



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



Sunday 18 February 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

Coming soon

FR CHRIS RYAN MGL

Tuesday 12 March

The Case for MISSION
Living a life of renewed witness as Catholics today

Tuesday | 12 March at 7 PM
St. Joseph's Church
106 Powderham Street
New Plymouth, 4340

Register at divinerenovation.org/mission-tour OR just come along!

Fr. Chris Ryan MGL
St. Declan's Parish, Sydney

Important Dates

Sun 25 February
Fr Trung's First Mass
Youth Mass, 9.00am
St Joseph's Church.

Tues 12 March
Fr Chris Ryan

Tues 19 March
Feast of
St Joseph, Spouse of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary

Sun 24 March
Palm Sunday

Fri 29 March
Good Friday

3 March
St Joseph's School led
Mass, 9.00am
St Joseph's Church

31 March
Easter Sunday

You are invited to come along to an evening with Fr. Chris Ryan MGL who is visiting our Parish on Tuesday 12 March, 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. He will be talking about *Divine Renovation: The Case for Mission*. Learn how we can live a life of renewed witness and be inspired to help our Parish bring people to Jesus.

Mission is the Church's identity – and each Parish is called to share the Gospel, leading people into a personal and life-changing encounter with Jesus. But the reality is, many Parishes have forgotten their identity. What does it mean to be a Church on mission? What does it mean for us as individual Catholics? What would it look like if Parishes lived the Great Commission to "Go and make disciples"?

This is a free event. Register today and bring a friend or just come along on the night!

Read more about Fr Chris on page 3...

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

BISHOPS' LENT APPEAL 2024



A reminder that the 2024 Lent Reflection Programme is available online this year. A printable version of the booklet in English, Te Reo Māori, and Samoan is available too on the Caritas website www.caritas.org.nz Come and join in a Parish Lenten Discussion Group! Or use the Reflection Programme at home!

The Time is Now! Ko tenei tonu te Wā!

The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive. Lenten Giving Envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 have been distributed today at Mass. This year, we are using a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2024 will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2024/2025 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

- Caritas New Zealand

POPE FRANCIS

Lenten Message 2024

This year, Pope Francis has chosen the Book of Exodus as the focal point for his Lenten message, highlighting the theme "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom."

Lent traditionally a time of personal reflection and spiritual growth, becomes an opportune moment to heed the Pope's call. Find resources for your reflection and read the Pope's full Lenten Message at -

<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2024/02/through-the-desert-god-leads-us-to-freedom-lent-2024/>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Friday's during Lent at Our Lady Help of Christians Church 5.30pm and also at St Joseph's Church at 2.15pm and 7.00pm.

MORNING PRAYER: Before 8.00am Mass Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 7.40am and Saturday at 8.10am. Go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary McKillop Room.

EVENING PRAYER: Each Thursday during Lent at St Joseph's Church 5.15pm.

CARITAS LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS: Join the discussion group in the Parish Office 5.15pm to 6.15pm, each Monday during Lent. The Bell Block Caritas Lenten Reflection group meets each Wednesday in Lent, 7.00pm to 8.15pm, at the Bell Block Catholic Centre, 138 Parklands Ave. Everyone is welcome to come to be part of these groups.

ADORATION AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: Please note change of day from 2023 - now Tuesday from 9.35am to 10.30am.

LENTEN REFLECTION MUSIC BY KADISHA: Something new for Lent this year. Come sit, pray and reflect listening to calm and reflective music. These sessions will also include some of Kadisha's original music - music from her heart. Each Monday during Lent at 12.00 midday, St Joseph's Church. Also each Friday during Lent at Our Lady Help of Christians 9.30am to 10.00am.

MONDAY CONNECT GROUP: Each Monday in the Ngamotu Room, Parish Office, 9.45am to 11.00am. All interested are welcome at this group.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: Each Thursday at Our Lady Help of Christians, 10.30am. Our timetable this year will follow the school timetable with a recess during the school holidays.

A purple-themed graphic for Lent & Holy Week 2024. It features a calendar of dates for the season. At the top, it says "Lent & Holy Week 2024". Below that, "Ash Wednesday FEB 14" is highlighted. A section titled "There are 5 Sundays of Lent:" lists the dates: FEB 18 (First), FEB 25 (Second), MAR 3 (Third), MAR 10 (Fourth), and MAR 17 (Fifth). Below this, the days of Holy Week are listed: Palm Sunday (MAR 24), Holy Thursday (MAR 28), Holy Friday (MAR 29), Holy Saturday (MAR 30), and Easter Sunday (MAR 31). The graphic includes a white cross with a flower and the EWTV Vatican logo at the bottom left.

