



# Parish Newsletter

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28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Emergency Phone 027 224 2100

## MISSION SUNDAY - 18 October 2020



**“Here I am, send me!” Isaiah 6-8**

Next weekend our parish will be holding the Pontifical Mission (MISSIO-NZ) Church Appeal. This year we are invited to partner with the needy Church in the Philippines. They reach out to those who have been affected by poverty and disability. They give them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

*Zyrrhie Costales is a 7-year old girl but weighs only 7kgs when the team of Sr Maris found her. In recent months Zyrrhie has also been diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The reach-out program of the Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija in the Philippines led by the Canossian Sisters and their teams worked hard to bring integral development of mind, body and soul of the children of the Diocese. Zyrrhie represents the many children who long to live with top health. The Missionary Canossian Sisters and their team need your help.*

Next week you will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in the Philippines and other countries. Your gifts will specifically be directed to support communities and child-focused integral programs. May your generosity be an expression of your care for those less privileged. May your gifts be an expression of your response. Give from your heart.

**MISSION SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION**, will take place after Communion on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. If you are not on Planned Giving, please use the attached envelope or **donate via the Parish App**, a tax receipt will be sent to you directly. Envelopes or cash can be put in the collection plate at any Mass or left at the Parish Office.



**Whakapuaki Pōti 2020 Nā ngā Pīhopa Katorika o Aotearoa New Zealand**

**2020 Election Statement  
Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand**

Printed version available in foyers, or go online – go to [www.catholicparishnp.nz](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz) to view

## Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

First Reading: Book of Prophet Isaiah 45.1, 4-6

Psalm: Psalm 96

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to Thessalonians

1.1-5ab

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.15-21

## COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

Collection 2020

Clergy Trust Fund: \$ 1,133.81

Parish: \$ 3,065.48

**NB. Payment via PayWave is available in foyer. Donations are not counted as Planned Giving.**

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATION

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

This is the course for adults who wish to become Catholics or explore the Catholic faith. Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.00pm at the Parish House, the RCIA programme is open for registrations. Please consider whether you know someone who could be interested in becoming Catholic and invite them to come along. Perhaps they have said something to you before that made you think they could be open to such an invitation. Or you could ask God who you need to invite. This is one way that we as a community can evangelize. Any enquiries can be made at the Parish Office.

**FIRST COMMUNION ST JOSEPH'S** - Revised dates: Preparation is scheduled for Sunday 8 Nov at 2.30pm followed by First Communion celebration Mass on Sunday 29 Nov at 11am. Further information has been sent to enrolled families.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION FITZROY:** Unfortunately, the disruptions this year have resulted in some changes to our usual schedule. The First Reconciliation programme originally planned to start at Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy in term 4 has been postponed until term 1 - 2021, followed by First Communion in term 2.

**BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN** (7 years or older): Our preparation programme begins on Sunday 1 November for three weeks. A parent-only introduction session will be held prior to the programme. Please return enrolment forms by 16 October.

Please contact Michelle with queries regarding the sacramental programmes:  
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

### GENERAL NOTICES

**PARISH AGM:** 18<sup>th</sup> October at OLHC – after the 10.30am Mass



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE.** Monthly meeting and AGM Thursday 15 October 12 midday at St Joseph's Supper room. Everyone is welcome.

**KEYS MISSING:** Thank you to those who returned the keys recently. We are still missing 1 x Hall key & 2 x Church keys often used by Flower/Altar Society groups with yellow tags. If you have used these keys in recent months, please check your jacket pockets and drop off to the Parish Office.

**CONNECT** starts 13th October 2020, Tuesday mornings 10:00-11:30am in the Our Lady Help of Christians church foyer and 14th October 2020, Wednesday nights 7:00-8:30pm at St Joseph's supper room. CONNECT is open to everyone at any point on their faith journey. You are invited to prayerfully consider coming along. If you feel drawn to do so, please email ahjchow@xtra.co.nz

**LOST AND FOUND:** Found in the church. One silver and gold earring. Please contact the Parish Office to reclaim.

**CATHOLIC DEAF GROUP** will join the parish at Our Lady Help of Christians to celebrate Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 18th October.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL - ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE: Creating Community:** St Vincent de Paul is looking to expand the number of people engaged in visiting people who are unable to get out under their own steam and join in community activities. We have recently received requests from people in rest homes, who would enjoy a "drop in visit" from a parish member just to break up their day, discuss the news or their hobbies or just to see a new face. We visit in pairs, so you would not be on your own. If you think you could help with this, please call Gabrielle on 758-9228.

**MARFELL WHARE KAI:** We have 7 mums with 28 children who prepare meals at the Marfell Whare Kai, on Mondays and Thursdays during term time. If you are interested in helping with the mums between 3:30pm - 5pm please phone Bob 0223 231 275.

