



# Parish Newsletter

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6th Sunday of Easter 22 May 2022

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## CONFIRMATION 2022:



We are super lucky to have 19 awesome Young Leaders (pictured above) who are helping in our Confirmation Programme this year. These young people were Confirmed through our confirmation programme in 2020 or 2021. They all asked to be part of our training process and to go on and help lead in the 2022 programme. At the recent weekend training camp, they focused on leadership skills and grew together whilst working as a team. They are all very excited to journey alongside this year's candidates.

## SIMON SAYS

It is so good to be moving out of the pandemic. Our school led Masses on Sundays have begun again with St Pius X leading us well last Sunday. A good turnout. Our Community Dinners in the hall on Tuesday evenings to serve the needy, have started again. Volunteers are welcome. Our Confirmation preparation has begun with 46 candidates. Confirmation celebration is planned for Sunday 3 July. Some Leadership Team members and Mission Discernment Team members are preparing to travel to the Taupo Parish to join with other parishes in July to look at becoming missional. Some parishes are further ahead than us and making good progress. The Mission Discernment Team will begin speaking to us about listening to your thoughts on a future for our parish and becoming more missional. Led by the Holy Spirit, they will gather your thoughts and discern together a mission plan. This will be a great development for us and will be shared with everyone.

**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

April 2022 Collection Totals:

Clergy Trust Fund: \$7,878.00

Parish: \$25,012.00

Seminary Collection \$3,777.00

**PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS:** The plate will now be circulated at Mass again. Another sign that a “normality” is coming back.

Envelopes can also be dropped off to the Parish Office or popped into our secure letter box at the Office entrance. Donations can be made through internet banking even if you usually give via envelopes. Please use your name and Planned Giving number as references.

Please consider moving from envelope giving to online giving or giving by automatic payments.

Please contact the Office if you have any questions.

Tax receipts for the year ending 31 March 2022 are available in the church foyers. The tax receipt can be used to claim a 33% rebate from the IRD. If you made a donation of \$100, the IRD will refund \$33.00. A donation of \$1,000.00 will generate a refund of \$333.00

We are at present ordering the Planned giving envelopes for the 2022/2023 year. If you had considered changing from envelope giving to online banking or automatic payments, please contact the parish office and we will arrange this with you. Automatic payments do offer a solution to the withdrawal of cheque facilities.

If you have permanently changed from envelope giving to APP giving, please advise the Parish Office and we cancel your envelope number.

If you give a cash donation on the plate a change to envelope giving will give you a tax receipt which can generate a rebate from the IRD. Again, the staff in the Parish Office can help you with this.

PayWave devices are available in Mass centre foyers for your convenience and safety.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022:** We had our second session this week where we talked about saints. We answered the question ‘How does someone become a saint?’ Some of the youth leaders talked about the saint they choose as their Confirmation name: Who the saint was, and why they choose that saint. We played paper, scissors, rock cheerleader and ninja, hunter, bear. Both games brought out the competitive spirit and were played with much enthusiasm. The candidates will all be thinking lots about choosing their own saint, who will be a cheerleader for them on their own faith journey. Rain



**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION PROGRAMME** is all ready to get underway with the Parent Information Session taking place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the St Joseph’s church hall.

The Children’s Programme is being delivered throughout June at St Pius X, St John Bosco and St Joseph’s schools during school time. Separate sessions will be organised for children at other schools. The celebration Liturgy, when children will make their First Reconciliation, will take place on Thursday 7 July at 5.30pm. This Liturgy will then be followed with children and families gathering together in St Joseph’s Church hall for a time of celebration and shared kai. This celebration will allow the children and families to come together as members of the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth community. We are looking forward to this gathering and time of celebration as so many parish celebrations like this have been affected by Covid in recent years.

**KIMI ORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH:** The next meeting will be at St Joseph’s hall NP Sunday 29 May 1.00pm

## GENERAL NOTICES

### **FRANCIS DOUGLAS COLLEGE MASS:**

Wednesdays 2.20pm during the school term. Do check the website or newsletter for updates. Parishioners are most welcome to join the classes at Mass.

**SACRED HEART COLLEGE MASS:** Resuming Thursday at 10am in the Chapel. Therefore, as in the past, no Thursday morning Mass at OLHC Fitzroy. Parishioners are welcomed to come and celebrate Mass at Mary’s Chapel at Sacred Heart.

**ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL LED MASS** Sunday 12 June 2022 9.00am at St Joseph’s church.

**ROSTERS.** We are beginning to organise some of the rosters for June/July/August. If you have any special requests, please advise the organiser of your roster. If you are considering becoming part of the ministries at Mass; Reading, Music, Offertory procession, helping with the data projector please contact the Parish Office. We would love to hear from you. For Our Lady Help of Christian rosters please contact Helen Chitty - helen4sun@hotmail.com

**CIVIL DEFENCE MOBILE TEST:** There will be an emergency alert test on cellphones between 6.00pm and 7.00pm on Sunday the 22nd of May. This may occur during the evening Mass. Please turn your phone off or leave in the car.

