



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



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Easter Sunday 9 April 2023



Palm Sunday at St Joseph's Church: Altar Servers—Quinn, Charlotte and Eliana led the procession.



Congratulations to Jemma who will be Baptised and Tama who will be Received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Welcome Jemma and Tama to our Parish Community.

From all the Parish Teams

*Have a holy and
blessed Easter*



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

EASTER SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION: There will be a special collection at the Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses. This collection is a "thank you" for our priests, and is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund endeavours to respond to every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and care that they receive.

Those who give by envelopes, will have special envelopes for these collections. The Parish APP is also easy to use for the upcoming Special Collections. Good Friday Holy Places and Easter Sunday Special Collections will be able to be selected when choosing what fund you would like to support. Thank you for your generosity to these causes.

TAX RECEIPTS: Will be issued in the weeks after Easter.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



RECONCILIATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023:

First Reconciliation Celebration:
21 July 2023.

First Holy Communion Celebration at St Joseph's Church:
10 September 2023.

First Holy Communion at Our Lady Help of Christians Church:
7 September 2023.



Registration is open now. Please scan the QR code or visit the Parish website.

For more information please email Karen - youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

GENERAL NOTICES

SHINE AND ILLUMIN8 YOUTH GROUPS - Will be taking a break over the school holidays from today Sunday 9 April. Will be back Sunday 23 April.

OLHC PRAYER GROUP: The gospel reading group at OLHC on Tuesday mornings will pause over Easter and school holidays. We will recommence on 2 May, Tuesday 10.15 am to 11.30 am. All welcome.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE SICK: Volunteers are needed to join the teams who take Communion to the residents at either the Hospital Wing at Jean Sandel or Tainui Rest Home. We have rosters, so it is a turn every two or three weeks at Jean Sandel or now (thank you to two generous volunteers) every 5th Sunday at Tainui. If you are interested in sharing in this ministry or wish to know more, please contact Naomi 027 292 7051. Our need is rather desperate as we really want to be able to ensure that the rest home residents continue to receive Communion on Sunday. The time needed is probably one hour after Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION: The Divine Mercy devotion will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians church Sunday 16 April at 2.30pm. There will be Rosary and Exposition followed by the Chaplet 3.00pm. The Veneration of the Image will follow, finishing at approx. 3.15pm. Please come and learn about this devotion. All are welcome.

SACRED HEART GIRLS COLLEGE MAN-AWA TAPU Chaplain position available. Start date: negotiable. Permanent part-time, 5 hours per day - 25 hours per week (term time only).



We are seeking a Chaplain to be actively involved in building the Special Catholic Character of our college. Applications close Monday 8 May 2023 at 12 noon. A job description is available on request – email Denise Stachurski, Executive Assistant at: dst@shgcnps.school.nz Apply by providing a cover letter along with your CV and provide referees with contact details to: The Principal Sacred Heart Girls' College PO Box 3241, New Plymouth 4341 or email: dst@shgcnps.school.nz

CONFIRMATION WHAKAATURANGA 2023:

Registration is open for the Confirmation Programme 2023.

If you are 15 years and over and have been baptised, this programme is for you.



The sessions are held weekly on Monday evenings in St Joseph's Church hall, from 1 May to 19 June, 7pm – 9pm. The programme includes a weekend camp from 26 to 28 May. Confirmation Mass, Sunday 11 June, 5.30pm. Parents are required to attend the first session on the 1st of May.

For more information please go our Parish website. Please use the QR code to register for Confirmation or register via our website.



PRIEST – A MAN OF PRAYER BOOK LAUNCH: A good crowd gathered together for Fr. Vui's book launch, and enjoyed listening to Fr Vui talking about his journey from Seminarian to Priest. Pictured above: Fr. Vui ending the evening with a book signing. Copies of the book will be available from the Parish Office soon or can be purchased now from Amazon.

MISSION DISCERNMENT TEAM (MDT) in seeking to be led by the Holy Spirit are inviting parishioners to intentionally pray for the MDT discernment of a parish mission plan by becoming a dedicated Prayer Partner.

To do this we have created a Whatsapp Broadcast Community - *Prayer Team | Mission Discernment | Parish Transformation* - which people can join if they wish to commit to praying for the parish's mission discernment and transformation.

The MDT would broadcast a message to let you know when they are meeting and ask that you pray (wherever you may be) for the MDT during their meeting time.

[https://chat.whatsapp.com/](https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFuplfZBncIBPj5TOeRrvX)

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EASTER CARDS TO PARISHIONERS: Thank you to the students from Sacred Heart Girls College who created Easter cards. These will be given to the sick and housebound with our Easter wishes. Pictured above: Office staff taking a moment to sort the cards.

MUSIC NOTES: Our music groups have been working hard preparing for Holy week:

Holy Thursday – The Mustard Seeds.

Good Friday – Song Leaders

Easter Vigil – Song Leaders, Susilo cantering.

Easter Sunday – The Seedlings

Little Angels had their last session of the term this week, and they were all very excited to receive their Easter story books and Easter chocolates at the end! They've enjoyed learning some new songs this term, with 'Mrs Bunny' being one of their favourites!!

No Little Angels during the holidays, but sessions will start up again in the second week of Term 2, Monday 1 May, 9am at OLHC.



Please contact me if you would like further information on any of these groups. I hope you all have a very Happy Easter, Amelia.

Done with small talk?

Try Alpha @ 6



Creating a space, in person, where you can bring your friends for a conversation about life and faith.

Please register via the QR code or Parish website.

Beginning Thurs 27 April 2023

6.00pm to 8.00pm, St Joseph's Church Hall.



We pray for our deceased family and friends. Marjan Adamski, Maurice Strange, Jane Hyde, Venna Byrne, Lorraine Murray, Grey Dow and Manuele Meafua.

WEEKLY MASSES: 10 April to 16 April 2023 Third Sunday of the month

	MON 10 April	TUES 11 April	WED 12 April	THURS 13 April	FRI 14 April	SAT 15 April	SUN 16 April
St Joseph's Church	8.30am	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 Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block Mass Centre Parklands Ave BB							10.30am C/S

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 at OLHC prior to the 5.30 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 this week at 8.10am. Tuesday and Friday 7.40am and Saturday's 8.10am. Go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

SCHOOL WEEKDAY MASSES: School holidays started 6 April so there are no school Masses until week 26 April.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR:

16 April 2023 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

FIRST READING: Acts 2. 42-47

PSALM 118

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1. 3-9

GOSPEL John 20. 19-31

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