



Parish Newsletter Pūrongo a te Pāriha



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Fourth Sunday of Lent – 19 March 2023



The Parish Ministry Team; the staff who serve the parish community, gathered in St Joseph's church for their annual photo. From the left. Susilo our new Youth Minister, Ireen Administration, Karen Young Family Minister, Father. Simon Parish Priest, Father. Vui and Tom Assistant priests, Claire Administration, Amelia Music co-ordinator and Teresa Finance.

ALPHA @ 6 IS HERE FOR 2023!

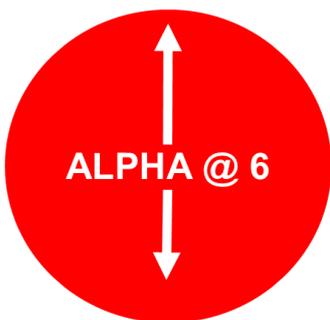
We are excited to bring you ALPHA @ 6. A 10 week course that creates a space, in person, where you can bring your friends for a conversation about life and faith.

Beginning Thursday 27 April
6.00pm to 8.00pm
St Joseph's Church Hall

Please register using the
QR Code or via the Parish website
www.catholicparishnp.nz



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OUR VISION: 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

EMAILING TAX RECEIPTS:

31 March 2023 is not far away, and with it comes the end of the tax year. If you want to bring your giving up to date or make an annual donation before 31 March 2023, you will receive the tax rebate for this giving (and be able to claim the 33% rebate) in April. Donations can be put on the plate, brought into the office, or made on line.

This year we will be able to email the tax receipts to donors who would rather have an emailed version instead of a printed copy. If you would like the tax receipt emailed, please contact the Parish office by emailing office@catholicparishnp.nz

GENERAL NOTICES

LENT: PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME 2023:

The Caritas Lenten Reflection programme provides a six week reflection based on the Lenten Sunday gospels. Have a look at the programme on the Caritas website www.caritas.org.nz – Join this discussion group in the Parish Office 5.15pm to 6.15pm, each Monday during Lent.

And the Bell Block Caritas Lenten Reflection group meets each Thursday in Lent, 7.00pm to 8.15pm, at the Bell Block Catholic Centre. Everyone is welcome to come to be part of this group.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: Our Lady Help of Christians Friday 5.30pm. St Joseph's Church, led by the Syro Malabar Community Friday at 6.30pm.

WEDNESDAY ADORATION: Our Lady Help of Christians Wednesday after 9.10am Mass, and at St Josephs 5.00pm.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday and Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday 8.10am before Mass.

EVENING PRAYER: Thursday at St Joseph's, 5.15pm.

CARITAS LENTEN GIVING: Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world. You can donate each week by using the pack of six envelopes or as a single donation. Envelopes are available in the churches and can be returned through the parish's plate collection or posted freepost directly to Caritas. Please do include your contact details such as your name, address for a tax receipt. Alternatively, donate online by visiting www.caritas.org.nz.

MISSION DISCERNMENT TEAM (MDT) invites parishioners to pray for the MDT and for parish transformation by forming a Prayer Team. To do this we have created a Whatsapp Broadcast Community - *Prayer Team | Mission Discernment | Parish Transformation* - which people can join if they wish to commit to praying for the parish's mission discernment.

The MDT would let people on the prayer team know when the MDT are meeting and ask that they pray (wherever they may be) for the MDT during the meeting time.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFuplfZBnclBPj5TOeRrvX> is the link for the group or use the QR code above.



SVDP ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE are looking for furniture storage space. Space could be a large garage or in a factory or business. Please phone Kevin 027 251 9998.



SVDP Our Lady Help of Christians Conference will hold its monthly meeting at the St. Vincent De Paul shop 4.30 pm tomorrow Monday 20 March. Anyone interested in the work of the Conference is very welcome.

"THE LETTER" CLIMATE ACTION EVENING: On Friday 24 March, from 5.30pm until about 8.15pm, two presenters from Palmerston North Diocese will facilitate a workshop in St Joseph's church hall. A light evening meal will be provided.

The workshop is based on Pope Francis' encyclical called Laudato Si – our common home, in which he follows the call of St Francis (his namesake) to have greater regard for justice involving the environment and climate change.

Those attending are expected to:

- Have viewed the 90 minute film online at <https://TheLetterFilm.org>
- Be open to some form of follow up local action on climate change.

HELP SPONSOR A TEEN: To attend the Set Free Catholic Youth Festival, 18-20 April. an annual event run for Catholic teens with fantastic speakers, fun activities, and awesome worship.



It costs \$125 per person. We're looking for people to sponsor our young people to attend. Donations don't have to be for the full cost, as every little bit counts. See the brochure in the church on how to donate online or the envelopes for cash.

