



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 3 March 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent



Welcome FR TRUNG



Pictured above: Last Sunday Fr Trung celebrated his first Mass in the Parish at St Joseph's Church.

I am Fr Trung Nguyen. I come from Vietnam. I was born into a Catholic family. There are six boys and one girl in my family. For six boys, two of my older are married with kids, two Priests, one deacon and one seminarian. Lien, my sister, has survived having six brothers and now is a happy mum.

I arrived in New Zealand on the 18th of May 2012. I learnt English in Palmerston North before joining the seminary. I got ordained as a Priest on the 6th June 2020 at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palm-

erston North. After ordination, I was appointed as the Assistant Priest for the Catholic Parish of Hasting and the Vocation Director for our Diocese.

It is my privilege now to serve people in the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth. Thanks for your welcome on Sunday. I am looking forward to meeting you and getting to know more of you in this Parish.

Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you.

God bless
Fr Trung Nguyen

Important Dates

Sunday 10 March
Youth Mass 5.30pm
St Joseph's church

Tuesday 12 March
Fr Chris Ryan
7.00pm
St Joseph's church

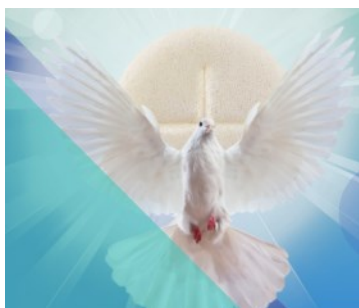
Saturday 16 March
St Patrick's Day Mass
6.00pm
St Patrick's church Okato

Sunday 17 March
St Pius X school led Mass
9.00am
St Joseph's church

Sunday 17 March
St John Bosco School
led Mass, 10.30am
Our Lady Help of Christians
Church

Tuesday 19 March
Feast of St Joseph

Wednesday 20 March
Parent Information Evening,
for Older Childrens Baptism
Reconciliation and
First Communion
Programmes
7.00pm,
St Joseph's church hall



OUR NEW PARISH VISION
A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD FOR MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP
GATHERED AROUND JESUS CHRIST FED WITH THE EUCHARIST AND
SENT TO TRANSFORM LIVES EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

TAX RECEIPTS

EMAILING TAX RECEIPTS: 31 March 2024 is not far away, and with it comes the end of the tax year. If you want to bring your giving up to date or make an annual donation before 31 March 2024, you will receive the tax rebate for this giving and be able to claim the 33% rebate tax in April. Donations can be put on the plate, brought into the office, or made online. Please contact the Parish Office for the bank details and references.

This year we will be emailing the tax receipts to donors. Tax receipts will be emailed to the email addresses we are using to send out the newsletter each Friday. If this is not the email address you would like the receipt to be sent to, please contact the Parish Office. And of course, if you would rather receive a printed copy, again please just let us know. We can easily issue printed receipts rather than emailed receipts.

LENT 2024

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church 5.30pm and also at St Joseph's Church at 2.15pm and 7.00pm.

EVENING PRAYER: Each Thursday during Lent at St Joseph's Church 5.15pm.

CARITAS LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS: Join the discussion group in the Parish Office 5.15pm to 6.15pm, each Monday during Lent.

The Bell Block Caritas Lenten Reflection group meets each Wednesday in Lent, 7.00pm to 8.15pm, at the Bell Block Catholic Centre, 138 Parklands Ave. Everyone is welcome to come to be part of either of these groups.

LENTEN REFLECTION MUSIC BY KADISHA: Something new for Lent this year. Come sit, pray and reflect listening to calm and reflective music. These sessions will also include some of Kadisha's original music - music from her heart. Each Monday during Lent at 12.00 midday, St Joseph's Church. Also each Friday during Lent at Our Lady Help of Christians 9.30am to 10.00am.

The 'time is now' to help
vulnerable families live with dignity.

Please give generously this Lent.

Envelopes are available at Mass or
make a secure donation online
www.caritas.or.nz
0800 22 10 22

 **Caritas**
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

SACRAMENTAL

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS IN THE PARISH

2024: For details of our sacramental programmes for Older Childrens Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion please go to the Parish website homepage for more information –

www.catholicparishnp.nz OR
email our Young Family Minister – Karen
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

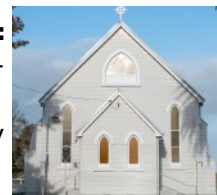


GENERAL NOTICES

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS - OKATO:

Saturday 16 March, 6.00pm at St Patrick's Church Okato.

Come and celebrate this special day with us, we would love to see you!



MARIAN MOTHERS: The next Marian Mothers meeting will be held at Our Lady Help of Christian's church foyer, 7.00pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 7th March. The address is 24 Clinton Street, Fitzroy. All welcome. Come join in prayer and a cuppa. Please bring a small sharing plate. Any queries please phone Glenda on 021 323 765.



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP WELCOME

MORNING TEA: Keen to meet others in our Parish and enjoy some fun activities together? Then come along and join our Passionist Family Group for morning tea and meet some friendly faces. We're a lovely mixture of people - young and old, short and tall, children and teens, Kiwis and nearly Kiwis! Give it a go!

