



Parish Newsletter

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Second Sunday in Advent – 4 December 2022

THE BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE AND ITS COMMUNITY



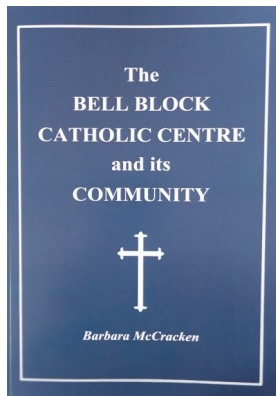
Jane Dravitzki receiving her book



Assumption Sisters with Bishop Peter



Bell Block Catholic Centre, Parklands Ave.



The Book



Conversations over lunch



Barbara McCracken & Bishop Peter

Sunday 27 November, Mass was celebrated at the Bell Block Mass Centre, Parklands Avenue with Bishop Peter Cullinane presiding. Following the Mass, which was attended by over 120 people, was the launch of the book, "Bell Block Catholic Centre and its Community," written by Barbara McCracken a key leader in that community.

The book outlines the history of the community and the legacy of Jack and Nora Barry. When Jack Barry donated the land to the Church in 1965, he envisioned the need for housing for the elderly and a Catholic Centre, at a time when Bell Block was a sparsely populated farming area. It was this gifted land that provided a physical base for the Catholic Centre, which opened in 1981, and housing for the elderly in Wynyard Street. In 1994, the Centre was moved from Wynyard Street to Parklands Ave. The book outlines the growth of the community through the 41 years, reflecting the changes that occurred in society and within the church.

Six of the original members of the 1981 community were present at the joyful celebration on Sunday, as well as two Assumption Sisters from Auckland, who had had a prayerful presence and active mission in Bell Block for 18 years.

The wonderful celebration on Sunday was a testament to the strength of the faith-filled, welcoming community spirit that has been a characteristic of the Bell Block community for 41 years.

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

October 2022 Collection Totals:

Clergy Trust Fund: \$8,624.73
Parish: \$23,318.77
Sick and Retired Priests Collection \$8,570.70

CHRISTMAS GIVING: During Advent we prepare by going with less ourselves and giving more to those who are less fortunate. Perhaps on the Fridays of Advent we could have simpler meals and the amount we save could be given as non perishable food items to those in need. For Sunday 11 December we suggest bringing extra food items or Christmas fare for the Men's Shelter which would be welcomed. There will be a special box for these donations in the foyer.

THE ANNUAL SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS SPECIAL COLLECTIONSUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2022: Thank you for your donations to the collection for Sick and Retired priests. This collection provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciative especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

Msgr Brian Walsh, Vicar General, Chairman of the Clergy Trust Fund.



ILLUMIN8 YOUTH GROUP:
Sunday 6.30pm – 8.30pm, St Joseph's Church Hall. For Years 9 to 13

SHINE YOUTH GROUP IS BACK! Come along 4.00pm to 5.00pm, St Joseph's Church Hall. For Years 4 to 8



GENERAL NOTICES

WE ARE HIRING: We are looking for a new **full time Youth Minister** > More information and the full Job Description are available on our Parish Website

To apply please email your C.V and cover letter to Alex McDougall Chairperson of the Leadership Team - alexmcdougall@xtra.co.nz

If you have any questions for our current youth minister, please contact Rain - youth@catholicparishnp.nz or 0277573612

SPONSOR THE CATHOLIC COUCH: The Catholic Couch Radio Show on Access Radio Taranaki is run by our senior youth group. It has been funded up until now by NZ On Air, but that funding has ended. To continue broadcasting our show weekly we need a sponsor and so are looking for business owners or individuals who might be interested in helping with funding. They would be acknowledged over the radio as the sponsor during each show. Each show is \$20+gst to broadcast.

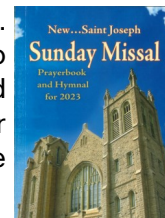
If this is something, you are interested in please contact Rain: youth@catholicparishnp.nz



SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE SICK: We need to have an extra person (or more) to join one of the teams who take Communion to the residents at the Hospital Wing and Secure Unit at Jean Sandel Retirement Village. Communion is taken from the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's. Residents gather in the lounges and a short Liturgy is offered with Communion. We have a roster, so it is a turn every two or three weeks. If you are interested in sharing in this ministry or wish to know more, please contact Naomi 027 292 7051.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP: Last Sunday the PFGM had a great response to the relaunch. At the morning tea we created a new family group with eight new families. They are up and running, and have their first get together this week. If you feel you would still like to join a group just fill in a form (on table in church foyer) and leave at the Parish Office. Alan Manton.

