




# Parish Newsletter

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5th Sunday of Lent – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

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## HOW ARE WE TRACKING? Our Parish in brief: To become a community of missionary disciples.

- Alpha, our main tool for evangelization, begins 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We have 15 people registered so far. Alpha will also be available via Zoom. Registration forms are in the church foyers and on our website.  
[www.catholicparishnp.nz](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz)
- Our Liturgy Committee is preparing for Easter. Amelia our Music Coordinator is planning the hymns. We may have one baptism at Easter but our RCIA candidates Abigail and Jason, are being accompanied along with their sponsors in an individualised RCIA program. It is planned that Abigail, Jason and Don (Who has previously completed RCIA) will be received into the Church at Easter.
- Our Leadership Team (LT) have formed a sub-committee to lead evangelisation in our parish. Thank you to Shanon Stallard, Binoy Thomas, Jaime Cerda, Christina Chow, Rain Forrest (Youth Minister) and Vui for taking on the challenge. This group has named itself the Mission Discernment Team. It is currently working on a strategic plan for the parish with the help of Bill Pressprich from Divine Renovation. The plan will require input from the parish community.
- Rain is doing great things in the Youth Ministry space – check out the front page of our website for more information.
- The Leadership Team has lost several members over the last 6 months and needs to rebuild. Thank you to Grant Novak and Norris Lagera for their contribution to the Leadership Team for 4 and 2 years respectively. If you know of someone who has great skills in governance, please consider nominating them
- Plans are underway to install a video camera into St Joseph's church to enable livestreaming to the hall and online.
- Six people are being prepared to lead Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Sundays. The priests are preparing themselves for the day they catch covid19. The leaders are Peter Costello, Sue Gardner, Pat Dombroski, Terry Healion, Tony Tooman, Agnes Lerke.
- Communion to the Rest Homes is on hold at the moment to avoid the risk of transmitting Covid19. Private home visits can be by arrangement of course.
- Work continues toward the development of a new Parish Centre. Some adjustments have been made by the architectural firm Tennant Brown recently. We hope to present the updated concept plan at the AGM on the 1st May. More information will be available closer to the time.
- Consultation has been held with the parish community regarding the future of the NPDC social housing flats on the Wynyard Street property, adjacent to the Bell Block Catholic Centre property. A lease agreement between NPDC and CPNP expires in 2024 and all improvements revert to the Church's ownership. The Council are considering purchasing the section from the CPNP.
- The Hikoi of Te Ara a Maria, Our Lady of the Assumption, patroness of Aotearoa New Zealand, commissioned by the Bishops of NZ last year (At the rededication of NZ to Our Lady of the Assumption on 15 August) has been on a whistle stop tour of our churches and schools.
- The Brookland's presbytery is proving to be a great parish asset for parish meetings and a home for the priests.

Update - Father Simon Story

**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 –

4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 BEGINNING MAY 2022 -

Explore life, faith & meaning.

Alpha Parish Programme:

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 9:45am to 11:15am**

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> May – 7pm to 8.30pm**

Sessions will be held in the St Joseph's Supper Room.

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> May – Online Alpha.

Go to Alpha on the Parish website to view the Alpha video and online registration.

[www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/](http://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](mailto:ahjchow@xtra.co.nz)



**HOLD THE DATE: Parish Annual General Meeting to be held 1st May – Supper Room. Time to be confirmed.**

**The revised Parish Centre design by Tennent Brown Architects will also be presented at the AGM.**

**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. This week our young parishioners Molly and Lucy (and Rain) discussed Confirmation, creativity and Molly's Jesus Jams. Listen again 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!

Sundays (during the school term) from 4-5pm.

If you're year 4-8, this group is for you! We will meet in the St Joseph's Hall, in the Red-Carpet Room, which is down the end of the hallway past the toilets.



### 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](mailto:youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz)

### WHAKAATURANGA CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022:

We are excited to open registrations for the Confirmation Programme this year for teenagers in Year 11-13. The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation.

It deepens and strengthens in us the life of the Holy Spirit and of God that began at baptism. The Confirmation Programme begins on **May 10<sup>th</sup>**, dates and times are on the registration form, the website and the parish app.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Follow the link or type <https://forms.gle/eNv17pxoezByupr7> into your browser to fill in the registration form.

You will need your baptism details, and your Parent or Guardian with you to fill it in. It will take 5-10mins to complete. Please don't hesitate to contact Rain by emailing [youth@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz) or by phone on 027 757 3612 with any questions.

**ROSARY AROUND THE LAKE (DAY CHANGE):**  
Come join us strolling round the Main Lake @ Pukekura Park honouring Our Lady every **THURSDAY** - rain or shine. Meet outside the Kiosk Cafe at 10.30 am. We would love to see you- just turn up! Contact Mike 021 1399 931 or Marg 027 4258 460.

**TV AND ONLINE SUNDAY MASS OPTIONS:**

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

Please pass on this information to those who may not see the Parish Newsletter. See also the Parish website and the App for further information on happenings in the parish.

**NEW CATHOLIC DISCOVERY WEBSITE "WELCOME MAT" FOR THE NZ CHURCH:**

The NZ Catholic Enquiry Centre has created a new website as a "Welcome Mat" to the Church for all, but especially for non-Catholics seeking the peace and comfort that faith brings. The website – [www.catholicdiscovery.nz](http://www.catholicdiscovery.nz) – builds on the work the Catholic Enquiry Centre has traditionally done using booklets and postal correspondence to reach people interested in the Church.

**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 cant get enough fresh bread.

**FROM POPE FRANCIS**

Each month, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention.

The prayer for April is for: **Health Care Workers** - We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

There was a positive case in our church community this week. If you were at the following Mass, please be vigilant.

**10.30am Mass - Our Lady Help of Christians, 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

If you start feeling unwell or have symptoms, please get a Covid test. Please do not come to Mass if you have any of these symptoms.

**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.

**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.

**EASTER 2022 – TIMETABLE**

<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 14 April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 15 April	<b>EASTER VIGIL</b> 16 April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 17 April
7pm – St Joseph’s, NP.	2pm – St Patrick’s, Okato.	7pm – St Joseph’s, NP.	8.30am – St Martin’s, Pungarehu.
7pm- Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake.	3pm – St Joseph’s, NP.	7pm – St Patrick’s, Okato.	9am – St Joseph’s, NP.
	3pm – Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy.		10am – Our Lady of the Sea, Opunake.
	3pm - Our Lady Star of the Sea, Opunake.		10.30am – Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy.
			11am – St Joseph’s, NP.

**We pray for our deceased family and friends:**

Anne Hayman, Bruce Robinson, Anne Carter and family.

# Weekly Masses 4<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> April

Ministry of Health require all congregations to wear Face Masks from the 4<sup>th</sup> of February

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Palm Sunday
St Joseph's Church Powderham Street NP	8.00am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help Of Christians Fitzroy		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am	12.05pm	5.30pm Vigil	10.30am
St Martin's Pungarehu							8.30am
Nga Pekanga							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](http://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:

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

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