



Parish Newsletter

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4th Sunday of Easter 8 May 2022

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ST JOSEPH'S STATUE REDEDICATION:

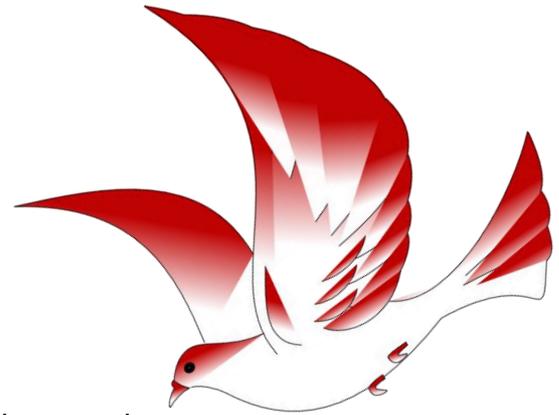


Last Sunday the statue of St Joseph was rededicated for the parents – John and Barbara, of the Burkett family. This Ceremony was among the first celebrations to commemorate the 150-year anniversary of the arrival of Polish immigrants in Lyttleton - John Burkett was in this group. Sister Martha Szymanska, left, and Lyn Potroz, with a photo of Adam Burkett and the statue his descendants gave to St Joseph's Church in New Plymouth.

Photo Lisa Burd / Stuff 1/5/22

CONFIRMATION 2022:

- The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation. It deepens and Strengthens in us the life of the Holy Spirit and of God that began at Baptism.
- First session starts Tuesday 10th May 7-9pm at St Joseph's Church Hall.
- Parents are required to attend the first Confirmation session.
- Register online today! Registrations are open for teenagers in Year 11-13. Go to the Sacraments tab on the parish website www.catholicparishnp.nz. You will need your Baptism details, and your Parent or Guardian with you to fill it in. Contact Rain for more information youth@catholicparishnp.nz or 027 757 3612



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

PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS: If there is no collection during Mass, there will be a collector in the foyer after Mass. Envelopes can also be dropped off to the Parish Office or popped into our secure letter box at the Office entrance. Donations can be made through internet banking even if you usually give via envelopes. Please use your name and Planned Giving number as references.

TAX RECEIPTS: Tax receipts are available in Church foyers today. If you have trouble locating your receipt, please contact the Parish Office.

SEMINARIAN APPEAL - Sunday 8th May 2022: We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood. Currently, we have one seminarian who is at the seminary in Vietnam. Our prayers are that he will return to New Zealand as soon as possible to study at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland, in semester 2 of 2022. We are also currently applying for student visas for three young men from Vietnam who will come here to learn English before joining the seminary. We expect them to be in New Zealand by July 2022.

There will be a special collection after Sunday Mass – 8th May for cash and envelope donations. Donations can also be made via the Parish App.

GENERAL NOTICES

SHINE Junior Youth Group: Sunday 8th Mother's Day Special

SHINE is our Junior Youth Group for year 4-8 children. It runs from 4pm – 5pm on Sundays in St Joseph's Church Hall. This Sunday your Mum (or Mother Figure) is invited along with you to join in the fun and see what we get up to at SHINE. Be prepared to get active and have fun in a faith filled way!! Follow Young Families and Youth Ministries – Catholic Parish of New Plymouth on Facebook for more information on what is happening in our Parish for our young people. Please contact Karen or Rain for more information.



ROSTERS: We are beginning to organise some of the rosters for June/July/August. If you have any special requests, please let the organiser of your roster know.

YEAR C SUNDAY MISSALS: Limited stock available! Missals include parts of the Mass and all Sunday Readings for the current Church year. Helpful for those who take Communion to the Sick, readers preparing the readings and for those who wish to think and pray over the reading prior to Mass. Available in the Office at the special price of \$10.

ALPHA PARISH PROGRAMME 2022:

Explore life, faith & meaning!

Monday's – 9:45am to 11:15am,
St Joseph's Hall Supper Room.

Thursday's – 7pm to 8.30pm,
Our Lady's Help of Christians
Church, Fitzroy.

Online Alpha – Monday 9th May, 7.30pm to 9pm.

Registrations for Alpha are open till 21st May – please go to the Parish website www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/ or the Parish APP. Registration forms are also available in Church foyers and at the parish office. For more information, email Albert - ahjchow@xtra.co.nz



THE GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP: has recommenced again after taking a break over Easter. Come and join them on Tuesday mornings at Our Lady Help of Christians Fitzroy from 10.15am to 11.30am. All Welcome.

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS: Sunday Gospel Reflections from 14 April to 31 July are available in the church foyers. These are excellent if you wish to prepare for the Sunday Gospel or if you take Communion to the Sick. Please take a copy.

