



Parish Newsletter

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Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

2nd Sunday of Advent – 5th December 2021

BAPTISMS 2021



Congratulations and welcome to the 32 children baptised and 3 children received into the Church at the with the Older Children's Baptism group on the 21 and 28 November. A huge thank you to those who helped with Baptism preparation: Christine Mpofo, Bernard Leuthart, Andrea Butler, Mylene Tribo and Samantha Dupavillon.

Names in no particular order: Jack Carswell, Eva Cleland, Lucy Cleland, Audrey Foggo, Paige Olliver, Indi Ryan, Amali Ryan, Peyton Valentine, Harper Valentine, Nate Valentine, Brooke Wright, Jethro Young, Isabel Young, Meishaa Belczacki, Jayda Belczacki, Erin Grendon, Gabriella Grendon, Asha Grendon, Solae Hareb, Stella Heapy, Carter Herlihy, Mia Herlihy, Grayson Herlihy, Ashton Riri-Kenny, Oliver Kenny, Brooklyn Kenny, Maisie Luke, Harper Luke, William McEwan, Connor McEwan, Zia Norman, Huxton Norman. Received into the Church: Amaya Ellis, Charlotte Lisney and Ben Lisney.

Infant Baptisms that took place on the 28th November are as follows: Hermione Bass, Arabella Bull, Harlin Parkes, Adelia Parkes, Stephania Paul, Lincoln Stevens, Lennox Stevens, Hugo Bourke, Florence Bourke and Beth Howard.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS - SHGC



Congratulations also to the young women, who made their First Holy Communion on Thursday morning at Our Lady Help of Christians: Fr Vui was the presider.

Pictured: Rory Emmett, Bella Millar, Rebekah Hitchcock, Megan Lotia, Quin Douglas, Daisy Byelich, Carys Read, Ava Dyett, Lucia Erb, Tayla Jane and Lily Greenwood.

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

28th November 2021

CTF	\$ 260.17
Parish	\$ 703.43
Sick/Aged	\$1,305.00

If you wish to make a DONATION to the parish but you have NO CASH? No problem. We have PayWave located in the church foyers.

OPTIONS FOR PLANNED GIVING:

- Cash in your planned giving envelope.
- Set up an automatic payment at your bank or use internet banking. Please contact the Parish Office for the bank account number and reference details.
- You can pay via the Parish APP or website - Tax deductible receipts are automatically sent to your email address after each individual donation.

Bequests are also an important part of Christian Giving and leaving a gift to the Parish in your Will is an additional way to support your Church.

GENERAL NOTICES

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: We need donations of toiletry items and treats to give as Christmas gifts. We are unable to hold our usual Christmas dinner at the Community Meals, because of the COVID risk. The diners expressed disappointment about the meal, but expressed hope that they would still receive their bags of goodies when they come to pick up their last pre-Christmas meal on December 14,

We have 70 small bags to fill. The basket for the collection of items will be at the entry to Mass at St Joseph's for the next few weeks – or you can drop items off at the parish office during opening hours. Contact Gabrielle on 758 9228

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: are available from the Parish Office, \$12.00. The Columban Art Calendar is a lovely tradition to hang in the home. Perfect as that small Christmas gift. (Some parents buy a Columban calendar for each of their children every year).

PARISH SMALL GROUPS: Please refer to the website/Parish APP for all the options.

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP: takes place in Hamilton 17-22nd January 2022. It is an awesome opportunity for young people to encounter Christ and grow in faith as young Catholics while also having a ton of fun. We have 16 teenagers registered to go to camp from New Plymouth. It costs \$250 for a teen to attend which can be a barrier for some young people. We would like to invite the parish community to pray for all the teens and adult leaders who will be attending Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa and to contribute financially to support a teen to attend. A donation can be any amount big or small, every little bit helps our young people! Envelopes are in the Church foyers OR donate via the Parish App or contact the parish office for details on how to direct credit the bank account.

WORLD YOUTH DAY is celebrated internationally every three years and in 2023 it is being hosted in Lisbon Portugal. We are seeking expressions of interest from people aged 18-35 to attend. To register your expression of interest email Nick Wilson nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz or Rain youth@catholicparishnp.nz for more information check out <https://worldyouthday.com/>

SYNOD TIMEFRAME EXTENDED: The previous deadline of 30 November 2021 has been extended and submissions can now be made up until 31 March 2022. It's not too late to have your say. Contact Rollie Devine to register for the Zoom Discernment groups which are held each Thursday from 8pm to 9pm (recess from 16th Dec 2021 to 14 Jan 2022). Or for individual submissions, go to: <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2021/10/synod-2021-2023/>

SYRO-MALIBAR MASS is celebrated by Fr Robin Kurian, from St Mary's, Palmerston North, the 1st Monday of the month at Our Lady Help of Christians. We start at 5.30 with Holy Rosary and followed by holy Mass at 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTOPHER LUKE CHRISTMAS ORGAN RECITAL – 16th December at St Joseph's Church – Entry by Koha for St Vincent de Paul Society.

