



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 2 March 2025
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Important Dates

Sunday 2 March
Adoration 3.00pm
Our Lady Help of Christians

Monday 3 March
Social Justice meeting
Parish Office 5.45pm

Monday 3 March
Lenten Faith Formation
7.30pm in St Joseph's
Church Hall

Wednesday 5 March
Ash Wednesday Masses
St Joseph's
8.00am and 12.05pm
Our Lady Help of Christians
9.10am and 5.30pm

Wednesday 5 March
St Joseph's Church
Ecumenical celebration
7.00pm

Thursday 6 March
7.00pm Adoration
St Joseph's Church
with Reconciliation

Friday 7 March
Adoration 4.00pm
Bell Block Catholic Centre

**SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION PARENT
INFORMATION**
Thursday 3 April 6.30pm
St Joseph's Church Hall

PARISH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

To include items in the newsletter, email your material by TUESDAY 3.00pm to office@catholicparishnp.nz

Late submissions will be considered for the next issue.

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2025 ECUMENICAL LENTEN CELEBRATION OF THE ANGLICAN PARISHES

and
THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEW
PLYMOUTH

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
POWDERHAM ST,

ASH WEDNESDAY

5 March 2025
7.00pm

A Liturgy with distribution of ashes



We begin our journey towards Easter, celebrating the distribution of ashes together as a wider community.

As we continue that celebration of joining together, everyone is welcome to stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a time of fellowship in the foyer after the liturgy.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH - MASS TIMES

We celebrate Mass on Ash Wednesday

- St Joseph's 8.00am and 12.05pm
- Our Lady Help of Christians 9.10am and 5.30pm

OUR 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





FASTING DURING LENT:

PRAYER ON FASTING from Pope Francis

- Fast from hurtful words and speak kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

(In the words of Pope Francis) Source USCCB.org

Go without, so you can give to Caritas. Every gold coin counts. 500 \$1 coins can provide a water tank.

A TIME OF PRAYER: Pray for Life this Lent! Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion. Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Find out more at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife

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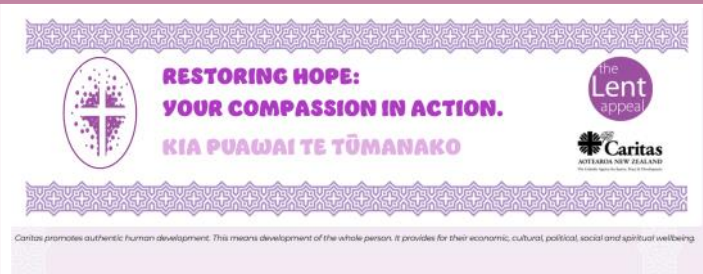
Our Lady Help of Christians 5.30pm
St Joseph's Church 7.00pm. Led by the Syro Malabar Community in Malayalam language.

CARITAS LENT REFLECTION PROGRAMME: The Lenten season provides an opportunity each year to deepen our understanding of our faith by reflecting on the Gospels. During Lent we are called to turn away from the things that encumber our faith journey and to turn towards God. Lent is an opportunity to renew ourselves and our relationship with God.

CARITAS REFLECTION GROUP AT ST JOSEPH'S: Join the Parish Social Justice Group to grow in appreciation of the Gospels of Lent. If you are looking for something to deepen your participation in Lent try the Caritas reflection programme on the Thursdays in Lent, 5.45pm to 6.30pm starting 6 March, in the Parish Office, Ngamotu Room. Please use the back door.

CARITAS REFLECTION EVENINGS AT BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE: 138 Parklands Ave Bell Block. Thursdays in Lent 7.00pm to 8.00pm starting 6 March. Contact Barbara, ph 755 2088 so a booklet will be available for you.

PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP: Meets St Joseph's Parish Office (back door), 5.45pm, Monday 3 March All welcome.



A TIME TO GIVE: CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL:

The Caritas theme for Lent 2025 is "Restoring hope: Your compassion in action/ Kia puawai te Tumanako. As we focus on alms giving during Lent, we connect with God and look to serve others. During Lent, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand call on us to provide for the needs of the poor and vulnerable through the work of Caritas. Every donation to the Bishop's Lent Appeal helps fund Caritas' life-changing development work around the world, and their response to emergency.

Caritas encourages supporters to donate online, through the website or through direct deposit. For donation information and details visit Caritas.org.nz

If you wish to give by cash in an envelope, envelopes are available in the foyer. Just put it on the plate and we will forward the donation to Caritas.