YEAR A SUNDAY MISSALS: Have just arrived! Missals include parts of the Mass and all Sunday Readings for the new Church year, Year A. 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 just \$12.00.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS: No price increase this year. Still \$12.00. Available in the Parish Office or at 10.30am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians. Proceeds from the sales of these calendars support the work of the St Columban's Mission Society.

DAILY MASS CALENDARS are available in the Parish Office, containing the details of the daily psalms and reading \$4.00.

PRAYER FOR A BISHOP

for our
Diocese of Palmerston North
Te Rohe Pihopa o te Papaiaea



Holy and faithful God,
we pray for a good and faithful shepherd,
one whose love for you and your people
will uplift us and help us on the way.

Please reward our patience with a holy bishop,
a man of deep faith and integrity,
whose ears are attuned to the sound of your voice
and the voices of your holy people.

May he be filled with the joy of your Spirit,
the truth of the Gospel,
openness to grow with us
and the courage to renew your Church.

Bless those who are entrusted with
this vital task of choosing our bishop.
May they be truly open to the promptings of
your Holy Spirit,
speaking through your holy people.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

The above Prayer cards are available in the foyer. Please take a card and pray that we may be granted a new Bishop to lead and guide this Diocese.

MERRY

Christmas!

All elderly within our community are invited to a Christmas Crafting and Concert Morning Tea organised by the Youth and joined by the Children of the Parish

WEDNESDAY 21ST DECEMBER
10AM
ST JOSEPH'S HALL

We would love to see you there :)



SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE ELDERLY IN OUR PARISH:

Come and have morning tea provided by the Youth and young children of the parish. Be entertained by their concert items.

Wednesday 21 December at 10.00am in Saint Joseph's Hall. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like more details.

COAST TO COAST ROSARY FOR LIFE AND FAITH: Rosary will be prayed, Saturday 3 December at Our Lady Help of Christians 4.45pm prior to the Vigil Mass and at 9.45am prior to Sunday 4 December 10.30am Mass. If you can't be with us, perhaps you could dedicate your own Rosary to Life and Faith.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

There are just two Community Meals left to go for 2022.

One on Tuesday 6 December – and the last meal on 13 December. It will be a Christmas meal. The supper room will be decorated, the ham will be out, Santa will be there and our Christmas goody bags will be given out. The bags will also be delivered to the people we visit.

There's still time to contribute to the goody bags if you wish. The containers are in the church foyers.

The total amount received as a result of our Annual Appeal is \$3,524.00

We are so grateful for your donations. They enable us to continue helping the people in need in our city.



YOUTH IN CHARGE OF THE COMMUNITY MEAL:



Tuesday night's Community meal was "one of a kind".

It's not that often that the meal is cooked by young people, in the kitchen just

minutes before serving. It brought a whole new dimension of excitement to the exercise.

The cooking was a great success with the diners absolutely enjoying the food and the vitality the young people brought to the service. This accompanied by the fact that we had a big turnout - close to 45 diners in the hall and 14 meals delivered to those in their homes. We needed every piece of that pasta, every bit of coleslaw, every crumb of bread, and ounce of ice-cream!

We pray for our deceased family and friends: Mick O'Connor, Marie Hickey, Mary Barrett, Josephine and Bernard Kelly and Max Leuthart.



We pray for Fr Anthony Htun, the Administrator of the Catholic Parish of Hastings. Fr Anthony, who came from Myanmar in 2019 with Fr Saw Tha Khu (Fr Joseph), passed away unexpectedly Saturday 26 November. We pray too for the staff, especially Fr Trung, and parishioners of the Hastings parish, as they face this loss.

WEEKLY MASSES: 5 December to 10 December 2022 (Second Sunday of the month)

	MON 5 Dec	TUES 6 Dec	WED 7 Dec	THURS 8 Dec	FRI 9 Dec	SAT 10 Dec	SUN 11 Dec
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm	8.30am 11.00am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am	9:10am		5.30pm	10.30am
St Pius X school					9.00am		
St Martins Pungarehu							8.30am
Nga Pekenga Bayley St Waitara							10.30am

(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:

ADORATION – 5.00pm 7 December St Joseph's Church
This is the final St Joseph's Adoration for the year

Adoration at OLHC after Wednesday 9.10am Mass.

MORNING PRAYER – Monday, Tuesday and Friday
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 smart phone to receive all the latest parish information as soon as it is available, as well as the newsletter.

- 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.



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