




Parish Newsletter

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2nd Sunday of Lent – 28th February 2021

Alpha starts Monday!



It's not too late to attend Alpha! EXPLORE – LIFE, FAITH, MEANING

Starts Monday the 1st March 9.45am OR Wednesday evenings starting 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 OR just turn up! It's going to be a dynamic programme as a record number of registrations have been received!

Temporary Closure of St Joseph's Church – Interior Scaffolding:

To ensure the lantern maintenance schedule is not delayed and to enable the building team a clear run at erecting the interior scaffold without disruption, St Joseph's Church will be closed for all **mid-week** services from **Tuesday the 9th March through to Tuesday the 16th March.**

All mid-week Masses will be transferred to Our Lady Help of Christians during this time. See newsletter, Parish APP or Website for Mass Timetable.

At this stage, this does not affect the Masses scheduled for Sunday 14th March at 9am or 5.30pm. We will review the usage of the Church as we receive more information. There will be several towers of scaffolding surrounding the altar once it is installed.

COLLECTIONS/DONATIONS

Collection 21 February 2021

Clergy Trust Fund: \$ 933.26

Parish: \$ 2,523.25

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

LITURGY

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP: A NEW WAY FORWARD: The Lenten season provides an opportunity each year to deepen our understanding of our faith by reflecting on the Gospels. During Lent we are called both to turn away from those things that encumber our faith journey with God and to turn towards God. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to open ourselves to changes that God wants to make in us so that we can truly flourish. Join us at **St Joseph's Hall, Tuesdays 7.00pm during Lent**, when we follow the Caritas Reflection programme, Lectio Divina, gospel, reflection, prayer and action. If you would like a copy of the booklet "A New Way Forward" please contact the Parish Office.

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

EVENING PRAYER AND 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.

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.

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

CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL: Caritas envelopes are available in the Church 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION 2021
– Prior to the Parish-wide programme commencing, parents are required to attend preparation on either Sunday 28 Feb 3-5pm (St Joseph's church hall) OR Thursday 4 March 7-9pm (OLHC foyer/church). Following this, enrolled children begin their preparation at each of the three NP Catholic primary schools or alternative sessions as arranged. First Reconciliation will be celebrated in two ceremonies later in March. Please keep in your prayers all those involved, Michelle, youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

GENERAL NOTICES

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.

PLAYGROUP/MUSIC: Join our welcoming and supportive group for a cuppa while the children play. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month in St Joseph's church hall - 3 March, 10-11am in St Joseph's church hall.

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 in the Parish House, designed to support you in your ministry. Gerry Kennedy will run two sessions for lectors on the 10th & 17th March from 7-8pm. Please email the Parish office to advise what your preferred date to attend. office@catholicparishnp.nz



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: CWL Committee meeting Friday 5 March 1030am. Also, First Friday luncheon, \$7/each, after 12.05 Mass. Friday 5 March. Sales table and raffle available.

CHRISTOPHER LUKE ORGAN RECITAL:

Christopher Luke will present a selection of organ music, Tuesday 2nd March 1.00pm in St Joseph's Church. Entry by gold coin. All proceeds are donated to St Vincent de Paul.

HOSPITAL MASS: Our monthly Mass of Anointing, for all the sick and elderly of the area will be celebrated at the Base Hospital Chapel, Saturday 6 March 11.00am. Please note that any parishioner is welcome to attend.

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 Thank you to those who have already added to our stock.

ROSTERS: OLHC need helpers for the 10.30am projector roster AND florists. Many hands make light work. Contact Helen Chitty helen4sun@hotmail.com

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

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE CONCEPT PLANS:

The plans are displayed in the Church foyer for the next five weeks – feel free to give feedback on the post-it notes supplied and display on wall, or email leadershipteam@catholicparishnp.nz

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL

COLLEGE are open for enrolments for Semester 1 & 2. Contact office@tekupenga.org.nz for more information.

▲ 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.

Diocese of Palmerston North Catholic Charities Foundation & The Tindell Foundation

The May 2021 Funding Round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open

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 and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group.

The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation, and aligned with the diocesan goals.

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 now open and are due on Wednesday 31 March 2021. Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Catholic-Charities-Application-form-2020.pdf> or please contact Wendy Silver at wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 833.

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Kath Fleming, Mary, Jack & John O'Meara, Dianne Taylor (Australia), Kathleen Bennett, Marie Hickey, Phyliss Scott, Ned Conaglen, Dot Jones, Father Donaghue, Gwen Thomas and Judy Scott.

Weekly Masses 1 March – 7 March 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		5.30pm Vigil	10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6pm Vigil	
Bell Block							10.30am
TDHB Chapel						11am Anointing Mass	
FDMC Chapel			2pm				

(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

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.

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.

Te Pumaomao Nation Building Seminars

with Takawai and Chris Murphy – go to:

<https://takawai.com/who-are-we/>

To read/view testimonials of the struggle of Maori to have their own world view recognised in Aotearoa – Tributes from our own parishioner, Colleen Tuuta included.



MINISTRY TEAM:

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