



Parish Newsletter

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Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

Feast of Christ the King of the Universe – 21st November 2021

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Consultations for the Synod starts today... Pope Francis wants to hear from you!

Sunday 21st November - 4pm

Sunday 28th November - 4pm

Where: St Joseph's Hall, Devon Street West.

- Participants are all invited to read the Preparatory Document before the event. View this online.
- The Ignatian discernment process will be explained.
- Everyone will be invited to join a labelled table according to the themed questions that they are interested in.
- A facilitator at each table will lead the group through the discernment process to explore the discerned response to the questions provided.
- Everyone is welcome to attend.



You may already belong to a group that will hold a discerned response to the synod questions?

Individuals can also respond online through the link in the Palmerston North diocesan synodal website. However, a group discernment is the preferred response method.
Father Simon Story – Parish Priest

ZOOM SYNOD GROUP OPTION:

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is planning to host Synod zoom online discernment groups.

These will be held on a weekly basis starting Thursday 25th November 2021 from 8pm to 9pm (recess from 16th Dec 2021 to 14 Jan 2022).

You are welcome to just come to one session or as many as you would like.

The first week gathering will focus on the main Synod Question posed by Pope Francis and each week following, the group(s) will focus on each of the 10 themes of the Synod and finally another session on the main question of the Synod.

Pope Francis implores those who aren't usually heard to be part of this process which should encourage all of us to participate and invite others along.

It is important if you would like to be part of this that you register so:

1. a zoom meeting link can be sent to you
2. we can organize enough facilitators to cover the number of people that join
3. we can send you some preparation reading to reflect and pray on before the meeting

To register please contact via email to roly.devine@gmail.com by no later than 4pm each Tuesday.

Vision Statement: 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

14th November 2021

CTF \$ 551.37

Parish \$ 1,490.73

If you wish to make a DONATION to the parish but you have NO CASH? No problem. We have PayWave located in the church foyers.

OPTIONS FOR PLANNED GIVING:

- Cash in your planned giving envelope.
- Set up an automatic payment at your bank or use internet banking. Please contact the Parish Office for the bank account number and reference details.
- You can pay via the Parish APP or website - Tax deductible receipts are automatically sent to your email address after each individual donation.

Bequests are also an important part of Christian Giving and leaving a gift to the Parish in your Will is an additional way to support your Church.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATION

OLDER CHILDREN'S BAPTISM 2021: The Baptisms will take place on the 21st and 28th November. Any questions please contact Michelle, youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): This has begun and will culminate at Easter. Please pray for our candidates Any enquiries can be made at the Parish Office.

GENERAL NOTICES

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: a special collection of **FOOD** will take place on the 5th December – baskets will be provided in the Church foyers.

THE ANNUAL SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS SPECIAL COLLECTION - SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021: The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated, especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps. Mons Brian Walsh, Vicar General. NB. Envelopes are attached to the newsletters, OR donate via the Parish APP OR the envelopes in your planned giving pack.

CEMETERY VISITS – Monday 22 Nov: Meeting at Rahotu cemetery at 5.45pm, moving to Okato cemetery around 6.15 before Mass at St Patrick's church at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: are available from the Parish Office, \$12.00. The Columban Art Calendar is a lovely tradition to hang in the home. Perfect as that small Christmas gift. (Some parents buy a Columban calendar for each of their children every year).

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: St Vincent de Paul is asking for donations of toiletry items to give as Christmas gifts to people in need. Items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, deodorants, moisturisers, suntan lotion, hand wash, shampoo and conditioners are very much in the luxury category for many people. For the next three Sundays a basket for donations, will be left at the entrance door to Sunday Masses at St Joseph's.

BROWN PAPER SHOPPING BAGS REQUIRED: St Vincent de Paul need brown paper or fabric shopping bags with handles. They are used at the Whare Kai – family meal cooking sessions, for Mums in the Marfell Area. All the ingredients for a family meal are packed into these bags, along with the recipe – just like a my Food Bag delivery. If you have bags to donate to us, we would love to hear from you. Please phone Gabrielle 758 9228

SINGING IN MASS: Starting on Sunday 21 November – Feast of Christ the King. People can lower their masks to sing. We have extra Masses on Sundays because of the 100-person limit. We don't expect our musicians to cover all these Masses. The Masses we will sing at will be the normal Sunday Mass schedule Masses: OLHC Vigil 5:30 and 10:30 Sunday; St Joseph's 9am and 5:30pm Sunday

The extra Masses will still be scheduled but we will not sing at them. Fr Simon

WALKING ROSARY: The first Walking Rosary Group started Thursday 11th November, at Pukekura Park. We walk and recite the rosary out loud. Our next walk is **Thursday 25 November at 10:30am**. Meet at the Kiosk and walk leisurely around the lake, returning to the kiosk approx. 25 minutes later. This is a lovely way to honour Mary. Coffee/tea at the kiosk on completion. Please join us. Contact Marg Mora 0274258460 for more info.

PARISH SMALL GROUPS: Please refer to the website/Parish APP for all the options.

