



Parish Newsletter

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4th Sunday of Advent – 20th December 2020

Emergency Phone 027 224 2100

Christmas Carols – Bell Block:



The Christmas Carol Service at Bell Block Catholic on 13 December was attended by about 90 people, including members from Bell Block St Luke's Cooperating Church. Twenty-six children and adults helped to bring the Christmas story alive with their spontaneous acting, which was interspersed with readings, prayers and Christmas carols sung with great spirit in Hindi, Samoan, Tagalog, Maori and English. The evening concluded with a delicious finger-food tea.



Mary and Joseph (Savannah and Kyzah Faapulou) surrounded by angels and shepherds.



FORMED: An online library resource for anyone in the parish, which may be of use throughout the holiday period. You can view it on the APP whilst sitting on the beach.

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish name: Catholic Parish of New Plymouth
3. Enter your name and email.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Sunday 27th December –The Holy Family of Jesus
Mary and Joseph

Year B

First Reading: Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-f, 15-16; 21.1-7++

Psalm: 105

Second Reading: Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

Collection 2020

Clergy Trust Fund: \$ 1,136.09

Parish: \$ 3071.80

Sick/Aged Priests \$ 5002.00 (2 weeks)

PayWave is available in foyer.

NB. Donations are not counted as Planned Giving.

GENERAL NOTICES

ADVENT GIVING: Today we are collecting extra offerings of “Christmas goodies” for the Men’s Shelter. Their wish list is; toothpaste & brushes, chocolate, tinned fruit/beans/spaghetti/fish, biscuits, noodles or anything that can be put in the microwave. These can be left in the baskets in the church foyers.

25th December – Annual Christmas Collection at all Christmas Masses for the Diocesan Clergy. Giving through the Parish APP will also be available.

INVOLVING CHILDREN IN CHRISTMAS:

Will you be at 8.30 or 10.30am Family Mass at St Joseph’s church on Christmas Day? Or 9am Family Mass at OLHC church? Children are invited to dress up in Nativity theme (Mary, Joseph, angel, shepherd, wise man or king) and help the priests with the liturgy. Contact me for further details, Michelle 06 7573682



PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH MASS TIMES:

Please pick up a Christmas Card with the Priest’s messages from the Mass centre foyers and feel free to pass one on to anyone who would like to receive one.

CHRISTMAS MINCE PIES: The Christmas mince pies are wrapped and ready for those who take Communion to the house bound. Please pick up from church foyers.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Morning Prayer: St Joseph’s church house each weekday & Saturday at 8.10am. See details on back page.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Baby Items Needed We are looking to help the mother of a 4-month-old girl who has recently moved to NP. If you have any of the following items in good condition to donate, we would like to hear from you: Baby clothes (6-12 mths) highchair, Jolly Jumper, car seat. Please call Gabrielle on 758 9228.

SIMBANG GABI – (Night Mass) 9 Day Novena: Simbang Gabi will continue until the 23rd Dec at 8pm in St. Joseph’s Church, NP. Followed by a cup of tea. Everybody is invited. Simbang Gabi is a devotional 9-day series of Masses practiced by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. It is a spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is also seen as a way of requesting blessings from the Lord.”

ADORATION will recess after Wednesday the 23rd December until Wednesday the 3rd February at both OLHC and St Joseph’s Churches.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS are on sale at OLHC (See John after Mass) and at St Joseph’s 9am Mass or the parish office – only \$12 ea. Begin a tradition! These make great Christmas gifts for those whom Columban Calendars have been a family tradition, or for those new to the Faith. These calendars support St Columbans Missions Society.

CATHOLIC CAFÉ – has finished for the year. Resumes 24th January 2020.

WEEKDAY MASSES: From Boxing Day through to the 23rd January, the weekday and Saturday Masses will be 8.30am at St Joseph’s Church. No other weekday masses will be held during this time.

GOLDEN JUBILEE: On Saturday, February 13, 2021, Sister Colleen Edgecombe is celebrating her Golden Jubilee at 11am Mass at St Joseph’s Church. You are welcome to come to the lunch after Mass. A plate would be appreciated.