If you are Year 10 to 13 and would like to attend Set Free with our parish group, please email youth@catholicparishnp.nz for info and registration.

KIMI ORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LIGHT: The next gathering will be held at St. Joseph's Hall NP, Sunday 26 March 1.00pm.

PALM SUNDAY: We need to be able to access Lawsoniana foliage to use as the small palms on Palm Sunday. Can any parishioner help? We are also looking for 20 small punga fern fronds for the children to hold as we process in to the church on Palm Sunday. Please phone the Parish Office 757 3682.



CONFIRMATION WHAKAATURANGA 2023: Registration is open for the Confirmation Programme 2023. If you are 15 years and over and have been baptised, this programme is for you. To register please scan the QR code or see the web site.



The Sacrament of Confirmation is a continuation of the graces you receive at Baptism. When you receive the Sacrament you are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The sessions are held weekly on Monday evenings in St Joseph's Church hall, from 1 May to 19 June, 7pm – 9pm. The programme includes a weekend camp from 26 to 28 May.

You can expect fun games and activities, learning about Confirmation and your Faith, meeting lots of people and making new friends. Parents are required to attend the first session on the 1st of May.

FIRST RECONCILIATION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023: Parent Information and Registration Session will be held on Wednesday 29 March, 7.00pm in St Joseph's Church hall. If you are considering these sacraments for your child this year, please come along and hear what the programme entails.

SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE SICK: We need to have more volunteers to join the teams who take Communion to the residents at either the Hospital Wing at Jean Sandel or Tainui Rest Home. We have rosters, so it is a turn every two or three weeks. If you are interested in sharing in this ministry or wish to know more, please contact Naomi 027 292 7051. Our need is rather desperate as we really want to be able to ensure that the rest home residents continue to receive Communion on Sunday. The time needed is probably one hour after Mass.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ALLOCATIONS: Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group.

We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria.

Applications are open and are due by Friday 31 March 2023. Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/catholic-charities-application> or by contacting Ashley Dahl (06) 354 1780 ext 842. or emailing adahl@pndiocese.org.nz

CAKE RAFFLE! Support our young people to attend the Set Free Catholic Youth Festival. Our awesome Youth Minister Susilo makes cakes for events. They are amazing.



Buy a \$2 ticket for a chance to commission your own cake for an event and date of your choosing. Tickets go on sale on the 19 March. Prize drawn 16 April.

CYCLONE RELIEF APPEAL: The Cyclone Relief Appeal has received many generous donations to help those in desperate need following Cyclone Gabrielle. Donations have now surpassed \$100,000 and the process of distributing these funds to those most in need is now in progress, in collaboration with local leaders across impacted areas of the diocese. We are immensely grateful to all those who are providing support to those in need in so many ways.

Donations can be made online to the Catholic Charities Foundation by direct bank transfer to 02-0630-0237950-010 with references: "Cyclone" and "your surname and initials" For a tax receipt please email reception@pndiocese.org.nz with your email details.

Donate today to help families and communities who have been affected at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/cyclone>



Come to
FDMC for a
fun day out
25 March.



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Jo Bowler, Anthony Terry Dias, Cajetan Dias, Clotilda Dias, Leonard Heal, Deceased family members of Lobo, Libby and Tillie D'Souza, Jenny Bunn, John Fife and deceased members of the Nallon, Clark and Stevens families.

WEEKLY MASSES: 20 March to 26 March 2023 (Fourth Sunday of the month)

	MON 20 March	TUES 21 March	WED 22 March	THURS 23 March	FRI 24 March	SAT 25 March	SUN 26 March
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 Vigil Mass	10.30am
St Martins Pungarehu							8.30am
Francis Douglas Memorial College			2.20pm				

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

For updated Mass information, during the week please refer to the APP or Website www.catholicparishnp.nz as Mass times, due to unforeseen circumstances can be changed after the printing of the newsletter

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

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Each Sunday at Our Lady Help of Christians church 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School staffroom with fun craft activities.

YOUTH MASS will be celebrated Sunday 26 March 5.30pm at St Joseph's church.

WEEKLY:

WEDNESDAY ADORATION:

Our Lady Help of Christians after 9.10am Mass
St Joseph's Church at 5.00pm.

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

EVENING PRAYER: Thursday 5.15pm St Joseph's Church

SCHOOL WEEKDAY MASSES: Please check our newsletter timetable each week. Sacred Heart School weekday Mass will resume Term II. St Pius X Mass is now fortnightly.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR:

26 March 2023 **5th Sunday of Lent**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37.12-14

PSALM 130

SECOND READING: Romans 8.8-11

GOSPEL John 11.1-45 , 33b-45

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