



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 14 April 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter



ILLUMINS YOUTH GROUP LIFE TEEN NEW PLYMOUTH - UPDATES



FAMILY DINNER
SUNDAY, 7 APRIL 2024

Written by Susilo, the Youth Minister.



On Sunday, 7 April 2024, to celebrate Easter, approximately 14 families from the Illumin8 youth group gathered for the first time at St. Joseph's Church Hall. Around 80 people came together for a delightful dinner, dessert and conversation. In the evening, I expressed my gratitude for having the privilege of supporting these remarkable young people for the past year and in the years to come.

Our parish is blessed to have such dedicated young people passionate about their faith in Jesus.

Years ago, a youth group was established to help our youth to know Jesus and nurture their faith. Through God's grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our youth group has grown in both numbers and active involvement in parish life. Our aim is to empower these young people to be missional disciples, deepen their relationship with Jesus, and engage actively in the parish community.



The youth group is not just mine; it belongs to the parish, which means it is yours because you are part of the parish community. Without the parishioners, the youth group cannot thrive, highlighting each young person's vital role.



You can support the youth group in several ways, such as volunteering as an adult on the roster, contributing by preparing dinner for one or more Sundays or donating towards our meals. If you feel compelled by the Holy Spirit to assist the youth group, please approach me after Mass, visit the parish office during office hours, or email youth@catholicparishnp.nz.

Lastly, I extend an invitation to young people aged 13 to 17 or 18 to join the youth group. Our gatherings take place every Sunday during the school term from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The evening begins with Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and life night at St. Joseph's Church Hall.

Important Dates

Thursday 25 April
ANZAC Day

Sunday 28 April
National Vocations Awareness Week begins.

Thursday 2 May
Alpha starts

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Weekly Adoration at St Joseph's Church begins 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Sunday 5 May
Weekly Sunday Adoration at Our Lady Help of Christians Church begins 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Sunday 12 May
St Joseph's School led Mass (note change of date)

Sunday 19 May
Older Children's Baptism Preparation 4.00pm, St Joseph's Church

Sunday 19 May
Beginning of Laudato Si' Week

OUR NEW 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



TAX RECEIPTS

This year we will be generally emailing the tax receipts to donors. Tax receipts will be emailed to the email addresses we are using to send out the newsletter each Friday. If this is not the email address you would like the receipt to be sent to, please contact the Parish Office.

If you don't receive an emailed newsletter each Friday it means we do not have a correct email address for you and will not be able to email a tax receipt. We have 109 givers who at present do not have an email address and so will receive a paper tax receipt. And of course, if you would rather receive a printed copy, again please just let us know.

SEMINARIAN APPEAL

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND SEMINARIAN APPEAL 28 APRIL 2024

On the 5th Sunday of Easter Time, 28 April 2024, we are invited to pray for those called to serve through priestly vocation. The day also marks the beginning of our National Vocations Awareness Week. We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood.

Currently, we have one seminarian Dung Manh Phan at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. After returning from Vietnam, in July 2022 Dung studied papers for his degree. In 2023 he joined the year one cohort for his formation year 1 and this year, he is in year 2, studying fulltime towards his theology degree. Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen, and Duy Pham, from Vietnam, arrived in New Zealand in 2022 to learn English before hopefully joining the seminary. However, it was with sadness that Duy returned to Vietnam early this year, due to health reasons.

For young people, remember that being a priest is always another option for your life. If you are thinking about it, please talk to any of our diocesan priests you may know. Parents, if your children are interested in the vocation of priesthood, please encourage them, and pray for them. Please feel free to contact our Diocese of Palmerston North Director, Fr Trung Nguyen on 022 062 6726 or email vocations@pndiocese.org.nz

We ask you to please support our Seminarians with financial support and prayer. Please continue to pray for more candidates. Thank you in advance for your contribution no matter how small.

PLEASE NOTE: Specially marked envelopes will be attached to the hard copy newsletter next week and will also be available in the foyer. Those on planned giving will already have donation envelopes. Alternatively please pay by direct credit 02 0630 0288002 03 using your name and planned giving number (if available) and the collection name, *Seminarian Appeal*, as a reference. And of course cash as the collection is taken up, is welcomed.

GENERAL NOTICES

CWL MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING: Thursday 18 April, 12.00 midday in the St Joseph's hall supper room. Guest speaker. All welcome.



REFLECTIONS OF THE SUNDAY GOSPEL BOOKLETS: Available in the foyer today. These contain the Gospel readings for the remainder of the church year. These are very useful in preparation for Sunday Mass and for those who take Communion to the sick. Look for the pink cover. Available to everyone.

PARKING AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH: Please take care where you park your car on Clinton Street. There has been some changes to the street parking—where there may have been a parking space before may not be now. Please double check.

THANK YOU FROM ZUNG: Dear everyone, I hope you had a meaningful Holy Week surrounded by your loved ones. I am Zung, second year seminarian for Palmerston North Diocese, who had recently spent Holy Week at the Parish of New Plymouth. I just want to express my gratitude to everyone in the parish, who supported me during the time there. It was a privilege to be among you. I hope to return and contribute to the parish in the near future. Your prayers for me as I continue my journey in priestly formation are important. Warm regards, Zung Phan.



MESSAGE FROM FR TRUNG: Fr Trung would very much enjoy visiting parishioners. If you would like a visit or chat with Fr Trung, please phone him directly - 022 062 6726.

