



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



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Third Sunday of Easter 23 April 2023



Pictured left: Five young people, accompanied by our Youth Minister Susilo, are excited to be attending the Set Free Catholic Youth Festival held this week at St Peter's College in Cambridge. Two more young people from our Parish will be meeting up with them at Cambridge.

Thank you to all donors and those who bought cake raffle tickets to help support these young people.

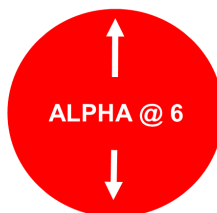
A big congratulations to Christine L who won the cake raffle!

Check out Susilo's new Youth Corner on page 3! This is where you'll find all the happenings around our Youth.



Join us this Thursday
ALPHA @ 6

6.00pm
27 April 2023
St Joseph's
Church Hall



Register now
www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/



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

MARCH:

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| Automatic Payments | 31,764.00 |
| Loose Collections | 5,270.00 |
| Envelopes | 5,200.00 |
| Holy Places | 3,578.00 |
| Easter | 5,663.00 |

TAX RECEIPTS: All tax receipts have been either emailed or are in the church foyers. If you have received an emailed receipt but would rather a paper copy and vice versa, please contact the Parish Office.

The receipt can be used to claim a refund of 33.3% of your giving from the IRD. Please contact the office if you are not familiar with the process.

For those who use the APP to donate, donation receipts are provided electronically by PushPay, directly to the donor at the time of giving.

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



WELCOME FR. SANJAY! Fr. Sanjay is visiting from India for a short while and celebrated Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians. Pictured left is Fr Sanjay with parishioners afterwards at Catholic Café.

YOUTH MASS: The monthly Youth Mass will not be celebrated as usual at St Joseph's 5.30pm the fourth Sunday of the month 23 April. It has been instead transferred to next week – Sunday 30 April.

OLHC PRAYER GROUP: The gospel reading group at OLHC on Tuesday mornings will recommence on Tuesday 2 May, 10.15 am to 11.30 am. All welcome.

SCHOOL MASSES: Alternate Friday 9.00am Mass begins at St Pius X School this week – 28 April. Thursday 10.00am Mass at Sacred Heart will also resume this week, so there is NO Thursday morning Mass at OLHC. This week there will be NO Wednesday 2.20pm Mass at Francis Douglas College. Parishioners are welcome at these Masses.

COLLECTION: Due to the success of previous collections, we are now focusing on suitable pre-owned (or new) bras to send to the islands. Please leave your contributions at the Parish Office. Catholic Woman's League would like to thank all those who have contributed to the Holy Communion Dress Collection.

PARKING: Please note that the 5 designated Disability parking places in the church car park are for those with Mobility cards. We ask that these car parks be left for those who really need them.

KIMI ORA FAITH AND LIGHT COMMUNITY meet next Sunday 30 April in St Joseph's Hall at 1.00pm. All are welcome!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL TAX RECEIPTS are also available in the church foyers. They are in alphabetical order with the parish tax receipts.

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.





FR. CHRIS SKINNER CONCERT: St Joseph's Parish Hawera presents an Afternoon Concert with Fr. Chris Skinner SM, Sunday 4 June, 2.00pm at St Joseph's Church—38 Victoria St, Hawera. Entry by donation/koha to go towards expenses. CD's will be available for purchase.

OKATO COOPERATING PARISH with Spiritual Growth Ministries. A Sacred Quiet Morning will be held at St. James Church, Corner South Road and Donnelly Street, Oakura. Listening to God as we journey with Christ during Eastertide. Saturday 29th April 2023 9.30am – 1.00pm. A quiet time for prayer and reflection with music, scripture, an icon, and meditative stitching.

Bring your Bible, writing materials, your journal. Refreshments are provided. Koha is welcomed in assisting to meet costs. Resources are provided. To register or for more information please contact Heather Lofthouse Spiritual Director (021617894) or email heather1349@gmail.com See the poster in the foyers for details.



SACRED HEART GIRLS COLLEGE MAN-AWA TAPU – Chaplain position available:

Start date is 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

⚠ HEALTH & SAFETY

COVID 19: There is currently a significant rise in covid cases around the country. If you start feeling unwell or have symptoms, please test for Covid. Please do not come to Mass if you have any Covid symptoms. Our 9.00am Mass is live streamed.

For a full list of symptoms and more information, please go to the following website: www.covid19.govt.nz

Youth Corner

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP | Year 4 - 8
from 4pm to 5pm | St. Joseph's Hall

YOUTH GROUP | Year 9 - 13
from 6.30pm to 8.30pm | St. Joseph's Hall

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES THIS SUNDAY, 23 APRIL!

Would you like to know what's happening in the youth group?
Follow us on [illumin8youthnp](https://www.instagram.com/illumin8youthnp)

See you there!

YOUTH MASS

Sunday, 30 April 2023
5.30pm | St Joseph's Church

Hey, young people,
if you would like to get involved
in Youth Mass, contact me
at youth@catholicparishnp.nz

Raffle ticket WINNER: Christine L

The raffle ticket was drawn on Sunday, 16 April, after 5.30pm Mass.

Thank you to all donors and those who bought raffle tickets to support young people attending the SET FREE - Catholic Youth Festival, 18-20 April 2023.

Susilo
Youth Minister



We remember and pray for all our ANZACS and Soldiers this ANZAC Day.



We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Michael Goodin, Elle-Rose Guddop, Kathleen Josephine Shaw and Maurice Strange.

WEEKLY MASSES: 24 April to 30 April 2023 Fifth Sunday of the month

| | MON 24 April | TUES 25 April | WED 26 April | THURS 27 April | FRI 28 April | SAT 29 April | SUN 30 April |
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| St Joseph's Church | 8.00am | ANZAC DAY 8.30am | 8.00am | 8.00am | 8.00am 12.05pm | 8.30am | 9.00am 5.30pm |
| Our Lady Help of Christians | | | 9.10am | | | 5.30pm Vigil Mass | 10.30am |
| St Patrick's Okato | | | | | | 6.00pm Vigil Mass | |
| Francis Douglas College | | | No Mass | | | | |
| St Pius X school | | | | | 9.00am | | |
| Sacred Heart 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.

WEEKLY:

WEDNESDAY ADORATION:

Our Lady Help of Christians after 9.10am Mass
St Joseph's Church at 5.00pm.

MORNING PRAYER: Before Mass Monday and Friday 7.40am, Tuesday 25 April 8.10am and Saturday 8.10am. Go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

SCHOOL WEEKDAY MASSES: Begin again this week, but please refer above to the Mass timetable.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

30 April 2023 (4th Sunday of Easter)

FIRST READING: Acts 2. 14a, 36b – 41

PSALM 22

SECOND READING: 1 Pet. 2.20b – 25

GOSPEL Jn. 10.1 – 10

MINISTRY TEAM:

Priests: Simon Story, Vui Hoang & Tom Lawn

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