Fr Chris Ryan MGL is the Director of the Arete Centre for Missionary Leadership, which forms lay people as leaders in evangelisation and parish renewal.

He is also currently the parish priest of St Declan's Parish, Penshurst, St Joseph's Oatley, and Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Peakhurst in the Archdiocese of Sydney.



Fr Chris Ryan, MGL
Photo courtesy of
St Declan's Parish, Penshurst, Sydney.

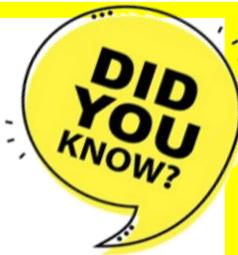
Fr. Chris has served in a variety of ministries since his ordination in 2002, including the preparations for World Youth Day 08, and then as rector of the Missionaries of God's Love seminary. Fr. Chris has written a number of books for youth and on youth ministry. His PhD examines the RCIA as a resource for youth ministry in our secular age. He is also a co-author of *Preaching on Purpose: A Divine Renovation Handbook for Communicating the Gospel Today*. Fr Chris was a member of the Australian Catholic Youth Council for six years, and is currently a member of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Council for Evangelisation, Laity, and Ministry. He has presented at Clergy and Diocesan Conferences in numerous dioceses in Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom, on topics concerning evangelisation, preaching, youth ministry, and the cultural context in which mission takes place today.

Come and listen to Fr Chris! (see front page for details)

The word "Lent" is a shortened version of the word 'Lenten', which means spring and signifies new life and renewal.

Lent is about fasting and spiritual growth and is traditionally a time of repentance and spiritual renewal, where Christians remember Christ's own preparation in the desert, where he turned his back on the temptation of the devil in order to prepare himself for the mission His Heavenly Father had sent him to complete.

The Sundays of Lent are all joyous occasions. In addition to fasting during Lent we can consider making an act of self-denial or sacrifice by giving up something we particularly like to do, for example watching a favourite programme on tv, eating chocolates, drinking tea or coffee or alcohol, etc. By abstaining from things we enjoy during the Lenten season it helps us to focus on Christ and the ultimate sacrifice He made on the Cross, giving up His life for us.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

at ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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Each Sunday at 9.00am Mass. Children's Liturgy is for children under about eight years old who have not yet made their First Communion. Children under three years old are welcome but we do ask a parent accompany them please.

Thanks to Rachel Ammundsen who has volunteered to lead Children's Liturgy for the young families in our parish. Rachel is a primary school teacher and has many years of experience at taking Children's Liturgy.

Please contact me if you have any further questions. Karen Maclean.
youngfamiliesminister@catholicparishnp.nz

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WE MEET DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

SHINE Junior Youth Group | Year 4-8
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Lightbulb Youth Group | Year 9 - 13
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

YOUTH GROUP

**SUNDAY
18 FEBRUARY 2023**

Let's dive into the Lenten adventure! This Sunday, we'll unravel the mystery of Ash Wednesday that just passed and sprinkle some fresh perspectives on this liturgical season!

YOUTH MASS

Sunday, 25 February 2024
09:00am
St. Joseph's Church

This Mass is to welcome Fr. Trung, our new assistant priest!

**YOUNG PEOPLE!
YOU ARE INVITED TO COME!**

"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:

Nola Buchan, Michael Fitzgerald, Andrea Dravitzki, Bill Murphy, Ellen Jennings, Una Sisifa and Jim Lawn.

WEEKLY MASSES: 19 February to 25 February

Fourth Sunday of the month

| | MON 19 Feb | TUES 20 Feb | WED 21 Feb | THURS 22 Feb | FRI 23 Feb | SAT 24 Feb | SUN 25 Feb |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---|--|--|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| St Joseph's Church | 8.00am | 8.00am 12.05pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion | 8.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion | 8.00am | 8.00am 12.05pm | 8.30am | 9.00am 5.30pm |
| Our Lady Help of Christians | | 9.10am | 9.10am | 9.10am Liturgy of the Word with Communion | | 5.30pm | 10.30am |
| St Patrick's Okato | | | | | | 6.00pm | |

* **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. Weekday school Masses will resume in March.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm vigil Mass.

ADORATION: Adoration at Our Lady Help of Christians every Tuesday from 9.35am to 10.30am. Adoration at St Joseph's Church will resume soon.

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. 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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Welcomes donations of good clean furniture and household items. Chest of drawers and table and chair sets are always needed, so are especially welcomed.

We collect. Phone Kevin 027 251 9998 for details and pick up arrangements.



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

25 February 2nd Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: Genesis 22. 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

PSALM: 116

SECOND READING: Rom. 8.31b-35, 37

GOSPEL: Mark 9. 2-10

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