



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



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3 September 2023 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE PARISH AT CONFIRMATION, ALPHA AND ST JOHN BOSCO SCHOOL LED MASS



The Confirmation of Ella Bartlett and Matthew Connelly at Youth Mass last Sunday.



Shine, 20th August the children painted mugs with their special messages and styles to give to lucky recipients on Fathers Days. Happy Fathers Day!



Bell Block Alpha@10 participants chatting over morning tea at their Wednesday session.



Cath McVey is blessed by Fr Vui during the Rite of Welcoming at the St John Bosco School led Mass.



Matthew at Confirmation



Maddison



Jesse



Ella at Confirmation

St John Bosco School Lead Mass was celebrated 20 August at Our Lady Help of Christians. It was a beautiful occasion. Congratulations to Maddison and Jesse Theys, school pupils who were baptised during Mass, pictured left. Congratulations to Catherine McVey, pictured above, one of the staff members, who was blessed by Fr Vui in the Rite of Welcome.

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.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of September, and invites everyone to pray and assist people who live on the margins of society.

"Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out."



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

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, Merrilands. Contact Glenda - 021 323 765.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP: Volunteers are needed for the SVDP Shop, Fitzroy. Can you spare 3-4 hours a week to volunteer at the St Vincent de Paul Shop in Fitzroy? Help is needed to unpack, sort and iron clothes, work the till and Eftpos. Full training will be given. Please phone the shop for more details - 758 6740



ALPHA @ 10. Bell Block Alpha has started with great enthusiasm having 25 people in the programme. There is plenty of chatter during morning tea as participants connect with others, meeting new people and feeling at home in the relaxed, friendly group.

The videos are interesting and thought-provoking, as we see different ways of looking at life and our faith. There is plenty



to share in the discussion groups with the 8-9 people in each group bonding well. The Holy Spirit is truly present and at work in this group.

MASS AT NGĀ PEKANGA CATHOLIC MĀORI MISSION, Corner of Princess St and Bayley St, Waitara is celebrated each second Sunday of the month at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to come to Mass at Ngā Pekanga this coming Sunday, 10th September 10.30am.

IMAGINE



FOR ALL

POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA



New Caritas Social Justice Week Peace Series 2023-2025
He Rangata Rangimārie Hou mō te Wāhi Whakaitenga Tika ā-Pāpori a Caritas 2023-2025



Social Justice Week: 3-9 September 2023

Imagine Peace for all: Peace begins with you!
Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa: Ka tīma-ta tonu te rangimārie i roto i ā koe!

Pope Francis said that "Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence. But this can grow only when we also build inner peace in our heart."

Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year marks the beginning of a three-year focus on building peace and responding to conflict. We hope people will begin their journey by reflecting on their own personal peace and how to seek the peace of God in all areas of their lives.

For more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week.

CARITAS SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK:

3 September to 9 September 2023.

The Parish is providing meetings for those who want to reflect with others on this year's Social Justice topic - Imagine Peace For All: Week 3 Peace In Our Relationships.

There are 7 weekly sessions in total. Come and join Father Tom in the Parish Office (backdoor). Third session is this Monday 4th September 2023 from 5.15pm to 6.15pm, reflecting about peace in our hearts.

FLOWERS FOR ALPHA: Each week we have small posy bowls of cut flowers on the tables at Alpha. If anyone would like to contribute flowers or foliage from their garden please contact the Parish Office for details and to let us know what you could have available. Our florist will contact you and come to your garden to pick.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to the person who handed in the lost wedding ring. It has been claimed.



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 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)



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY welcomes donations of good clean furniture and household items. Chest of drawers and table and chair sets are always needed, so are especially welcomed. We collect. Phone Kevin 027 251 9998 for details and pick up arrangements.



Jun and Tim, out and about in the St Vincent de Paul van with Kevin, collecting and delivering on Saturday afternoon.

Reconciliation is God's arrival in our home. He knows each of us. He sees everything - all our sins, all our weaknesses, even our most hidden thoughts - but He also sees the beautiful "not yet" that even we, ourselves, may not see, the "not yet" of who we are but have NOT yet become. And with His searing, healing, all-embracing gaze of love, He calls us by name and invites Himself into our home.

We don't *go* to Reconciliation; we are *called* to this encounter with Jesus - the one whom we love and who first loved us. Trusting in this love, we enter into this sacramental encounter, called by name to change our hearts and lives, and become who we already are in the mind of God. We open the door to our home and He steps in.

DID YOU KNOW?



SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES:

Permanent fulltime position. 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.

YOUTH CORNER

NO YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

It's Father's Day!

Prayer for dads!

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways—both big and small—they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Amen.

By: Rev. Chuck Currie

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES ON SUNDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

[Susilo | youth@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz)



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Margaret Hurley, Michael Hurley, Clare McSweeney, Bill Ogier, Brian Hunger and deceased members of the Muller family.

WEEKLY MASSES: 4 September to 10 September Second Sunday of the month

	MON 4 September	TUES 5 September	WED 6 September	THURS 7 September	FRI 8 September	SAT 9 September	SUN 10 September
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 Martin's Pungarehu							8.30am
Nga Pekanga Bailey St Waitara							10.30am
Francis Douglas Memorial College			2.20pm				
Sacred Heart Girls College Chapel				10.00am			

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.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Each Sunday at OLHC Parish 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities. We welcome kids from Kindy age. If your child is younger than this they are welcome too but just need an adult to come with them. We look forward to seeing you all there.



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:

10 September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary time

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33.7-9

PSALM 95

SECOND READING: Romans 13.8-10

GOSPEL Matthew 18.15-20

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