



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



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4 February 2024 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



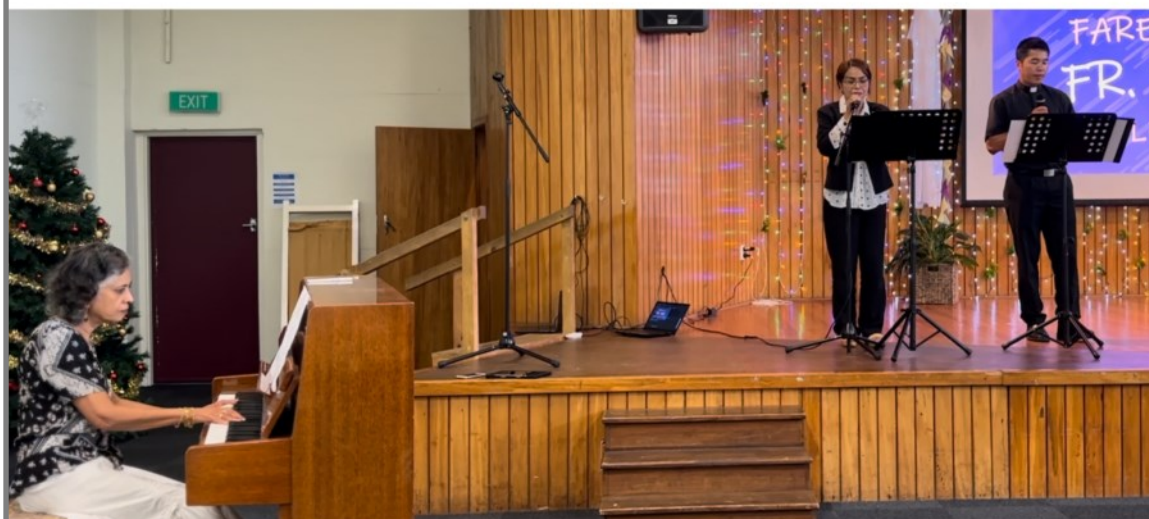
Pictured left: Fr Vui celebrated his final Mass in our Parish last Sunday.

Farewell
Fr Vui



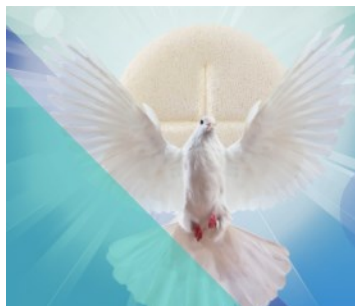
Pictured right: Ruth and Martha Rose sang "Count On Me" by Bruno Mars.

Last Sunday, we farewelled Fr Vui at a very special 9.00am Sunday Mass and shared morning tea afterwards. Fr Simon thanked Fr Vui for his contribution to the Parish and the joy he brings. Thank you to everyone for helping make this a very special farewell. We wish Fr Vui all the best as Assistant Priest of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palmerston North.



We will miss you

Pictured left: Emily and Fr Vui sang "The Prayer" with Pretheeva accompanying on the piano.



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

CONNECT GROUPS

MONDAY CONNECT GROUP, which meets in the Ngamotu Room in the Parish Office, recommences Monday 5 February 9.45am. All interested are welcome at this group. The Gospel reading for the coming Sunday is discussed, and group members share their faith and faith journey as they wish. The Gospel readings are provided well before the meeting date. For more details please contact the Parish Office.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: The Monday Gospel reflection group at Our Lady Help of Christians will now meet on a Thursday Morning at 10.30am after 9.10am Mass. We reflect on the upcoming Sundays Gospel and readings and discuss their importance for us as Christians. Our timetable this year will follow the school timetable with a recess during the school holidays. Our first meeting this year will be on Thursday 8 February.

ROSARY STROLL: Feel free to join us for a Rosary stroll around the main lake at Pukekura Park. We meet outside the Pukekura Park teahouse on Thursdays at 11.00am. For more information please phone Michael 021 139 9931.

LITTLE ANGELS PRESCHOOL MUSIC AND PLAYGROUP:

Begins again Monday 12 February at 9.00am. Parents and Little Angels come join us for a time of fun, music, play and delicious morning tea. Every Monday during school time, 9.00am – 10.30am at Our Lady Help of Christians Church foyer, Clinton St. Arrive anytime with music starting at 9.30am. There is no cost. For more information, please contact Amelia – Music Co-ordinator at the Parish Office or Tess Bowling - 027 583 7732.



GENERAL NOTICES

ROSTERS: We are beginning to make the rosters for the next period, March/April/June, which includes Easter and the school holidays. If you have any special requests please contact the roster co-ordinator or the Parish Office for St Joseph's, or Helen Chitty - helen4sun@hotmail.com for Our Lady Help of Christians.

HALL / SUPPER ROOM PROJECTOR REMOTES: Help! We are missing some remotes. If you have used the data projector recently, please check that you are not holding on to a remote. Please return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS THROUGH LENT: If you are interested in leading the Stations of the Cross through Lent at St Joseph's Church or Our Lady Help of Christians Church, please contact the Parish Office.

PALMS FOR ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY: We are collecting the 2023 palms for burning 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

ECUMENICAL ASH WEDNESDAY

CELEBRATION with the Anglican community 7.00pm at St. Joseph's Church. Do join together with the Anglican communities for a time of prayer and song and the receiving of the ashes.