A LENTEN FAITH FORMATION SERIES: We are excited to invite you to our upcoming video sessions **this Monday** on "Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits," led by Dan Burke. Web link to sneak peek video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpBHuteO4iM>

An introduction into understanding the spiritual battles we face and learn how to discern the spirits with wisdom and faith. About Dan Burke: Dan Burke is the founder and President of the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation, which offers graduate and personal enrichment studies in spiritual theology to priests, deacons, religious, and laity in 90 countries.



Don't miss this opportunity to grow spiritually and strengthen your faith journey. When: Mondays from 3 March to 7 April 2025. 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Where: St Joseph's Church Hall (New Plymouth)
Registration: Just walk in (Doors open for a cuppa at 7.15PM)
Cost: FREE

Week 1: Introduction and Overview of the Series
Week 2: The Armour of God
Week 3: Discernment of Spirits
Week 4: Strategies for Spiritual Victory
Week 5: Welcoming the Holy Spirit
Week 6 Standing Firm and Following his will.
For more details: See page 5 of the emailed or website newsletter. Contact: Jaime jzle012@gmail.com or Christina jp2padua2020@gmail.com or leave your name and phone number with the Parish Office and we will phone you.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

VACANCY: Parish Strategic Leader (Fulltime)

Strategic, organised, driven, relational and passionate – is this you?

Do you have people management experience and have worked in an organisation with both operational and strategic responsibilities?

Does building relationships and collaborating with others around shared goals sound like you?

The Strategic Leader will be joining the vibrant New Plymouth Catholic Parish team, supporting and growing our Parish faith journey – could this be you?

Then call the office on (06 757 3682) or contact by email ParishLeadershipTeam@catholicparishnp.nz to request the Job Description and Application Form. Applications close Friday 7 March 2025

CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 7 March - Committee Meeting at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church foyer.

CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 7 March, after the 12.05pm Mass at St Joseph's. CWL offer a delicious lunch. Plated sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee for just \$7, and this also includes a raffle ticket! This is a fundraising activity for the CWL, so the more lunch guests there are, the more CWL can help others. Visit www.cwl.org.nz to see nationwide work.



SAVE THE DATE: - Thursday 3 April 6.30pm

Sacramental Preparation Parent Information Evening

If you wish this year for;

Your child over 7 years to be baptised or

Your child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion or

Your child (Years 11 to 13) to be Confirmed

Then you will need to be at our parent information evening. As our programmes of Older Children's Baptism and Reconciliation and First Communion are family based, we need all involved to see firsthand the process for preparation for these sacraments, and how it works in our parish!

Thursday 3 April 6.30pm St Joseph's Church Hall. For children and families to be part of the sacramental programmes, it will be very important for a parent or care giver to be at this meeting. Enquiries to:

youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

The prayer intention of Pope Francis for March: **Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.**



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Elizebeth Moorby, Leka Ben, Marie Hickey, Leticia O'Hopkins, Jack Scott, Phyllis Scott, Ned Conaglen, Dot Jones, Gwen Thomas and Judy Scott. We pray for the speedy recovery of Pope Francis to good health.

YOUTH GROUP

WE GATHER ON SUNDAYS DURING THE SCHOOL TERM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL.

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 4 TO 8
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 9 TO 13
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025

SEEING THE KINGDOM Jesus' Public Ministry



Jesus' mission is to share the message of HOPE and express His love for everyone, regardless of how distant or close they feel to God.

Did you know that YOU HAVE A MISSION TO HELP HIM?

Join us to discover how!

THEME COLOUR
Put on something PURPLE!!

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Taranaki anniversary
Monday
10 March 2025

SHINE & ILLUMIN8 YOUTH GROUPS WILL TAKE A BREAK ON SUNDAY, 9 MARCH 2025

WE WILL BE BACK ON SUNDAY, 16 MARCH 2025

The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!
CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 1- POPE FRANCIS

MARIAN MOTHERS: Meet Thursday 6 March at Our Lady Help of Christians 24 Clinton Street, Fitzroy, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please come along & join in prayer and a cuppa. Please bring a small sharing plate. Any queries phone Glenda 021 323 765.



Fearless

PURPOSE

whakawakawanga

"Be STRONG and COURAGEOUS; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

2025

year 11 - 13

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Here are some options to register and access further details about the important dates:

- Visit the parish website
- Scan the QR code found here or on the YOUTH notice board in the foyer

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

3 MON	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
5 WED	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
	9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
	12.05pm 5.30pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians
6 THU	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
	9.50am	Sacred Heart Girls College
	2.20pm	Francis Douglas Memorial College
7 FRI	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
	12.05pm	St Joseph's Church
8 SAT	8.30am	St Joseph's Church
	5.30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
	6.00pm	St Patrick's Church Okato
9 SUN	9.00am	St Joseph's Church
	10.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
	10.30am	Nga Pekanga (Cnr Bayley St & Princess St Waitara)
	5.30pm	St Joseph's Church (Youth Mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass and during Thursday Adoration at St Joseph's Church 7.00pm. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests, by initially phoning the Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday and Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday at 8.10am. Please go to the back door of Parish Office building.

