



Parish Newsletter

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1st Sunday of Lent – 21st February 2021

Parish Centre Concept Plans:



On Thursday evening, Hugh Tennent from Tennent Brown Architects in Wellington, presented to a sizeable gathering of parishioners, the concept plans that have been developed for the proposed Parish Centre, at St Joseph's Church. There are several exciting concepts to view, including access to the hall from the church foyer, an enlarged gathering area; a warm and inviting day chapel and an office/meeting space. We are sure that parishioners will be eager to look at these ideas and so the plans are on display in the foyer at St Joseph's Church for the next 6 weeks. We invite you to place feedback on the post-it notes provide, for all to see.

Faith in Action – First Sunday of Lent

Make a commitment to perform one small action each day during Lent to prepare your heart for Easter, such as praying a new prayer, doing a good deed for another person, or setting aside some money to donate to those in need.

Do you want to Fast this Lent? In the words of Pope Francis...

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hears with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.



COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

Collection 14 February 2021

Clergy Trust Fund: \$ 713.15

Parish: \$ 1,928.15

PayWave is available in foyer. NB. Donations are not counted as Planned Giving.

Finance Committee:

Cheques on the way out - for those parishioners still using cheques as a means of payment/donation, the time is fast arriving when cheques will no longer be able to be used. Most of the major banks will be phasing out cheques this year (Kiwibank, 28 Feb; ANZ, 31 May; Westpac, 25 June; BNZ, July).

TSB has not confirmed a date as yet, but is supporting its customers to transition to electronic banking. It should be noted when banks have phased out cheques, they will not be accepting cheques for deposit from banks that have not yet phased out. What this means for the parish is that the BNZ, who we hold our accounts with, will no longer allow us to deposit cheques from July 2021.

The phasing out of cheques will require electronic transfers for payments/receipts, to be adopted. The parish has prepared to receive donations by electronic means. Many parishioners already give weekly (planned giving) by automatic bank payment – this can be set up via phone banking, home computer, mobile phone or a visit to your bank; the parish app 'My Church' can be set-up from mobile phone for regular payments and can also be used for one-off payments for special collections. Paywave devices are available in the St Joseph's and OLHC foyers, and all that is required is for your debit/credit card to be swiped. If you are a cheque user, you can obtain information advice from your bank about setting up electronic payments. If necessary, ask for assistance from a trusted family member. And remember the golden rule – never give out your bank account password to anyone. The Parish bank account number is 02-0630-0288002-97 FOR PLANNED GIVING ONLY!. Please ensure you use your name and unique planned giving number as a reference. If you do not have a planned giving number, please contact the parish office on 06 7573682. Colin Comber – Finance Committee Chairperson

LITURGY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: OLHC each Friday throughout Lent 5.30pm.

St Joseph's Church: The Station of the Cross, led by different ethnic groups and their languages, every Friday at St Joseph's, 6:30 PM.

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS: Bell Block Catholic Centre, each Wednesday during Lent, 7 pm – 8.15 pm. Everyone welcome.

Lenten Reflection in St Joseph's Church every Monday at 5:15 PM led by Tom Lawn.

RITE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: St Joseph's Wednesday evenings: "The Rite of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction" with Lenten Reflection at 5:30 PM.

A FRESH LOOK AT LENT- 2021: Fr Don Hornsey, Columban Missionary with Rex and Theresa Begley invite you to join them in a Lenten Retreat at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Cross Creek Road, Featherston from 6.30 pm on Friday 19th March until 4.00 pm on Sunday 21st March 2021. Cost \$190. Registration required. Contact: Ph. 027 976 2299 rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION 2021

– this year a Parish wide First Reconciliation preparation is planned for Term 1. The programme begins with preparation for parents at the end of February, then children's preparation will follow at each of the three NP Catholic primary schools. Enrolment forms are available on the Parish app, website, Parish and school offices or contact Michelle, youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

GENERAL NOTICES

Charles Drennan: We are now able to inform you that Charles has moved to another diocese in New Zealand. The authorities in Rome have instructed him not to minister publicly as a bishop, not to wear any clothing or symbols of a bishop's office and to live a low-profile life. He still belongs and is supported by the Palmerston North Diocese.

READERS SUPPORT TRAINING: To our dear Lectors, The parish is so grateful for your willingness to proclaim scripture at Mass. Many people simply cannot do this. Your courage and commitment is a gift to the faith community. It is essential to the mission of Jesus Christ that the Word of God is proclaimed well, that all may hear. Pope Francis is asking us to take on a more missional attitude in the way we experience ourselves as parish.

