



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION 6 August 2023

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR OUR PARISH

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love.
Set our lives aflame with your gifts.
Grant us wisdom to choose what is good and true;
understanding to embrace your plan of salvation;
right-judgement to act according to your will;
courage to share our faith with others;
knowledge to live as disciples of Jesus Christ;
reverence to respond faithfully to your grace
each day;
and wonder and awe in your presence.
Inspire us with enthusiasm for our Catholic faith.
Grant us boldness to proclaim the good news of
salvation in Jesus Christ, and help us to bring the
transforming power of the Gospel to our world.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Father Simon asks us to pray this prayer
for our Parish. Pick up your Prayer to the
Holy Spirit prayer card today!

Available in all church foyers now.

From the Novena Prayer for Pentecost



Photo courtesy of Central Catholic NZ

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 concludes today. Hundreds of young people from across Aotearoa New Zealand and thousands from around the world, gathered this week in Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day 2023. Among the young people are 11 pilgrims from the Diocese of Palmerston North. They are pictured here outside their accommodation in Paris on the first day of their journey towards Lisbon. Rain, our former Youth Minister pictured on the far left, is one of the participants

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: The Planned Giving envelopes from 30 July 2023 to 21 July 2024 are in the Mass centres awaiting collection. There are also special collection envelopes for those who give by automatic payment or online giving. We have tried to send the envelopes to the correct Mass centres, but if anyone can not locate their envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.



If you would like to change your form of giving, perhaps swapping from envelopes to online giving, again please contact the Parish Office for the references.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE SUNDAY FUN WALK: TODAY TODAY TODAY Join CWL 6 August at 1.30pm for a fun walk at Pukekura Park, raising funds to help with Youth Diabetes in NZ, the 2023 Home Appeal. \$5 per person or \$10 per family.



Meet at the Kaimata/Somerset entrance to the park at 1.30pm. If wet, meet at St Joseph's church hall (Devon St) at 1.30pm for circuits of the hall and fun activities.

THE CWL KNITTING PROJECT making peggy square blankets has kept us knitting. We are continue this project and welcome any donations of wool to help with this. Wool can be left at the Parish Office. A big thank you to those who have donated wool over the weeks.

Couples For Christ, Taranaki
from the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth
presents

Emmans

Walk with Jesus

An Invitation to
CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME 2023

Then their eyes were opened
and they recognised Him...
- Luke 24:31 NV

Every Friday, 8 Sessions, Starting 1 September 2023
7pm to 9pm; Fellowship follows
St. Joseph's Church Hall, New Plymouth

ROYAL COMMISSION - St John of God Case Study
The Royal Commission into Abuse in Care has released a report into the Brothers of St John of God. This follows on from public hearings held in early 2022. The focus is on Marylands School, a residential school run by the Brothers in Christchurch from 1955-1983. Also investigated is Hebron Trust an organisation in Christchurch for at-risk youth run by a Brother of St John of God from 1986-1992. The report contains confronting material from the investigation and highlights the horrific abuse and failure to act on reports and disclosures of abuse appropriately. Te Rōpū Tautoko, the group coordinating Catholic responses to the Inquiry, are working through the findings alongside church leadership. They are updating the Tautoko roadmap of work to reflect the required actions. The aim is that all of us collectively implement meaningful change to the way we safeguard all those in care and respond to those who have suffered harm. For more information and to read the report visit www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz/marylands

If you have a concern or complaint of harm involving someone within the Church please contact the National Office for Professional Standards: phone 0800 114 622. Email prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz. You can also report you complaint directly to the New Zealand Police or to Oranga Tamariki.
www.safeguarding.catholic.org.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: We begin our annual Marriage Preparation programme; Love is a Decision in August. This is a 90 minute group gathering, led by Steve and Nicola Hill and runs over three consecutive weeknights, Thursday 31st August, 7th and 14th September 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Those planning to marry within the coming 12 months are welcome to register for this programme. For further details contact Nicola 021 339 761



POSTPONED

**5-DAY-PARISH MISSION
SPIRITUAL BOOTCAMP**
with Monsignor Trevor Murray



Due to ongoing effects from the flu, Monsignor Trevor Murray is unable to facilitate the 5-day-Parish Mission Spiritual Bootcamp that was to be held here at the Parish early August. Please keep Monsignor Trevor in your prayers while he recovers.

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.





Children and grandparents at Mass, celebrating St John Bosco school Grandparents' day.

On Wednesday, July 26th, St John Bosco School had the pleasure of welcoming Grandparents, Parishioners, and Special Friends to celebrate the Feast Day of Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.

This day is a tribute to all grandparents and special friends, and we show them our love and appreciation in honour of Joachim and Anne.

It was a true blessing to have our Grandparents, Parishioners, and Special Friends attend the Mass and share morning tea with us. We were overwhelmed by the fantastic turnout and would like to express our gratitude to all who came. We hope to see you all again in the near future.

ALPHA @ 10 IS HERE AT BELL BLOCK

ALPHA @ 10

We are excited to bring you ALPHA @ 10. A ten week course (5 weeks, a 2-week school holiday break, 5 weeks) that creates a space, in person, where you can bring your friends for a conversation about life and faith. Beginning Wednesday 16 August, 10.00am to 11.30am, Bell Block Catholic Centre, 138 Parklands Ave, Bell Block.