We celebrate Mass on Ash Wednesday
St Joseph's 8.00am and 12.05pm
Our Lady Help of Christians 9.10am and 5.30pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

9AM MASS: Children's Liturgy is starting up again at St Joseph's Church during 9am Mass. We haven't had Children's Liturgy since before Covid so we are really excited!

This is all thanks to Rachel Ammundsen who has volunteered is this act of service for the young families in our parish. Rachel is a primary school teacher and has many years of experience at taking Children's Liturgy.

This will start on Sunday 11th February. Children's Liturgy is for children under about eight years old who have not yet made their First Communion. Children under three years old are welcome but we do ask a parent accompanies them please.

The priest will call those children who wish to go to Children's Liturgy up to the altar after the opening

prayers. They will receive the light of Christ and the Children's Lectionary and head out to the foyer with Rachel.

A typical Children's Liturgy session will be based around the Gospel reading of the day. There will be discussion and usually some sort of activity that they may start. Depending on time the children may then bring this activity home to finish.

The group will come back in to find their families about offertory time. There will be, of course, some Sundays when Rachel is unavailable and Children's Liturgy won't take place. Children's Liturgy will not take place when we celebrate a School led Mass. Please contact me if you have any further questions. We thank Rachel so much for her contribution to our parish in this way!

Karen Maclean
youngfamiliesminister@catholicparishnp.nz



WAITANGI DAY

Tues 6 Feb

Our national day commemorating the first signing of the Treaty of Waitangi – Te Tiriti o Waitangi, in 1840.

'Because of the Christian involvement in its signing and the Church's mission to bring about a better world we can mark Waitangi as a significant spiritual event and a time to pray for the land and its peoples. We can give thanks for the gift of being here, ask forgiveness for the wrongs of our history from which some have benefitted and some have lost, and re-commit ourselves to work for a more just society.'

Monsignor Gerard Burns homily Waitangi Day 2019.



10 Feb 2024
9am to 3pm



St Joseph Church
Parking Area



Fundraising for CFC Ancop - to answer the cry of the poor and transform the lives of children, families and communities to grow in holiness.

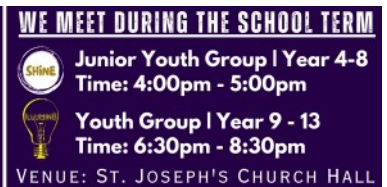
For more details, please contact Romel and Romellia Rosal
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Ordinary Time has a deeper meaning.

Drawing on the root word of ordinary, this is a time when we are ordering our life towards God. We are putting order into our days. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd refers to this as the "growing time". Green vestments are worn during this liturgical season with the color green being the symbol of hope and victory, but also new life and growth. We are growing in our relationship with God.

And so the Church provides for us this time of growth. We have been given special gifts during the Advent and Christmas seasons, and now it is a time to put these gifts into action. We are seeking God in our usual ordinary walk of life. This is a time for us to live as Christians, guarding and strengthening the life received at Baptism. We deepen our relationship as children of God, and fulfill our purpose as 'alter Christus' (another Christ) and look forward to His Final Coming. We are contemplating, entering deeper into the mystery of Christ as revealed through this unchanging, customary and ordered Ordinary liturgical Time of the Year.

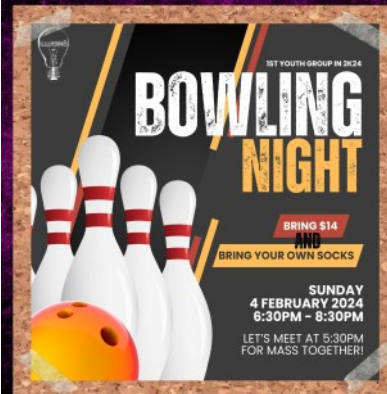
DID YOU KNOW?



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

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

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL



Invitation to Youth Group 2024: Bowling Night!

Hey there, youngsters! Get ready for our first youth group of the year. Join us for a fun-filled evening at Bowlarama, where we'll be bowling to our heart's content.

We'll kick things off with a Mass at St. Joseph's at 5:30 pm, followed by a quick bite at the Hall. From there, we'll head over to Bowlarama for some serious bowling action!

Remember to bring \$14 and your A-game.

We can't wait to ring in the new year with you!

YOUTH MASS
FEBRUARY 2024

Mark your calendars for February! That's when we'll hit the ground running and start our Youth Mass on Sunday, 25 February 2024.

In February, the Youth Mass will be at 9:00am to welcome Fr. Trung in our parish!



"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: Brien Bennett, Marie McLean, John Kavanagh, Errol Taylor, John Wisnewski and Judy Scott.

WEEKLY MASSES: 5 to 11 Feb 2024

Second Sunday of the month

	MON 5 Feb	TUES 6 Feb	WED 7 Feb	THURS 8 Feb	FRI 9 Feb	SAT 10 Feb	SUN 11 Feb
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.30am Waitangi Day	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians			9.10am	9.10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion		5.30pm	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	

* For updated Mass information, during the week please refer to the APP or Website www.catholicparishnp.nz

WEEKLY

KINGDOM KIDZ: 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.



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

ADORATION: Wednesday Adoration at St Joseph's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians will resume soon.

MORNING PRAYER: Will resume Monday 29 January at 7.40am, Tuesday (Waitangi Day) 8:10am and Saturday at 8.10am. Please go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

11 February 6th Sunday in Ordinary time

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13.1-2, 45-46

PSALM 32

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10.31-11.1

GOSPEL Mark 1.40-45

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.



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