**OCTOBER WELCOM** is available in foyer. Check it out – it has plenty of local content in this issue.

**IN HIS NAME - VIRTUAL CONFERENCE:** 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October. Join us for Evangelion's inaugural event - the 'In His Name' virtual conference! We have all heard the call of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, but how do we successfully live this out? Let us find out together. One weekend full of dynamic speakers who will inspire us to go out and make disciples in our

beautiful nation.

<https://evangelion.podia.com/in-his-name>

### **TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY ONLINE SESSIONS:**

Who am I? – Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 24 October, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60. For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

**15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT OLHC:** The SHGC Year 13 girls will begin their retreat with Mass at OLHC at 9.10am.

**JUSTICE CONFERENCE:** In 2020 the Justice Conference has gone online so the whole country can join the conversation. The Taranaki Cathedral of St Mary is hosting a watch party for this epic event on **October 31st**, from 10am to 3pm at the Taranaki Cathedral! BYO lunch (morning and afternoon tea on us). Check out the programme, register and donate at [www.thejusticeconference.org.nz](http://www.thejusticeconference.org.nz) (Cost is a koha as being present is the most important thing). When you register you will receive links to the live sessions to participate in the Live Chat, and access to ALL sessions after the event! Search Facebook event The Justice Conference // KI TE WHENUA (on earth) to indicate your attendance. If you have any questions, please email Dan at [dan@taranakicathedral.org.nz](mailto:dan@taranakicathedral.org.nz) or phone him on 0220311513. See you there!

## **▲ HEALTH & SAFETY**

**COVID 19 LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS** include:

- the holy water fonts remain empty
- communion will be under only one kind – the host will be handed to each person. Please do

not request the host via the tongue, please think of the consequences of contagion.

- Shaking hands at the sign of peace is not encouraged.
- **The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place for vulnerable people.** We recommend anyone who is unwell or has flu-like symptoms to remain at home.

Please continue to wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds) and dry thoroughly. Hand sanitizer is available at the entranceways; Cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth and nose with tissues - put in a bin immediately; Avoid touching your face, including your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

The Health, Safety & Wellbeing of our parishioners, priests, staff, and the wider community is of paramount importance. Please continue to register your attendance by scanning the QR Code in the entrances.

## **Parish APP:**

Step 1: Go to the App Store, search, and download "My Church by PushPay". Look for this icon:



Step 2: Keyword: **cpnpapp**

Step 3: Select what groups you want to 'follow'

Step 4: Set up your profile

Step 5: Try the Give function - \$1 will be gratefully received.

## **Respect Life Sunday – 11<sup>th</sup> October**

Respect Life Sunday invites us to value and protect vulnerable members of our families, communities, society and nation in all we do. Quoting Pope Francis, the theme reminds us: "We are all frail, all equal, all precious".

Respect Life Sunday falls a week before the New Zealand General Election, in a year in which we face old and new questions about the way we value lives through the Covid-19 pandemic, abortion legislation and the euthanasia referendum.

In the Gospel for Respect Life Sunday, some who are invited to a feast prioritise their farm or business work over the invitation and refuse to come. The King instead fills his hall with all the people he can find, regardless of their status, worth and productive value as judged by society.

The Catholic Bishops' Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, reminds people of the value of each member of the human family. While our society sometimes shows it considers some lives to be worth more than others, we reject that idea. We are one human family and there is a special place in our family for the most vulnerable, the poor, people experiencing illness or disability, unborn lives and people rejected by society.

## **We pray for our deceased family and friends:**

Annie Carter, Maureen Candy, Ted Barrett, Joan Bell, John (Hansie) Schicker, Alistair Simmers, Maree Keegan, Julie Mullin and Joe Bolger.

## Weekly Masses 12<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> October

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am 12.05pm	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
OLHC		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am		5.30pm Vigil	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6pm Vigil	
Bell Block							10.30am C/S
FDMC Chapel				2.20pm			
St Pius X					9am		

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 11.30am – 12 noon St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to vigil Mass

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEEKLY

#### Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

7.40am Morning Prayer St Joseph's Church House

#### Tuesday

1.00pm Intercessory Prayer Group in the Red-Carpet Room at St Joseph's Hall.

#### Wednesday

Adoration at OLHC after 9.10am Mass

5.30pm – Adoration at St Joseph's Church concludes at 6.30pm with Benediction

#### Saturday

8.10am Morning Prayer St Joseph's Church House

### MONTH

13-14 October – Connect Groups – see notice above

15 October – SHGC Year 13 Retreat – OLHC 9.10am Mass

31 October – Justice Conference @ Taranaki Cathedral

## MINISTRY TEAM:

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