



# Parish Newsletter

## Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 18 August 2024  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## First Holy Communion



Pictured above: Congratulations to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Sunday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church.



### YOUNG FAMILY MINISTRY



Karen—Young Family Minister

Last Sunday - 11 August, 37 children received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. Mass was celebrated by Father Trung and the Seedlings junior choir led the music.

Father Trung talked to the children about how just like their bodies are nourished by food prepared by their families, through the Eucharist our souls are nourished as we receive Jesus.

He encouraged the families there to continue to come to Mass to be nourished in this way! Afterwards a celebration was held in St Joseph's Church Hall. This was a lovely time of community and connection over shared kai!

### Important Dates

**Sunday 18 August**  
St Pius X School led  
Mass 9.00am  
St Joseph's Church

**Wednesday 21 August**  
Evening Mass  
every Wednesday  
5.30pm  
St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 25 August**  
First Holy Communion  
9.00am Mass  
St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 25 August**  
Cultural Youth Mass  
5.30pm Mass  
St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 1 September**  
St Joseph's School Led  
Mass at St Joseph's  
Church 9.00am

**NEWLY ADDED  
MASS TIME!**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
5.30PM MASS**  
AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

**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**



## MAORI EDUCATION COLLECTION SUNDAY

**25 AUGUST:** Māori Education is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled New Zealand and your donation is an investment also.

Successful educational outcomes for young Māori is good for all New Zealanders. We are blessed to host the nation's two Catholic Māori Boarding Schools in our Diocese: Hato Pāora College and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. In them, staff are successfully bringing about outstanding results in the students they nurture, teach and shape.

It is timely also to thank the many people who support all sorts of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help out. Thank you.

Envelopes for this collection are attached to this week's newsletter. Those who are part of planned giving will have an envelope in their pack. Or alternatively you can donate online, to the parish bank account 02 0630 0288002 03 using your name, Planned giving number if available and Māori Education as the references.

## ST JOSEPH'S SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT

**de PAUL:** Annual General Meeting will be held next WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST, 6.00pm at the Parish house. Anyone interested in the work of the Society are most welcome to attend. President, Margaret Roylance.



**INGLEWOOD ALPHA COURSE:** Beginning Tuesday 1st October 2024. (Registration forms need to be in by the 22 September) 5.45pm to 8.00pm, Sacred Heart Parish, Inglewood. Please email the Parish Office in Inglewood for a registration form [shparish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:shparish@xtra.co.nz)



## The MASS Series

"Together, let us rediscover the beauty and mystery of the Mass"

*Father Trung Nguyen*



### FIRST READING

- What Happens:** A reading from the Old Testament (or Acts of the Apostles during Easter) is proclaimed. The lector approaches the ambo (lectern), announces the reading, and proclaims it while the congregation listens.
- Why We Do It:** The First Reading connects us to the history of salvation and God's relationship with His people. It often reflects themes that will be echoed in the Gospel. Reference: The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), 57-59.

**THE LITURGY COMMITTEE:** The Liturgy Committee has decided it is time to allow those who want to receive Communion on the tongue and to kneel for Communion to come forward in the Communion procession when they want to, rather than have to wait till the end of the procession. However, we ask all communicants who kneel to consider the trip hazard of those behind them who may not be expecting the person in front of them to kneel. We also remind people that if you are in any way unwell, not to come to Mass and definitely not to receive Communion on the tongue when unwell. Thank you to everyone for the thoughtfulness of others.

Fr Simon



### KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children enjoyed a very special Children's Liturgy with Cat Allen and did some fun activities including making fairy bread. The children all loved learning about that week's Gospel and doing the activities to demonstrate the Gospel. We have over 35 children each week joining us. Come join us during 10.30am Sunday Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. Special thanks to St John Bosco School for letting us use their school for this ministry. From the OLHC Children's Liturgy Team: Cat Allen, Cath McVey, Jacqueline Welham, Kate Buchboeck, Kelly Soffee, Natasha Hinga, Abi Shelswell, Roly and Sarah Devine.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- What Happens:** A psalm is sung or recited by the congregation in response to the First Reading. The cantor or choir sings the verses of the psalm, and the congregation responds with the refrain.
- Why We Do It:** The Psalms are prayers that express a range of human emotions and responses to God. This helps the congregation to reflect on the reading and join in communal prayer. Reference: (GIRM), 61.

### SECOND READING

- What Happens:** A reading from the New Testament letters (Epistles) is proclaimed. The lector approaches the ambo, announces the reading, and proclaims it while the congregation listens.
- Why We Do It:** The Second Reading provides insights into the early Christian communities and their teachings. It often offers moral and doctrinal instruction relevant to our lives today. Reference: (GIRM), 57-59.

**PARISH  
PRIEST**

Fr Simon Story

Dear parishioners, to become a missional parish - a parish that looks outwards and brings people to the encounter with

Jesus Christ - has by necessity, an engine. The engine is prayer. The prayer of Jesus' disciples, parishioners, willing to give and to sacrifice the time, in prayer for the mission of the parish, is our engine. It is a ministry to pray for this cause. A ministry of intercession. To all the prayers who spend time after Mass and before, those who come to our Holy Hours, the rosaries, the contemplative prayers, we require your ministry of intercession for the parish.

