



Parish Newsletter

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5th Sunday of Easter 15 May 2022

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CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2022:



Our Whakaaturanga Confirmation Programme for 2022 began last Tuesday. We had an awesome night meeting all the confirmation candidates and their parents. There are currently 38 young people participating in the Programme. Please pray for them as they begin this 8-week journey.

SIMON SAYS

The universal mission of the Church is to bring people to Christ and you the laity, the parishioners, play the key role in this mission; working together as one body through your prayers and actions.

A healthy parish is one that makes disciples of Jesus Christ. We need to call on the Holy Spirit in our prayer as a parish family, to guide us in our great commission, to bring the Gospel to those who are hungry for God yet do not know Jesus the Lord.

*What are we to do? What is the unique mission/call for our Parish here in New Plymouth?
How can we walk better together to bring people to Christ?*

The Leadership Team formed a **Mission Discernment Team** (MDT) to lead us all in this discernment. The team consists of Shanon Stallard, Rain Forrest, Binoy Thomas, Roly Devine, Christina Chow and Fr's Vui and Simon. Over the coming months we will be engaging with you; seeking your feedback and ideas, to hear your hopes and dreams, your fears and concerns for our parish whanau. I ask you to prepare for this now by praying and discerning on what the Holy Spirit is prompting you to share.

The MDT will seek and listen to your words. They will in turn, prayerfully discern the voice of the Holy Spirit from the words you share and present back to the parish a **Mission Plan** for the parish.

Please pray for this team; and also please start prayerfully considering how you could serve the parish in its mission with the talents you have. If you feel called to join this Discernment Team please contact me.

Father Simon

Vision Statement: 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

April 2022 Collection Totals:

Clergy Trust Fund:	\$ 7,878.00
Parish:	\$25,012.00
Easter:	\$ 3,191.00
Holy Places:	\$ 3,676.00

APPEALS – Thank you for generously supporting all Appeals over the past month.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS: Available in the church foyers. Generally, 33% of the donation can be claimed back from the IRD. If you donated \$100, \$33 can be claimed back. A simple process.

CWL NEW PLYMOUTH: Is hosting the Catholic Women's League Wellington Archdiocesan Conference - Wednesday and Thursday 18th to 19th May at St Joseph's Hall. We invite members of the Parish to join us. Please let Bev Raine - phone 757 5825 - if you wish attend. Guest speaker is Paul Rangiwhia. Paul will speak on Thursday at 10:15am.



ALPHA PARISH PROGRAMME 2022:
Explore life, faith and meaning!

Please pray for the guests, hosts and helpers; that the Holy Spirit may use this programme to bring people to Jesus. Some of you may wish to commit to

praying while Alpha is running, (times are below) as part of the Alpha Prayer Ministry Team. This can be done by yourself in your own home. Please let Shanon Stallard - shanonstallard@gmail.com or Albert Chow - ahjchow@xtra.co.nz know, so they in turn can pray for you and keep you updated. We need you all praying please!

Monday's – 9:45am to 11:15am, St Joseph's Church Hall Super Room.

Thursday's – 7pm to 8.30pm, Our Lady's Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy.

Online Alpha – Monday 9th May, 7.30pm to 9pm.

Registrations for Alpha are open until 21st May – please go to the Parish website www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/ or the Parish APP. Registration forms are also available in Church foyers and at the parish office. For more information, email Albert - ahjchow@xtra.co.nz

YEAR C SUNDAY MISSALS: These Missals are a great resource if you are watching a livestreamed Mass; Missals include parts of the Mass and all Sunday readings for the current Church year. Come into the Parish Office and get your copy at the special price of \$10. Very limited stock.

FOODBANK: Are particularly short of biscuits, crackers, weetbix, sandwich spreads and soap. Please place any non-perishable goods in the basket in the church foyer. Your support is greatly appreciated.

GENERAL NOTICES

CATHOLIC COUCH – YOUTH RADIO SHOW: Our Youth group, Illumin8, run a weekly radio show on Access Radio Taranaki 104.4 FM ~ Mondays at 4.30pm. Listen again by going to the Podcasts on the Access Radio Taranaki Website, Spotify - The Catholic Couch and Apple Podcast - The Catholic Couch. This is an awesome way to hear the voices of the young people in our parish.

ST PIUS X SCHOOL LED MASS: Sunday 15th May, 9am at the St Joseph's Church. Welcome to all students and parents from the St Pius X School. Great to celebrate Mass together again.

MASS FRANCIS DOUGLAS COLLEGE: Wednesdays at 2.20pm during the school term. Do check the website or newsletter for updates. Parishioners are most welcome to join the classes at Mass.

MASS SACRED HEART COLLEGE: Resuming Thursday at 10am in the Chapel. Therefore, as in the past, no Thursday morning Mass at OLHC Fitzroy. Parishioners are welcomed to come and celebrate Mass at Mary's Chapel at Sacred Heart.

ROSTERS. We are beginning to organise some of the rosters for June/July/August. If you have any special requests, please advise the organiser of your roster. If you are considering becoming part of the ministries at Mass; Reading, Music, Offertory procession, helping with the data projector please contact the Parish Office. We would love to hear from you. For Our Lady Help of Christian rosters please contact Helen Chitty - helen4sun@hotmail.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FITZROY: Our Lady Help of Christians Conference will hold its monthly meeting on Monday 16th May, 4.30pm at the St Vincent De Paul shop. Anyone interested in the work of the Conference is most welcome to attend.



