



Parish Newsletter Pūrongo a te Pāriha



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Second Sunday of Lent – 5 March 2023

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER – SUSILO!



My name is Ignatius Susilo Kentjana, but people call me SUSILO. I am the new Youth Minister at the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth. When I was 17, Jesus turned my life upside down, and I gave my life to Him. Since then, I have been walking, journeying, shaping, and training young people in Indonesia.

Thirteen years ago, I moved to New Zealand to pursue God's call to become a full-time missionary at the Institute for World Evangelisation – ICPE Mission in Wellington. I helped run a 20-week programme where young people from around the world came to stay and learn how to be effective catholic evangelisers.

Knowing Jesus and making Him known has been and will always be my passion. I want everyone to know Him and make Him known.

I love spending time with friends, having coffee, and watching movies in my spare time, especially superhero movies. Yes, I am crazy about superhero movies.

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.

COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

EMAILING TAX RECEIPTS:

31 March 2023 is not far away, and with it comes the end of the tax year. This year we will be able to email the tax receipts to donors who would rather have an emailed version instead of a printed copy. If you would like the tax receipt emailed, please contact the Parish office by emailing office@catholicparishnp.nz

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. In the month of March, we pray for victims of abuse. For those who have suffered harm from members of the Church, may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



GENERAL NOTICES



SHINE AND ILLUMINATE YOUTH GROUPS: Please spread the word that our Youth groups have started again. They are a great way for our young people to form



connections within our parish community. Our junior youth group – Shine is for Year 4 to 8 children, held on Sundays from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the St Joseph's Church Hall. Illuminate – our senior youth group for Year 9 to 13 students is also held on Sundays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the St Joseph's Church Hall.

Please note: These groups will not run on Taranaki Anniversary Weekend 12 March.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY: Catholic Café begins today! Please stay after Mass to enjoy coffee and the company of fellow parishioners.

MUSIC NOTES: We welcome all students and their families to Mass today. St Joseph's School are celebrating their first School Mass for the year at St Joseph's and St John Bosco are celebrating their first Mass of the year at Our Lady Help of Christians. The Seedlings will be singing next Sunday – 12 March at the 9am Mass. This will be their first Mass for the year. Your support for all our younger musicians in music ministry is really appreciated.

THE LETTER tells the story of the Laudato Si' the papal letter focused on the environment, through the eyes from frontline leaders battling the ecological crisis across continents. Dialogue with the Pope in the Vatican brings new hope for our common home. Friday 24 March 5.30pm in St Joseph's Church hall we are offering a workshop on this documentary to all interested persons. (Light tea will be served.

It would be a good idea to view THE LETTER prior to the workshop. Google "The Letter Pope Francis" or <https://TheLetterFilm.org> Please contact the Parish Office if you need any assistance.

LENT: PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME 2023:

This year's theme, "I am the Light of the World" reminds us that Jesus brings light to a darkened world. The Caritas Lenten Reflection programme provides a six week reflection based on the Lenten Sunday gospels. Have a look at the programme on the Caritas website www.caritas.org.nz – Join this discussion group in the Parish Office 5.15pm to 6.15pm, each Monday during Lent.

And the Bell Block Caritas Lenten Reflection group meets each Thursday in Lent, starting 23 February, 7.00pm to 8.15pm, at the Bell Block Catholic Centre. Everyone is welcome to come to be part of this group.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Our Lady Help of Christians each Friday during Lent 5.30pm. Also, St Joseph's Church, led by the Syro Malabar Community each Friday at 6.30pm during Lent.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION: Our Lady Help of Christians Wednesday after 9.10am Mass, and at St Josephs 5.00pm

MORNING PRAYER: Monday and Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday 8.10am before Mass.

EVENING PRAYER: Thursday St Joseph's 5.00pm

ANointing MASS AT BELL BLOCK: Everyone is welcome to come to the Anointing Mass, 9.30am, Bell Block Catholic Centre, Monday 13 March, followed by morning tea. Fr Alliston will celebrate Mass and anoint those wanting to be anointed at Mass and in Bell Block rest-homes.