Please come to a training session designed to support you in your ministry. Gerry Kennedy used to work for

Radio New Zealand and will run two sessions for lectors on the 10th & 17th March from 7-8.00pm. Please email the Parish office to advise what your preferred date to attend. office@catholicparishnp.nz

MARIAN MOTHERS, extend a warm welcome to our first supper gathering for the year with the discussion theme - Our Tradition of Feasting and Fasting- Tuesday 23rd February 7pm to 8.30pm at Pailine's 101 Liardet St, Ph. 758 2859

LENTEN SACRIFICE: Just bring an item for the Foodbank basket each week. Baskets are in the church foyers. A small donation eg a tin of spaghetti, or a tube of toothpaste, or a packet of weetbix, each week from many people would make a great difference to Foodbank.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 5th March 2021 – Theme: "Build on a Strong Foundation" – A service prepared by World Day of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu. You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at St Mary's Peace Hall. 10am. Offerings will be used to support projects in Vanuatu and NZ, as well as to contribute towards local and international World Day of Prayer.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: \$12 from parish office

MISSALS: Year B from parish office \$15. These are great for readers to prepare for the Sunday readings. NB. During Lent the Readings from Year A are used.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: St Vincent De Paul Society urgently require single mattresses and bases, in clean and tidy condition (no rips or stains). We will collect. Please phone Gabrielle 758 9228 or Bob 06 929 3060

ROSTERS: Coordinators are preparing the rosters for 7 March to 31 May at St Joseph's and OLHC. If you have any special requests for the Altar Servers, Offertory, Data projector, Music or Lectors rosters, or if you would like to participate in a Ministry, please contact the roster coordinator or the Parish Office. For those on the Lectors roster please email unavailable dates for March to May roster to Trish at trish1703@xtra.co.nz by 14th

February. We need more readers at 5.30pm Mass urgently. For the OLHC Roster contact Helen Chitty helen4sun@hotmail.com

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY – all notices and event details are published on the website 'Resource' section.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: The Diocese of Palmerston North. New postal address: PO Box 5279, Terrace End, Palmerston North 4441

LEASING OF CARPARKS: The Finance Committee are considering leasing 10 carparks at St Joseph's Church, Monday to Friday's 8am-5pm. It is acknowledged that this may result in some inconvenience during the week, e.g., funerals. Parishioners are invited to provide feedback to the Committee via email. Email Denise before the 25th February at manager@catholicparishnp.nz

CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL: Caritas envelopes are available in the mass foyers – please take one. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2021 will be sent receipts for the 2020-21 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2021-22 tax year. Thank you for your support.

HEALTH & SAFETY

COVID-19: Some parishioners have inquired when the Sign of Peace & Communion under Both Kinds (Body and Blood of Christ) might be re-introduced at Mass. Monsignor Brian Walsh sent out a letter to parishes before Christmas 2020, informing us that the COVID restrictions would remain in place until such time that the virus is no longer a health threat. If there is any change to this, we will inform you. Let us keep one another safe.

We're Hiring!

Do you have a love Jesus, the Church and have a passion for Youth?

Contact manager@catholicparishnp.nz for more details.

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Kath Fleming, Josefina Rei, Sam Gilhooly, Hugh Gilhooly, Patrick Joseph Dow & deceased family members of the Dow Family, David Patrick Brophy, Kevin Goodin, Clare Hurley, Andrea Dravitzki Maria Doherty and Pat Scott.

Weekly Masses 22 February – 28 February 2021

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am 12.05pm	8.30am	9am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am C/S		5.30pm Vigil	10.30am
St Martins Pungarehu							8.30am

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

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

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKLY

Adoration – Wednesdays after 9.10am Mass at OLHC and 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church

Tuesdays - 1.00pm Intercessory Prayer Group in the Red-Carpet Room at St Joseph's Hall.

For all week-day events, please download the Parish App to view the Parish Calendar.

UPCOMING MONTH – ALPHA!

EXPLORE – LIFE, FAITH, MEANING

Starts 1st March 9.45am OR Wednesday evenings start 3rd March, 7pm – St Josephs' Supper Room.

Download the parish App for more info. Registrations are open now via parish website – look for the ALPHA tab; www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/ OR registration forms are available in Church foyers.



PARISH APP If you have a smart phone, our parish APP is a great way to keep up to date with what's happening in the parish.

Step 1: Text CPNPAPP to 818 to download!

Step 2: Select what groups you want to 'follow' ie. Alpha

Step 3: Set up your profile

Step 4: Try the Give function



FORMED: An online library resource for anyone in the parish. Providing innovative and engaging materials that help all Catholics deepen their relationship with God and His Church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Instructions to access:

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

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