TUESDAY COMMUNITY MEAL: Community Meals are short on regular cooks and also looking for either extra helpers. Please contact Liz if for more details – email eogooch@gmail.com or phone 022 643 0252.



LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2024

Sunday 19 May - 26 May 2024. This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "first fruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love.

Latin for "Praised Be," Laudato Si' is the name of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home – planet earth. The letter is addressed to "every person living on this planet" and calls for a global dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet through our daily actions and decisions. More information can be found at www.laudatosiweek.org

MONDAY WORSHIP MUSIC

Join Kadisha each Monday from 11.00am to 11.30am at St Joseph's Church for a time of reflection and worship music.

Kadisha has played the piano since she was 5 years old and is classically trained. From aged 14, Kadisha has composed her own christian music. She says "I am at my happiest when I play piano."



Parishioners who have already experienced Kadisha's music through her Lenten Reflection Music sessions held earlier this year, have found it a deeply moving prayerful experience and have invited friends and family to come along too.

Also, check out Kadisha's You Tube Channel - Kadisha De Sa. Or copy these links to go directly to her songs:
Better Plan - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mp-PYemWprw>
Confused - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMY1HvKLVhc>

When Jesus came to cast fire upon earth, and desired that it should be enkindled, He chose some favoured souls in which He was sure to find it always burning. It found its expression in the "Magnificat", it made the Baptist leap for joy, it brought delight to the home of St Zachary and St Elizabeth, and shed a bright ray over the aged features of Simeon and Anna. Who can doubt, then, its power over the loyal and true heart of St Joseph, and its daily and hourly increase, whilst in their journeys He was resting on that heart and was filling it with such feelings as St John afterwards drew at the Last Supper from that inexhaustible spring of charity?

Saint Joseph, above all, is the Patron and model of those who labour and are heavily burdened. He and our Divine Lord worked side by side for more than eighteen years, and were known to their neighbours only by the kind of work which was their only support. May our lives be guarded by Saint Joseph's powerful intercession; may he soothe us in sickness and cheer us in death, even as he himself sought and gained the only grace he desired to have - the grace of dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Bishop Thomas Grant



TRY ALPHA!

Beginning Soon

Thurs | 02 May | 2024



Register now at www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/
Contact - alphateam@catholicparishnp.nz

FUNDRAISER FOR NATE WARDS:

Nate Wards is a year 9 student at Francis Douglas Memorial College and a boarder at La Salle House. Nate was diagnosed with bone cancer earlier this year and is undergoing treatment at Starship which will take most of this year.



The Boarding House has held a 24 hour run to raise funds for Nate and his family, to support them during this difficult time. All funds will go towards the costs of travel and being away from home for such extended periods of time. If you would like to support Nate's family, you can support the fundraiser by making a donation at the following Givealittle Page:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/nate-wards-treatment-help>

We pray too that Nate may be restored to good health.

SHINE WAITITI CORNER YOUTH + ILLUMIN8 YOUTH +	WE MEET DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
	SHINE Junior Youth Group Year 4-8 Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm YOUTH Youth Group Year 9 - 13 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

Hey there, teenagers! If you're 13 to 18 years old, join our awesome Youth Group! Dive into the world of Jesus with us, where we mix faith with loads of fun and love. Plus, who knows, you might just score some new buddies along the way!

COME AND SEE

YOUTH GROUP
YEAR 9 - 13

We meet every Sunday during the school term from 6.30pm to 8.30pm!

St. Joseph's Church HALL

FRIENDS • FUN • FAITH

School Holidays!
14 April - 21 April - 28 April
Our Youth Groups are off on a holiday break! But fear not, will be back in action on SUNDAY, 5 MAY 2024.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Youth Mass
SUNDAY, 28 APRIL 2024
Inviting all young people in the parish to attend this YOUTH MASS!

"Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Give yourselves over to the best of life!"

CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 143 - POPE FRANCIS



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Deceased family members of the Miles and Jones Families, Bernie Fleming, Denis Whiting, Rodrick Forsyth and Fay Novak.

WEEKLY MASSES: 14 April to 21 April 2024

Third Sunday of the month

	MON 15 April	TUES 16 April	WED 17 April	THURS 18 April	FRI 19 April	SAT 20 April	SUN 21 April
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	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	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6.00pm	
Bell Block Catholic Centre							10.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

MASS TIMES: Due to unforeseen circumstances Mass times can be changed after the printing of the Newsletter, therefore please refer to the APP or website www.catholicparishnp.nz for updated information.

KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH: Each Sunday at OLHC 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities.

CHILDRENS LITURGY ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH in the foyer at 9.00am Mass. We welcome kids from kindy age. If your child is younger than this they are welcome too, but just need an adult to come with them.

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. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests. (Phone the office 757 3682)

ADORATION: Our Lady Help of Christians Tuesday's 9.35am to 10.30am after Mass.

Beginning Thursday 2 May at St Joseph's Church - weekly Adoration on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

Beginning Sunday 5 May - First Sunday of the month Adoration at Our Lady Help of Christians Church from 3.00pm - 4.00pm

MORNING PRAYER: Monday and Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday at 8.10am. Please go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary Mckillop Room.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:
21 April 2024 4th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 4. 7-12
PSALM: 118
SECOND READING: 1 John 3. 1-2
GOSPEL: John 10 11-18



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