You can register online using the following link: cpnp.infoodle.com/f/Alpha10RegistrationForm2023 or by scanning the QR Code. Alternatively you can fill out a paper copy, available in all church foyers and email to Barbara: ivanbarb2014@gmail.com or bring in to the Parish Office. For more information please phone Barbara at 06 755 2088 or 021 145 8041



FOOD | VIDEO | CONVERSATION

DID YOU KNOW?

Bowing communicates respect, reverence and gratitude. We are glad to be in the service of the Lord, so we bow. We bow our heads at the very mention of the matchless name "JESUS". We bow because we are grateful to be in this place, in this moment of prayer. We bow because we are listening and speaking to God. We bow to the altar, to the cross, to any symbol that calls to mind what He's done for us.

So we bow as a sign of respect when we recognize the symbols of the Lord. We genuflect when we recognize and adore the Lord.

And, did you know that...

The Prayer of St Francis was not actually written by St Francis, it was published anonymously in 1912 in a Catholic magazine called *La Clochette* and is attributed to its editor, Father Esther Bouquerel. In 1920 it was printed on the back of image of St Francis of Assisi and was then attributed to him in 1927 and was distributed widely between the two world wars.

MOBILITY CAR PARKS: Please remember when using the Mobility car places in the carpark you need to display the Mobility sticker. These car parks, which are close to the churches, are intended for those with mobility issues, helping to make attending Mass easier.

FORMED

FORMED is an online library resource FREE for parishioners of all ages and stages on their faith journeys. Instructions to access:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish name: Catholic Parish of NP
3. Enter your name and email.

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FOOD BANK: Foodbank donations can be left in the Church foyers each Sunday. All non perishable grocery items are welcomed. An extra item bought with your shopping; toothpaste, jam, cereal will make a difference to a family in need.



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Denis Garcia, Bernadette Garcia, Denise Garcia, Clotilda and Cajetan Dias, Anthony Jerry Dias, Deceased members of the Dias and Lobo families, Brian Hunger, Elizabeth, Peter Novak, Neville Transom, Edwin and Elsie Harrington, John Bennett, Ken Gardner and Kathleen Mary Moriarty,

WEEKLY MASSES: 7 August to 13 August 2023

Second Sunday of the month

	MON 7 August	TUES 8 August	WED 9 August	THURS 10 August	FRI 11 August	SAT 12 August	SUN 13 August
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 Vigil Mass	10.30am
St Martin's Pungarehu							8.30am
Nga Pekanga Bayley Street Waitara							10.30am
Francis Douglas Memorial College			2.20pm				
Sacred Heart Girls College				10.00am			

For updated Mass information, during the week please refer to the APP or Website www.catholicparishnp.nz as Mass times, due to unforeseen circumstances can be changed after the printing of the newsletter.

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.



Emmaus Walk with Jesus, Christian Life Programme 2023 starts Friday 1 September. See page 2 inside

WEEKLY:

WEDNESDAY ADORATION:

Our Lady Help of Christians after 9.10am Mass
St Joseph's Church 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:

13 August 19th Sunday in Ordinary time

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19.9,11-13

PSALM 85

SECOND READING: Romans 9.1-5

GOSPEL Matthew 14. 22-33

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Catholic bishops say abhorrent abuse at Marylands and Hebron Trust should never have happened



2 Aug 2023 | Safeguarding

The nature and scale of abuse set out in today's report from the Royal Commission on Abuse in Care is abhorrent and should never have happened, says Archbishop Paul Martin SM, General Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference.

"We recognise the way those working in the name of the Catholic Church caused harm, and the enormous impact this has had on the lives of victims and their families," says Archbishop Martin, on behalf of the bishops.

Archbishop Martin, the Archbishop of Wellington and former Bishop of Christchurch, was commenting on the royal commission's case study into abuse in the care of the Brothers of St John of God based at Marylands School in Halswell, Christchurch from the 1950s to the 1980s and at the Hebron Trust in Christchurch from 1986 to 1992.

Archbishop Martin gave evidence on behalf of the Diocese of Christchurch at the royal commission's Marylands-Hebron hearings in February last year.

"Today's case-study report highlights the horrific abuse and suffering that took place, and the failure of individuals to ensure safety and manage redress adequately," he says. "Confronting these realities is a significant and necessary step as we all continue to transform the way we manage redress and ensure the safety of everyone in a Church environment.

"The abuse described should never have happened. Nor should any abuse happen. I want to re-state categorically that the bishops of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand have zero tolerance for abuse. No form of abuse, misconduct or inappropriate behaviour is acceptable in the Church community.

"The Church must continue to confront the difficult truths of the past, including the inexcusable abuse and suffering described in the case study report."

Archbishop Martin says the Catholic Church began putting formal procedures in place to respond to abuse in the 1990s. They have been subject to continual improvement since: “Everyone working in the Church is required to adhere to them,” he says.

“We must continue to monitor and improve the practices put in place throughout the Church to prevent harm, as well as supporting survivors of abuse. We know there is more we need to do and we are committed to doing it.”

- A copy of the Royal Commission’s St John of God report [Stolen Lives, Marked Souls is](#) [\[/assets/1026-AIC-Stolen-Lives-Report-LOW-RES-V2_21-JULY.pdf\]](#)
- Evidence from the [February 2022 Royal Commission St John of God hearing is](#) [\[https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/marylands-abuse/\]](#)
- A statement from the [St John of God Brothers \(based in Australia\) is](#) [\[https://www.oh.org.au/safeguarding-redress/\]](#)

