senior students supported by Rain. We started off with some fun games and next week will have a spaghetti and marshmallow tower construction competition! So come along for the opportunity to win some prizes.

SACRED HEART GIRLS COLLEGE: Ascend Youth Group is on a Monday at Lunch, run by Rain and supported by the senior students. This has been running since the beginning of the year and is heaps of fun. There is a weekly challenge which brings out everyone's competitive spirit.



SHINE - JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP: This Sunday – 29th May, 4pm to 5pm. Shine is for year 4 - 8's and will be held at St Joseph's Hall in the Red-Carpet Room - down the end of the hallway past the toilets.



ILLUMIN8 YOUTH GROUP: This Sunday – 29th May, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the St Joseph's Hall. “Building love and developing Friendship with Christ.” NB. Youth Groups – Shine and Illumin8 are not on next week – Sunday 5th June, due to the long weekend.

GENERAL NOTICES

CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON: 3rd June at the OLHC Church, Fitzroy - after the 12:05 Mass. Sales table and raffle, plus lunch for \$7.00. Please join us.

PARKING: The TDHB have finished using the carparks at St Joseph's Church for the Vaccination Centre. The Finance Committee would like to thank parishioners for their patience and understanding for allowing the people of Taranaki to receive their Covid Vaccinations without concern for where to park.

KIMI ORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH: The next meeting will be held this Sunday – 29th May, 1pm at the St Joseph's Hall, New Plymouth.

ANOINTING MASS: The usual Monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at St Joseph's Church at 11 am on Saturday 4th June, instead of at the Hospital Chapel.

YOUTH MASS: We thank “The Mustard Seeds” for providing the music at the Youth Mass this weekend and to the Sacred Heart Girls for helping prepare the liturgy.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations to the children who were Baptised last Sunday at St Joseph's Church and to the Sacred Heart students who were Baptised last Wednesday during Mass at Mary's Chapel.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: 5th June - you are all invited to wear red or yellow– the colours of Pentecost, to help celebrate.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL LED MASS: 9am, Sunday 12th June 2022, at St Joseph's Church

AGM: Sunday 19th June 10am at the St Joseph's Supper Room. Come along and meet the new Leadership Team and hear how the parish is doing.

FROM CARDINAL JOHN DEW

Dear friends,

On January 25, 1959, in the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, Pope John XXIII announced his intention to convoke an ecumenical council. It was at the closing ceremony for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been a formal cooperative work involving the Holy See and the World Council of Churches since 1958. Times of prayer for Christian Unity date back to the 1700s.

The Week of Prayer takes place in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday (29 May-5 June). The theme this year is “We saw his star in the east, and we came to worship him”, from Matthew’s account of the Magi visiting the infant Jesus.

The star of Bethlehem has meaning beyond Christmas. It is a sign that God calls his people to unity, walks with them, feels their pain, hears their cries, and shows them compassion. It reassures us that though circumstances change, and terrible disasters may happen, God’s faithfulness is unfailing.

I ask you to pray this week for Christian unity, even for just a few minutes, so that the witness of all those who follow Christ may be a star, a light for the world. You will find resources to help your prayer on your diocesan website and on <https://catholic.org.nz/>.

Cardinal John A Dew
President, New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference



Photo of the Bishops, from left: Bishop Michael Dooley (Dunedin), Archbishop Paul Martin (Coadjutor, Wellington), Cardinal John Dew (Wellington), Bishop Michael Gielen (Christchurch) and Bishop Stephen Lowe (Auckland)

CONGRATULATIONS: Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Michael Gielen as the new Bishop of Christchurch. Bishop Gielen says he is “humbled and honoured” by the appointment.

NZ BISHOPS CONFERENCE: The Bishops were in Christchurch last week for one of their regular Conference meetings. If you’d like to get the flavour of the kind of matters they discuss, please go to the following website: <https://www.catholic.org.nz> and click on the news tab.

LIVESTREAMED MASS: 9am Sunday Mass at St Joseph’s Church will be regularly live-streamed from the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth YouTube Channel. If you are at this Mass, be aware that you may be captured in the livestream. The recording will be deleted from our YouTube Channel after a week.

RAT TESTS AVAILABLE: Taranaki District Health Board has made available to the parish, for those who need them, a quantity of Covid 19 self-tests. (RAT). Please come into the office to collect. This will help us all keep the community safe.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR A MASK AT MASS.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

WHARE KAI: Has restarted at St James Hall in Lawry Street Moturoa, after a couple of months of “My Food Bag” type recipe and meal delivery.

Some Mums struggle to get down to the hall because they have pre-schoolers, and their former babysitters have dropped away.

Attendance would pick up if we had someone come to the hall to look after /entertain the children, so Mums can get on with the cooking. We will provide books, toys, paper crayons, playdough etc.

If you are able to help on a Tuesday morning from 9am – 11.30am, we’d love to hear from you. We expect we would have 3-4 children each week.

Please call Gabrielle on 758 9228.

We pray for our deceased family and friends: Stephen Fleming, Clotilda Dias, Cajetan Dias, Anthony Jerry Dias, Aussumption Lobo, Paul Radford, Jim Castle, Vin Miles, Kevin Slattery and Terry Castle.

Weekly Masses 30th May to 5th June

	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05 pm	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.30am 11am Anointing Mass	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help Of Christians		9.10am	9.10am C/S		12.05pm	5.30pm	10.30am
St Patricks Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block							10.30am
Sacred Heart Girls College				10.00am			
FDMC Chapel			2.20pm				

(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: Saturday's 11.30am – 12 noon, St Joseph's Church OR 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 to receive all the latest parish information as soon as it is available.

- 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.

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