**ROSARY AROUND THE LAKE:** Come join us strolling round the Main Lake @ Pukekura Park honouring Our Lady every Thursday - rain or shine. Meet outside the Kiosk Cafe at 11.00 am. We would love to see you- just turn up! Contact Mike 021 1399 931 or Marg 027 4258 460.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** 24 May 2022. Mass will be celebrated at OLHC 9.10am. St John Bosco school will be joining the community at Mass to celebrate the feast day.

**FOODBANK:** Are particularly short of biscuits, crackers, weetbix, sandwich spreads and soap. Please place any non-perishable goods in the basket in the church foyer. When you are shopping, why not pick up one extra something to bring along on Sunday. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**SHINE - JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP:**

This Sunday – 22nd May, 4pm to 5pm. Shine is for year 4 - 8's and will be held at St Joseph's Hall in the Red-Carpet Room - down the end of the hallway past the toilets.



**ILLUMIN8 YOUTH GROUP:** This Sunday – 22nd<sup>t</sup> May 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the St Joseph's Hall. Come along and join in the fun, fellowship, faith and food! "Building love and developing Friendship with Christ."

**SYNOD 2021-2023 UPDATE MAY 2022**

More than 230 group and individual submissions have been received since the synod journey began in our diocese, presenting the considered reflections, concerns and aspirations of a variety of age groups, ethnicities and parishes. The diocese wishes to thank all participants for opening their hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit and engaging in this process.

On Saturday 21 May, Rain, Claudia Chan and Johann Torres, with Shannan Stallard and Fr Simon attended the Pre-Synodal meeting in Palmerston North. Claudia and Johann were invited as the youth of the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth made a significant number of submissions to the Synod.

To find out more about the next stages of the local phase of the Synod in the Diocese of Palmerston North, please visit [pndiocese.org.nz/syn](http://pndiocese.org.nz/syn)

**MAY 2022**  
**Summary Stage**

Draft Summary Document is completed.

Pre-Synodal Meeting held on 21 May 2022.

**FORMED:** An online library resource for anyone in the parish. Instructions to access:

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

**RESOURCES FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022:**

Resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are now available to download from the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference website. The Week is celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday - 29 May to 5 June. The resources are handy for individuals, especially the Eight Days of Prayer section. The chosen theme for 2022 is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him," and is based on Matthew 2:2. Full resources available: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/wpcu2022/>

**LIVESTREAMED MASS:** 9am Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church will be regularly livestreamed from the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth YouTube Channel. If you are at this Mass, be aware that you may be captured in the livestream. The recording will be deleted from our YouTube Channel after a week. The 5.30pm Mass at St Joseph's and the 10.30am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians will not be live streamed.

**TV SUNDAY MASS OPTIONS:** Shine TV - 2pm Sunday - watch Mass celebrated at the Auckland Diocese. Freeview Channel 25 and Sky TV channel 201. Please pass on this information to those who may not see the Parish Newsletter.

**ORANGE LIGHT LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS**

- **WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR A MASK AT MASS**
- Congregations are unlimited.
- The holy water fonts remain empty.
- Keep 1 metre distancing.
- Communion will be under only one kind – the host will be handed to each person.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass remains in place.

Taranaki District Health Board has made available to the parish, for those who need them, a quantity of Covid 19 self-tests. (RAT). Please come into the office to collect. This will help us all keep the community safe.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:**

St Vincent de Paul people are back into action with the weekly Community Meals starting up again at St Joseph's Hall. Twenty diners, masked and socially distanced diners enjoyed delicious food cooked and delivered to the hall door by parishioners. Students from Sacred Heart Girls College acted as waitresses, taking orders and delivering floor from the menu to the diners.

The furniture team are also back in action delivering furniture to people in need. If you would like to get involved in either of these activities, call Gabrielle on 758 9228.



**We pray for our deceased family and friends:** Steven Fleming, Gloria Tennant, Barry Dombroski, Bernard Kelly, James McKernan, Boof Fleming, John Fleming, Doug Roach, Mary Phelan, Terry Casey and Millicent Gilhooly

## Weekly Masses 23rd May to 29th May

	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8.00am 12.05 pm C/S	C/S	8.00am	8.00am	8.30am	9.00am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help Of Christians		Feast Day 9.10am	9.10am		12.05pm	5.30pm	10.30am
St Patricks Okato						6.00pm	
Sacred Heart Girls College				10.00am			
FDMC Chapel			2.20pm				

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

For updated Mass information please refer to the APP or Website: [www.catholicparishnp.nz](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday's 11.30am – 12 noon, St Joseph's Church OR OLHC prior to Vigil Mass.

### Weekly

**ADORATION** – Wednesday 5.30pm at St Joseph's Church and 9.45am after 9.10am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.

**NIGHT PRAYER** – via Zoom – 8.30pm Fridays.  
See Parish website for link.

**MORNING PRAYER** – Mon/Tues/Fri – 7.40am AND Saturday's – 8.10am. Go to back door of Parish Office Building.

### "My Church" APP

To set up the Parish App on your phone to receive all the latest parish information as soon as it is available.



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.

### MINISTRY TEAM:

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

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