CARITAS LENTEN

GIVING: During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas.



Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate each week by using the pack of six envelopes or as a single donation. Envelopes are available in the all Mass centres. Envelopes can be returned through the parish's plate collection or posted freepost directly to Caritas. Please do include your contact details such as your name, address for a tax receipt. Alternatively, donate online by visiting www.caritas.org.nz.

FR ALLISTON FERNANDES invites you to a spiritual retreat on evangelisation and married life, 11 March 2023, 9.00am-4.30pm, St. Joseph Church hall, New Plymouth. Sponsored by Couples for Christ (CFC) Taranaki. Please bring lunch to share. Snacks will be provided. RSVP or for more details contact Efren Montalla 021 063 9503.



GABBY'S BIRTHDAY ACT OF KINDNESS DAY:

Gabby Devine gained her angel wings from cancer in 2015. While battling bone cancer she did acts of kindness to kids in hospital and her legacy continues today providing acts of kindness to kids in hospitals all over NZ.

Her 21st birthday is on **Thursday 9th March** and we are inspiring others to do an act of kindness that day in her memory. Whether it's paying for the person behind you at the cafe or surprising your neighbour with some homemade baking, the possibilities for spreading Gabby's birthday act of kindness are endless. You can follow Gabby's legacy by liking the facebook and instagram account - Gabby's Starlit HOPE.



BFG's PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: Also known as the Big Friendly Group recently enjoyed a relaxing time together. The children (featured above in the photo) had a great time playing the outdoor game – Kubb.



It does not mean preaching on street corners!

Evangelisation means:

To accompany someone on a journey into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ; to a new place where they have a deep and committed relationship with Him.

It does not mean preaching on street corners! Or accosting strangers in the mall to hand out pamphlets.

ALPHA

COMING VERY SOON



Donate today to help families and communities who have been affected. To donate to this appeal, payments can be made directly online to the Catholic Charities Foundation by direct bank transfer using the following information: Bank Account: 02-0630-0237950-010 With references: "Cyclone" and "your surname and initials" Please email reception@pndiocese.org.nz with your email details for a receipt.

Parts of the Diocese of Palmerston North, particularly the Hawkes Bay and Wairoa regions have been significantly impacted. "As part of the outreach, we are invited to contribute to help those in need" - Fr Craig Butler.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CAKE STALL: Today! After 9am Sunday Mass (5 March) at St Joseph's Church. Organised by St Joseph's Friends of the School (FOSJ) with support from the Young Vinnies. They are fundraising for their sister School – Sacred Heart in Napier who have been severely affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. Bring cakes, biscuits, muffins to sell



We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Martin Rice, Marie Hickey, Selwyn Knuckey, Jack Scott, Phyliss Scott, Ned Conaglen, Dorothy Jones, Fr Donaghue, Gwen Thomas, Judy Scott, Venna Byrne and Kathleen Bennett.

WEEKLY MASSES: 6 March to 12 March 2023 (Second Sunday of the month)

	MON 6 March	TUES 7 March	WED 8 March	THURS 9 March	FRI 10 March	SAT 11 March	SUN 12 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	9.10am		5.30pm Vigil Mass	10.30am
St Martins Pungarehu							8.30am
Bell Block Catholic Centre							10.30am
Nga Pekanga							10.30am
Francis Douglas Memorial College			2.20pm				

(C/S) denotes Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

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

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

WEEKLY:

WEDNESDAY ADORATION –

Our Lady Help of Christians after 9.10am Mass
St Joseph's Church at 5.00pm.

MORNING PRAYER – Before Mass Monday Tuesday and Friday 7.40am and Saturday's 8.10am. Go to back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

EVENING PRAYER Thursday 5.15pm St Joseph's Church

SCHOOL WEEKDAY MASSES: Please check our newsletter timetable each week. Sacred Heart School weekday Mass will resume Term II. St Pius X Mass is now fortnightly.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR: 12 March 2023 3rd Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: Exodus 17: 3-7
PSALM: 95
SECOND READING: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
GOSPEL: John 4: 5-42

Prepare Your
Heart

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