Date: Sunday 17 March
Time: 10.30am
Venue: 63a Saxton Rd, NP
Contact: Sheryl Firth 021 859 955
Please bring a plate of food to share.



ALTAR SERVERS AT ST JOSEPH'S

CHURCH: We are looking for children who have made their First Communion who would like to become an Altar Server for 2024. Your child might already be on the roster and would like to continue. Your child might be already filling in but would like to be put onto the roster.



Children will be rostered on to a Sunday service at the 9.00am Mass. It is important that when your child is rostered on – that you get to Church by 8.50am to let the Mass Co-Ordinator know that your child is there. It is your responsibility to arrange a swap or change if your child is unable to be an Altar Server on the rostered day.

There will be a training session for all Altar Servers – new and experienced. Please email Anne Dent @ anne@stpiousx.school.nz to confirm that your child would like to stay on the roster or be a new addition for 2024.



Pictured above: Susilo with the New Plymouth District Mayor—Neil Holdom. Congratulations to Susilo – our Parish Youth Minister, who officially received New Zealand Citizenship last week! Please keep Susilo in your prayers.

The Case for MISSION

Living a life of renewed witness as Catholics today

Tuesday | 12 March at 7 PM

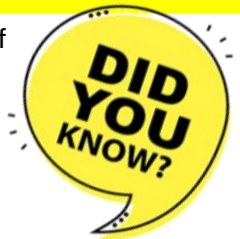
St. Joseph's Church
106 Powderham Street
New Plymouth, 4340



This is a free event. Register today at: divinerenovation.org/missiontour
OR just come along on the night! Bring a friend.!

Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith, prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our baptism.

- Pope Benedict XVI



Youth GROUP

ILLUMING YOUTH GROUP
LIFE TEEN NEW PLYMOUTH
LIFE TEEN HASTINGS PARISH
YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2024



This past weekend was truly memorable for our youth group, as we were delighted to host special guests from Hastings. The Life Teen Hastings Parish Youth Group joined us, and we had an amazing time together. They visited New Plymouth to bid farewell to Fr. Trung, who has been a part of their journey for the last 3.5 years.

That night, 52 teenagers came together. The evening started with a BBQ at the church car park, followed by games in the hall, and concluded with a brief personal prayer session. Each teenager selected a card with a symbol representing what they wished to offer to God. They took turns sharing their thoughts, followed by a group prayer. The evening ended with a prayer song led by the Life Teen Hastings Parish Youth Group. What a blessed night!



SHINE

WAITI CORNER

ILLUMING YOUTH

WE MEET DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

SHINE Junior Youth Group | Year 4-8
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

ILLUMING Youth Group | Year 9 - 13
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

**SUNDAY
10 MARCH 2023
NO YOUTH GROUP
SHINE & ILLUMING**

It's time for a long weekend celebration (Taranaki Anniversary)! Gather your family, dive into some epic fun, and make unforgettable memories!

See you on
Sunday, 17 March

**Youth Group
Sunday, 3 March 2024**

1-800-GET-RICH

SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 2024 | 6.30PM - 8.30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

Join the exciting 2024 Confirmation Program! Visit the YOUTH NOTICE BOARD or go online to the parish website to register and secure your spot. Hurry, don't miss out!

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!

PURPOSE **CONFIRMATION 2024**

The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for **GREATNESS**
POPE BENEDICT XVI

"Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Give yourselves over to the best of life!"
CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 143 - POPE FRANCIS

We pray for our deceased family and friends: Sr Patricia Mary Ford, Bernie Fleming, Alma Spurdle, Kathleen Kerrisk, Marie Hickey, Jack Scott, Ned Conaglen, Dot Jones, Gwen Thomas, and Judy Scott.

WEEKLY MASSES: 4 March to 10 March 2024 Second Sunday of the month

	MON 4 March	TUES 5 March	WED 6 March	THURS 7 March	FRI 8 March	SAT 9 March	SUN 10 March
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am			5.30pm	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Nga Pekanga							10.30am
Sacred Heart Girls College				9.50am			
Francis Douglas Memorial College				2.20pm			



School Masses begin this week. Please note the change of day for Mass at Francis Douglas Memorial College and also change of time for Sacred Heart Girls College.

No Kingdom Kidz at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Sunday 10 March. Taranaki Anniversary weekend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

ADORATION: Our Lady Help of Christians Tuesday 9.35am to 10.30am after Mass

SHINE JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP 2024:

Shine junior youth groups has started up again for the year. Shine is for children in year 4 -8. This is a lovely way for children to form connections in our parish and make friends through their shared faith. Shine runs from 4.00pm on Sundays during term time in St Joseph's Church Hall. Many of our Shine families come along to 5.30pm Mass afterwards. A typical Shine session involves fun, faith and chocolate! Come along and check it out! Please get in touch if you have any further questions. Karen Maclean: youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz
Note: NO YOUTH GROUPS - SUNDAY 10 MARCH – Taranaki Anniversary weekend.



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

10 March
4th Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING:
2 Chronicles . 36. 14-17a, 19-23

PSALM: 137

SECOND READING:
Ephesians 2. 4-10

GOSPEL: John 3. 14-21



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