ST PIUS X SCHOOL LED MASS: Sunday 15th May, 9am at the St Joseph's church. This is the first of the school led Masses in many, many months.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON MASS AT FRANCIS DOUGLAS COLLEGE: We have resumed Mass at the FDMC Chapel - generally held each Wednesday at 2.20pm during the school term. Do check the website or newsletter for any variation. Parishioners are most welcome to join the class at Mass. The chapel is on the left at the top of the main drive off Tukapa Street.

FOODBANK: Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to contribute, please place any non-perishable goods in the basket in the Church foyer. Foodbank at the moment is particularly short of biscuits, crackers, weetbix, sandwich spreads and soap.

ROSARY AROUND THE LAKE: Come join us strolling round the Main Lake @ Pukekura Park honouring Our Lady every Thursday - rain or shine. Meet outside the Kiosk Cafe at 10.30 am. We would love to see you- just turn up! Contact Mike 021 1399 931 or Marg 027 4258 460.

VOCATION AND DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Will be held from the 26 – 28 August 2022 at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. A small koha fee for participants. Registrations – please email Father Trung Nguyen – pettrung89@gmail.com

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has called on Catholics worldwide to pray the Rosary every day during the month of May for peace: "We begin the month dedicated to the Mother of God. I would like to invite the faithful and all communities to pray the Rosary every day during the month of May for peace."

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE:

Prayer for peace Pope Francis recited at his weekly general audience March 16, 2022

Composed by Archbishop Domenico Battaglia of Naples

Forgive us for the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kyiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother in Kharkiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, in the 20-year-olds sent to the frontline, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands armed with weapons under the shadow of the cross, forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us if, not content with the nails with which we pierced your hand, we continue to drink from the blood of the dead torn apart by weapons.

Forgive us if these hands that you had created to protect have been turned into instruments of death.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother, if we continue like Cain to take the stones from our field to kill Abel.

Forgive us if we go out of our way to justify cruelty, if, in our pain, we legitimize the cruelty of our actions.

Forgive us the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, we implore you to stop the hand of Cain, enlighten our conscience, let not our will be done, do not abandon us to our own doing. Stop us, Lord, stop us, and when you have stopped the hand of Cain, take care of him also. He is our brother.

O Lord, stop the violence. Stop us, Lord.

Amen.

FORMED: An online library resource for anyone in the parish. Instructions to access:

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

TV AND ONLINE SUNDAY MASS OPTIONS:

For those who are unable to attend Mass, the following TV and online options are available:

- Catholic Parish of New Plymouth – Sunday 9am Mass – livestreamed from the The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth YouTube Channel.
- Shine TV - 2pm Sunday - watch Mass celebrated at the Auckland Diocese. Freeview Channel 25 and Sky TV channel 201

Please pass on this information to those who may not see the Parish Newsletter.

HEALTH & SAFETY

COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

On Tuesday, 3rd May, Father Vui tested positive for Covid-19. Please refer to the parish website and app for up-to-date notifications and information. May we continue to keep Father Vui and all our Priests in our prayers.

ORANGE LIGHT LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS:

- **WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR A MASK AT MASS**
- Congregations are unlimited.
- The holy water fonts remain empty.
- Keep 1 metre distancing.
- Communion will be under only one kind – the host will be handed to each person.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

- **TAX RECEIPTS:** For those who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal in February are available for pick up in the foyer of St Joseph's church. They are filed in with the receipts for Parish donations.
- **THANK YOU:** To the students from SHGC and FDMC who took part in the recent St Vincent de Paul fund raising effort at The Warehouse stocktake – and to the parents and teachers who supported them. The work raised a total of \$4,017. The money will be well used, to support local people in need.



We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Walter Leuthard, Doug Broadhurst, Eileen and John O'Neill, Bernard O'Neill, Margaret Castles, Samuel and Noeline Drought, Brian Collins and Judith Knuckey.

Weekly Masses 9th May to 15th May

	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help Of Christians		9.10am C/S	9.10am	9.10am	12.05pm	5.30pm	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6pm	
Bell Block Mass Centre							10.30am C/S
FDMC Chapel			2.20pm				

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

For updated Mass information please refer to the APP or Website: www.catholicparishnp.nz

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday's 11.30am – 12 noon, St Joseph's Church OR OLHC prior to Vigil Mass.

Weekly

ADORATION – Wednesday 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church and 9.45am after 9.10am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.

NIGHT PRAYER – via Zoom – 8.30pm Fridays.
See Parish website for link.

MORNING PRAYER – Mon/Tues/Fri – 7.40am AND Saturday's – 8.10am. Go to back door of Parish Office Building.

“My Church” APP

To set up the Parish App on your phone to receive all the latest parish information as soon as it is available.



Step 1: Text CPNPAPP to 818 to download!
Step 2: Select what groups you want to 'follow'
Step 3: Set up your profile
Step 4: Try the Give function – we really appreciate any donation you can make.

MINISTRY TEAM:

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