REFLECTIONS ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL: Sunday Gospel readings from Advent to Easter time are available in the church foyers. These are helpful if you are taking Communion to the sick or if you simply wish to prepare for Sunday Mass. Look for the green cover.

MISSIONZ: A BIBLE DIARY When you purchase one, you also help to raise funds to help MISSIO-NZ support the formation and education of future priests and religious in the many dioceses in Asia and Africa.

To order: Call MISSIO-NZ office (09) 489 6549 or email: info@missio.nz \$20 + postage.



St Joseph's New Plymouth Youth Group's

Christmas Concert Fundraiser

St Joseph's Church Hall – New Plymouth
Saturday 11th December 2021
6.30pm Concert Starts – 6pm Doors Open

Tickets
child [aged 12 and under] \$5
adult [aged 12 and over] \$10

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT IS TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE GROUP OF 18 TEENAGERS FROM ST JOSEPH'S NEW PLYMOUTH YOUTH GROUP ATTENDING LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP IN HAMILTON DURING JANUARY 2022.

PARISH APP



This is the best way to stay up-to-date with any changes to the timetable or if we need to let you know something important is happening during the week. It's super easy to download –

Step 1: Text **CPNPAPP** to **818** to download!

Step 2: Select what groups you want to 'follow' ie. Alpha

Step 3: Set up your profile

Contact the Parish office if you need assistance to download.

NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Online Sessions (Evening): Nativity Scenes with Beate Matthies. Monday, 06 December, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/nativity-scenes/>

Joy at Mass with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms. Friday, 17 December, 8-9pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/joy-at-mass/> For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

Tickets to the Concert will be on sale in the foyer after Mass on Sunday at OLHC 10.30am and St Joseph's 9am and 5.30pm.

HEALTH & SAFETY

WORKING UNDER THE ORANGE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM:

The 5.30pm Sunday evening Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, is limited to 50 and is for people who choose not to present their Vaccine Pass. One Meter distancing between bubbles and face masks must be worn.

NB. The Church will be professionally cleaned on a Monday morning to ensure the surfaces are disinfected.

VOLUNTEERING FOR THE PARISH:

If you volunteer in a Ministry for the Parish, please send your Vaccine Pass to the office for our records, immediately. You may choose to step down from your respective Ministry if you do not

MY VACCINE PASS: From this weekend, you will be required to present your My Vaccine Pass for any event held by the parish – unless it is promoted as a "No Vaccine Pass Required" event.

SIGN/SCAN IN: We are required to continue to register your presence at Mass by Scanning or signing the registration forms available in the foyers.

WE CAN DO THIS... WE HAVE JESUS ON OUR SIDE!

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Josephine Kelly, Gary MacLean, Mavis Schriber, Roz Ison, Margaret Ross, Jeanette Hermans, Sister Margarita, Maria Mrozek, Edith Parish, Trina Veale, Nancy Fahy, Clary Norgate, Judy Scott and the Monaghan and Crowley Families.

Mass Timetable 6 December – 12 December 2021

NB. A Vaccine Pass is required to enter our Mass centres

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am	8.30am	9am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians	6pm Syro-Malabar Mass	9.10am	9.10am	9.10am	12.05pm	5.30pm Vigil	10.30am 5.30pm - No Vaccine Pass Required
Mokau						5pm Vigil	
Nga Pekanga							10.30am
St Martin's Pungarehu							8.30am
Our Lady Star of the Sea - Opunake							10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 4.45pm at OLHC prior to vigil Mass OR 11.30am St Joseph's Saturday

WEEKLY

MORNING PRAYER – Mon/Tues/Fri – 7.40am AND Saturday's 8.10am – Parish Office back room.

ADORATION – Wednesdays after 9.10am Mass at OLHC and 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP Tuesdays - 1.00pm in the Red-Carpet Room at St Joseph's Hall.

NIGHT PRAYER via zoom - Please join Father Vui and parishioners to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Night Prayer) via ZOOM at 8:30pm every Friday: See website for link.

Year of Saint Joseph Prayer

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
to you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a Father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us Grace, Mercy and
Courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen

MINISTRY TEAM:

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