QUIET YOUR HEART: Music with Kadisha.

Each Monday at St Joseph's Church - 11.00am to 11.30am. Each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church - 9.30am to 10.00am

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

is made up of four phases and the phase our candidates and catechumens are in at present is called the Catechumenate. This is centred around, basic catechesis, foundational Scripture, prayer, church teaching and parish life. The next step is the Rite of Election, during which the Church formally approves the Catechumens' readiness for the Sacraments of Initiation, the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We will celebrate the Rite of Election at all Masses Sunday 16 March.



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1st Sunday of Lent 9th March 2025
We are using Year A readings during Lent

- 1ST READING:** Gensis 2.7-9,16-18,25,3.1-7
- PSALM:** 51
- 2ND READING:** Romans 5.12-19
- GOSPEL:** Matthew 4.1-11



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Tuesday
9:35am to 10:30am
(after 9:10am Mass)

First Sunday of the month
3:00pm - 4:00pm

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

First Friday of the month
4.00pm - 5.00pm

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Every Thursday
7:00pm - 8:00pm

HOLY HOUR

God dwells in our midst
in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar
St. Maximilian Kolbe

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE
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Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO
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1. Introduction and Overview of the Series

- Authentic discipleship and narrow way
- Recognizing the Signs of Spiritual Battles

2. The Armour of God

- Equipping Yourself for Spiritual Combat
- The Role of Faith and Prayer in Spiritual Warfare

3. Discernment of Spirits

- Identifying the Presence of Good and Evil Spirits
- Practical Steps for Discernment

4. Strategies for Spiritual Victory

- Overcoming Temptations and Spiritual Attacks
- Building a Strong Spiritual Defence

5. Welcoming the Holy Spirit

How do you renounce the lies of the enemy?

How can you invite the Holy Spirit into your life?

6. Standing Firm and Following His Will

How can you invite the Lord's grace into your life to help you win the battle for your soul?

To find out more, please contact: Christina jp2padua2020@gmail.com OR Jaime jzle012@gmail.com. Or leave your contact details with the Parish Office, we will ring you.



Pilgrimage to

Hiruhārama Jerusalem

A pilgrimage is more than just a trip – it is a sacred journey of faith, reflection, and encounter with God.

As Pope Francis reminds us, a pilgrimage is not a vacation but a time to step outside of ourselves, seeking grace and renewal in places where God's presence has been deeply felt.

Through prayer, Mass, and shared moments of silence and reflection, we open our hearts to conversion and spiritual growth.

Join our Diocesan pilgrimage to Hiruhārama and take this opportunity to pause, pray, and journey with God.

DATE Saturday 8 March

TIME Meet 8:15am at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, returning approx. 5pm

COST \$25 suggested koha (for transport)

WHAT TO BRING Packed lunch, snacks, full water bottle, weather-appropriate clothing and footwear

REGISTER BY 4 MARCH Email bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz with your name, parish & phone number or scan the QR code



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PALMERSTON
NORTH

For Catholic Parish of New Plymouth Parishioners who wish to make the pilgrimage at this time, it is necessary to register with the Diocese as above. The Diocese will provide all information on joining the group leaving from Palmerston North.

Rise, Let us be on our Way Divine Mercy in the 3rd Millennium Conference



Tommy Canning UK



Fr Rory Morrissey NZ



John Canavan Aust



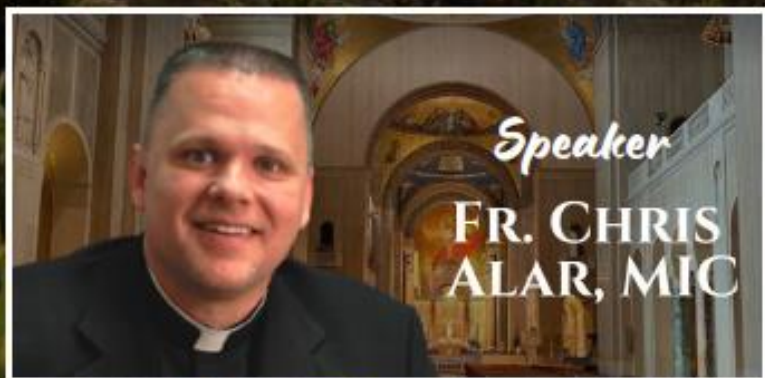
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