KIMI ORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LIGHT: All carers of intellectually disabled people are invited to join us at the St Joseph's Church Hall on the 29th of May. Come along and find out if our programme will suit you and your family. Contact Mavis and Rex Brogden 758-1295 for further details.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Excerpt from Pope Francis message for Vocations Sunday – 8 May.

“All of us are called to share in Christ’s mission to reunite a fragmented humanity and to reconcile it with God. Each man and woman, even before encountering Christ and embracing the Christian faith, receives with the gift of life a fundamental calling: each of us is a creature willed and loved by God; each of us has a unique and special place in the mind of God. At every moment of our lives, we are called to foster this divine spark, present in the heart of every man and woman, and thus contribute to the growth of a humanity inspired by love and mutual acceptance. We are called to be guardians of one another, to strengthen the bonds of harmony and sharing... We are also called to heal the wounds of creation lest its beauty be destroyed. In a word, we are called to become a single family in the marvellous common home of creation. To go forth from ourselves and become the masterpiece that we are called to be.

This is the mystery of the Church: a celebration of differences, a sign and instrument of all that humanity is called to be. For this reason, the Church must become increasingly synodal: capable of walking together, united in harmonious diversity, where everyone can actively participate and where everyone has something to contribute.”

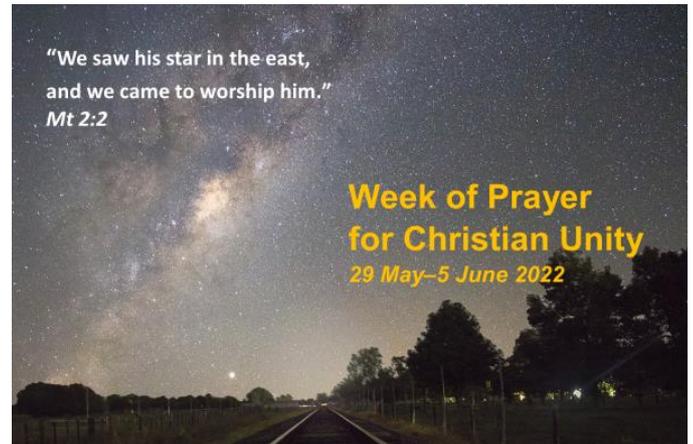
He concluded his message, tying all things together, in these words: “Priests, consecrated men and women, lay faithful: let us journey and work together in bearing witness to the truth that one great human family united in love is no utopian vision, but the very purpose for which God created us.”

HEALTH & SAFETY

ORANGE LIGHT LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS:

- **WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR A MASK AT MASS**
- Congregations are unlimited.
- The holy water fonts remain empty.
- Keep 1 metre distancing.
- Communion will be under only one kind – the host will be handed to each person.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place.

VOCATION AND DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Will be held from the 26 – 28 August 2022 at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. A small koha fee for participants. Registrations – please email Father Trung Nguyen – pettrung89@gmail.com



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022: The week begins between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday – 29th May to 5th June. Resources are available to download from the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference website (under resources tab) www.catholic.org.nz. The resources are handy for individuals, especially the Eight Days of Prayer section. The chosen theme for 2022 is “We saw the star in the East, and we come to worship him” – based on Matthew 2:2.

NOTICES FROM TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY:

Online Sessions (Evening)

Mary – Our Inspiration with Kieran Fenn fms.

Friday, 20 May, 7 - 8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

St Paul – The first Missionary with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 -27 June, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone.

\$25/session or \$50/series. For more information and registration - www.studyjoy.nz

LIVESTREAMED MASS: 9am Sunday Mass at St Joseph’s Church will now be regularly livestreamed from the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth YouTube Channel. If you are at this Mass, be aware that you may be captured in the livestream. The recording will be deleted from our YouTube Channel after a week.

TV SUNDAY MASS OPTIONS: Shine TV - 2pm Sunday - watch Mass celebrated at the Auckland Diocese. Freeview Channel 25 and Sky TV channel 201. Please pass on this information to those who may not see the Parish Newsletter.

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Terry Casey, Wladzia Tarasiewicz, Michael Mroczek, Mieczyslaw Dziobak, Brian Collins, Samuel and Noeline Drought.

Weekly Masses 16th May to 22nd May

	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05pm C/S	8.00am	8.00am	8.00am	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am		12.05pm	5.30pm	10.30am
St Martin's Pungarehu							8.30am
St Mary's Chapel SHGC				10am			
FDMC Chapel			2.20pm				

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

For updated Mass information please refer to the APP or Website: www.catholicparishnp.nz

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday's 11.30am – 12 noon, St Joseph's Church OR OLHC prior to Vigil Mass.

Weekly

ADORATION – Wednesday 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church and 9.45am after 9.10am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.

NIGHT PRAYER – via Zoom – 8.30pm Fridays.
See Parish website for link.

MORNING PRAYER – Mon/Tues/Fri – 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 phone to receive all the latest parish information as soon as it is available.



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.

MINISTRY TEAM:

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