The mission plan has been completed by the Mission Discernment Team and given to the Parish Pastoral Council. It is our action plan and needs the prayer support of all the disciples of Jesus to intercede for the success of the plan. Thank you.

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The Parish Leadership Team has decided to accept an invitation from Divine Renovation in NZ to host an Open House. An Open House is where a host parish invites other parishes from across NZ to come and hear about the journey we have been on, from maintenance to mission. We will host the event on 22/23 November. It will begin with a Mass followed by a keynote speech from

Bishop John Adams on the Friday evening. The Saturday will consist of two keynote speakers and also breakout sessions for conversations over key pastoral ministries. It is not to boast of what marvels we have done. It is to share the ups and downs, the wins and the failings of the journey, to those people and parishes who are interested. Everyone from the parish is welcome to attend.

It is that time of year when the cold is felt and some of our older parishioners struggle to get out and mix with friends and experience the love and connection of community. Are there elders of our parish family you know of who would appreciate a lift from you to Mass on Sunday?

God Bless, Fr Simon

 **22 & 23 NOVEMBER**  
2024 NEW ZEALAND NEW PLYMOUTH

**SAVE THE DATE!**

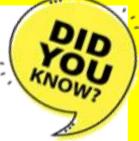
# OPEN HOUSE

Bishop John Adams  
Diocese of Palmerston North

Bishop Michael Gielen  
Diocese of Christchurch

Catholic Parish of  
New Plymouth  
Diocese of Palmerston North

The oil used to anoint people at their Confirmation and to anoint Priests at their ordination is Holy Chrism. It is a mixture of olives and balsam, blessed by a Bishop in a special manner. The Holy Chrism symbolizes strength, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and consecrates someone or something to God's service. 'Consecrate' means making Holy or setting apart for God's purposes. Holy Chrism is also used to consecrate altars and church buildings. The oils are kept in the Ambury.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT  
ILLUMIN 8**

**YOUTH GROUP**  
LIFE TEEN  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM**

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

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

**VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL**

**THIS WEEKEND YOUTH GROUP**  
SUNDAY, 18 AUGUST 2024

**ANOTHER DIMENSION**  
Before entering the Church for Mass, stop at the front doors and say a quick prayer. You are about to enter into something bigger than you can ever comprehend.

**NEXT YOUTH GROUP**  
SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2024

**DETECTING A SIGNAL**  
God wants to love you, help you, and make you holy in the big and ordinary moments of life.

**CULTURAL YOUTH MASS**  
Sunday, 25 August 2024  
5:30 PM  
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

**“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

**11-18** **25**  
SAVE THE DATE - LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP 2025



**We pray for our deceased family and friends:** Korensa Surgenor, Krystyna Skarbinska, Vera Old, deceased members of the Nallon, Clark and Stevens Families, Barbara Mulligan and Eddie Butler.

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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

19 MON	8.00am St Joseph's Church
20 TUES	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
21 WED	8.00am 9.10am 5.30pm St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
22 THU	8.00am 9.50am 2.20pm St Joseph's Church Sacred Heart Girls College Francis Douglas College
23 FRI	8.00am 9.00am 12.05pm St Joseph's Church St Pius X School St Joseph's Church
24 SAT	8.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians St Patrick's Church Okato
25 SUN	9.00am 10.30am 5.30pm St Joseph's Church (First Holy Communion Mass) Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church (Cultural Youth Mass)

**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 Parish Office 757 3682)

**MORNING PRAYER:** Morning Prayer commences in August. Exact date to be announced.

### KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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.  
St Joseph's Church at 9.00am Mass in the church foyer.



### LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY

**GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS:** Music, play and morning tea. Our Lady Help of Christians Church foyer from 9.00am. Each Monday during term time. For any enquiries, please phone the Parish Office.



### WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Each Monday at St Joseph's Church - 11.00am to 11.30am.

Each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church - 2.15pm to 2.45pm.

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT:

St Joseph's Church Hall - Wednesday's 11.30am.

### SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT

**SUNDAY MASS:** 25 August 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary time

**1ST READING:** Joshua 24. 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

**PSALM:** 34

**2ND READING:** Ephesians 4.32-5.1-2, 21-32

**GOSPEL:** John 6.53, 60-69

### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Tuesday  
9:35am to 10:30am  
(after 9:10am Mass)

First Sunday of the month  
3:00pm - 4:00pm

### BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

First Friday of the month  
4.00pm - 5.00pm

### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Every Thursday  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

## HOLY HOUR

God dwells in our midst  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar  
St. Maximilian Kolbe

## EUCARISTIC ADORATION

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### BELL BLOCK

CATHOLIC CENTRE  
138 Parklands Ave  
Bell Block

### ST PATRICK'S OKATO

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Okato