PARISH CAR: The parish car is in need of a valet – if you have some spare time, we would love to hear from you for a one-off project. Please contact the office.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Our Book of the Deceased and the Remembrance Box is in the sanctuary near the altar at St Joseph's and the Remembrance Box will be near the altar at OLHC. Write a list of your beloved dead on the paper provided & place in the Remembrance Box. No money is required. If you would like names of the deceased to be recorded in the Memorial Book, please contact the Parish Office

LIFETEEN SUMMER CAMP: Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa is a national camp for teenagers held in Hamilton in January 2022. It is an awesome opportunity for young people to encounter Christ and grow in faith as young Catholics while also having a ton of fun. We have 18 teenagers registered to go to camp from New Plymouth, it costs \$250 for a teen to attend which can be a barrier for some young people. We would like to invite the parish community to pray for all the teens and adult leaders who will be attending Life Teen Summer Camp Aotearoa and to contribute financially to support a teen to attend. A donation can be any amount big or small, every little bit helps our young people! Envelopes are in the Church foyers OR donate via the Parish App or contact the parish office for details on how to direct credit the bank account.

LIFETEEN FUNDRAISING CONCERT: The young people attending Life Teen Summer Camp in 2022, will present entertain - **Saturday the 11th December.** Doors open at 6pm the concert starts at 6.30pm. Entry is by ticket only.

Tickets cost \$5 for children \$10 for Adults and proceeds help the 18 teenagers from New Plymouth attend camp this January. Email youth@catholicparishnp.nz for more information or for tickets.

RITE OF ELECTION – 13 March 2022 - 9.30am - Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Please join our Diocese of Palmerston North catechumens as they are called forward for anointing and the signing of the Book of the Elect as they are recognised for their continuing journey towards Full Communion. Hospitality is provided and we look forward to welcoming you on the 13 March 2022.

FOOD FOR FAITH offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

PARISH APP

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

Contact the Parish office if you need assistance to download.



▲ HEALTH & SAFETY

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL TWO:

Holy Communion is to be received, only on the hand. Ministers and priests are not free to place the host on people's tongues.

CAPACITY AT MASSES: The 9am and 5.30pm Sunday Masses are reaching the maximum capacity of 100 attendees.

The 10.30am at St Joseph's and OLHC; 9am OLHC and the 5.30pm Vigil at St Joseph's have plenty of room to accommodate more people.

Please consider attending an alternative Mass time to ensure we keep within the Health Ministry's Level 2 recommendations, or you risk being turned away.

NB. Up to 21 people have been turned away from the 5.30pm Mass at St Joseph's.

World Youth Day 2021 – Sunday 21st November:

Pope Francis encouraged young Catholics on Monday to “testify joyfully that Christ is alive.” In a message for World Youth Day 2021, released on Sept. 27, the Pope invited youth to join a “spiritual pilgrimage leading to the celebration of the 2023 World Youth Day” in Lisbon, Portugal.

World Youth Day is celebrated yearly on the feast of Christ the King which is this Sunday. For more information and to view the Popes letter to young people, go to: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-09/pope-francis-message-diocesan-world-youth-day-2021.html>

World Youth Day is celebrated internationally every three years and in 2023 it is being hosted in Lisbon Portugal. We are seeking expressions of interest from people aged 18-35 to attend. To register your expression of interest email Nick Wilson nwilson@pndioocese.org.nz or Rain youth youth@catholicparishnp.nz for more information check out <https://worldyouthday.com/>

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Gary MacLean, Rose Charteris, Phil Phelan, Judith Knuckey, Cushla Brennan, Bertie Vollenbroek, Eileen Hurley (Sister Teresa, RNDM), John Govorko, Norma Lobb and Judy Scott.

Mass Timetable 22nd November – 28th November 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am	8.30am 5.30pm Vigil	9am 10.30am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am	12.05pm	5.30pm Vigil	9am 10.30am
St Martin's Pungarehu							8.30am
St Patrick's Okato		7pm					
Our Lady Star of the Sea - Opunake							10am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 4.45pm at OLHC prior to vigil Mass OR 11.30am St Joseph's Saturday

WEEKLY

MORNING PRAYER – Mon/Tues/Fri – 7.40am AND Saturday's 8.10am – Parish Office back room.

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP Tuesdays - 1.00pm in the Red-Carpet Room at St Joseph's Hall.

NIGHT PRAYER via zoom - Please join Father Vui and parishioners to pray the Liturgy of the Hours (Night Prayer) via ZOOM at 8:30pm every Friday: See website for link.

MONTHLY

HOSPITAL MASS – 1st Saturday of month

CHRISTOPHER LUKE ORGAN RECITAL – 16th December at St Joseph's Church – Entry by Koha for St Vincent de Paul Society.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – 1st Friday luncheon, after 12.05pm Mass at OLHC

JUBILEES OF ORDINATION 2021

The annual diocesan Mass to celebrate the priestly ordinations will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, on Tuesday 30th November at 12.05 pm.

The Jubilarians this year are:

Bishop Peter Cullinane (60 years, 23/12/1961),
Fr. David Moore SM (60 years, 6/7/1961),
Fr. Marcus Francis (20 years, 24/2/2001),
Fr. Manoj Mathew IC (10 years, 6/10/2011).

Parishioners, guests, and friends are welcome to attend. Besides the 100 allowed in the Cathedral there will be provision for overflow.

Because of Covid 19 restrictions this year we are not able to have hospitality in the Cathedral gathering area after the Jubilee Mass.

MINISTRY TEAM:

Priests: *Simon Story, Vui Hoang & Tom Lawn*

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