SUNDAY MISSALS are delayed arriving into NZ. It is likely that the missals will be air freighted at our suppliers’ expense to ensure that they get to NZ in some kind of timely manner.

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY ONLINE SESSIONS: Go to www.catholicparishnp.nz OR the Parish APP and click on the ‘Resources’ tab to view sessions.

ADVENT 2020 ONLINE. Receive daily New Zealand based Advent reflections in your inbox. www.foodforfaith.org.nz. Give God an opportunity to prepare your heart and mind for Christmas .

FINANCIAL REPORTING: The 2019 financial report is available to view online. Go to www.catholicparishnp.nz and click on the ‘About Us’ tab.

“My Church” APP



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.

with tissues - put in a bin immediately; Avoid touching your face, including your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.

The Health, Safety & Wellbeing of our parishioners, priests, staff, and the wider community is of paramount importance. Please continue to register your attendance by scanning the QR Code in the entrances.

▲ HEALTH & SAFETY

INCREASED FOOT TRAFFIC: Please use the pedestrian crossing outside the Police Station to cross the road over the Christmas Mass timetable.

COVID 19 LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS include:

- the holy water fonts remain empty
- communion will be under only one kind – the host will be handed to each person. Please do not request the host via the tongue, please think of the consequences of contagion.
- Shaking hands at the sign of peace is not encouraged.
- **The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place for vulnerable people.** We recommend anyone who is unwell or has flu-like symptoms to remain at home.

Please continue to wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds) and dry thoroughly. Hand sanitizer is available at the entranceways; Cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth and nose

PARKING: Please do not park your vehicle outside the Church doors at St Joseph's. This includes parking opposite the doors. Cars must be parked in the designated areas. Also, please do not park in the 10-minute carpark - this park is for drop off only. If an emergency response vehicle was needed, there must be enough clearance for it to drive through and around the cars.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm Wednesday 23rd December, reopening Monday 11th January 2021. Please continue to phone the office number 06 7573682 for all queries throughout the holiday period. The Emergency phone will also be attended during this time.

The Newsletter will resume 17th January 2021.

Rite I Reconciliation: No Communal Reconciliation

St Josephs	Our Lady Help of Christians	St Patricks, Okato
Sat Dec 19 11.30am-12 noon	Sat 19 Dec before Vigil Mass	Sat 19th Dec 5.15pm – 5.45pm
Tues Dec 22 11.30am-12 noon	Tues 22 Dec 9.45am After Mass	
	Wed 23 Dec 9.45am After Mass	
Weds Dec 23 7-8pm Adoration AND Reconciliation @ St Joseph's Church		

We pray for our deceased family and friends: Sam & Noeline Drought, Trisha Smith, Monica Beagle, Ruben John Sanson, Sr. Carina rsj, Graham Tarr, Mary Cooney, Thomas Bowler, Vera & Darcy Old, Dave Newland, Peter Martin, Bob Shaw, Heydon Bartlett, June & Kevin Hickey, Terry Dudley, Jan Hopkins, Anne Marie Holden, Alison Cox, Members of the Stevens, Nallon, Clark, Martin, Flynn, Schicker, Jager, Cleary, Kay, Kooney & O'Rourke Families, Laurie & Delia Kooney, Thomas & Ella O'Rourke, Eleanor O'Rourke, Anne & Helen Kennedy and all who died at Tangiwai 1953.



Weekly Masses 21st December to 27th December 2020

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs Xmas Eve	Fri Xmas Day	Sat Boxing Day	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am Carols 7.30pm - 8pm Vigil Carols 11.30pm - Midnight Mass	8.30am 10.30am	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
OLHC		9.10am	9.10am	Carols 6.30pm 7pm Vigil	9am	5.30pm Vigil	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato				Carols 6.45pm - 7pm Vigil			
Bell Block					Carols 10.15am - 10.30am		
St Martin's Pungarehu							8.30am

(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: Saturdays 11.30am – 12 noon St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to vigil Mass – see extra timetable inside newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

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NB. No morning prayer on Weds/Thurs between the 4th-9th January.

MINISTRY TEAM:

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