



Parish Newsletter

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Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

1st Sunday of Advent – 28th November 2021

SIMON SAYS

TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM AND VACCINATION STATUS

Dear Parishioners,

When we went into Lockdown on 17 August 2021, we stopped all Masses in person and moved to an online Sunday Mass.

On 7 September, New Plymouth moved to Alert Level 2 and we resumed Masses (and scheduled 3 extra Masses), to accommodate the 100-person limit.

From the 3 December we will work under the new traffic light Covid-19 system. Each parish will be asked to provide Mass for people with the “My Vaccine Pass”, which is required for unrestricted gatherings under the Orange and Green traffic light settings. Parishes will also be asked to provide the opportunity for people to attend a separate Mass, where No Vaccine Pass is required, however numbers will be restricted at this Mass to only 50 attending.

All lay people who voluntarily help to celebrate Mass and assist with public-facing ministries, will need to be vaccinated for vaccinated-only work. Priests are being asked to be vaccinated and will be limited in their ministry if they are not. The NZ Bishop’s Conference have written a letter and you can view this on the parish website, the Parish App or there are some printed copies in foyers.

The vaccine passes required for unrestricted entry to many places are available for downloading now. Go to <https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19-vaccines/covid-19-vaccination-certificates/my-vaccine-pass/>

Under guidelines made public so far, the system will allow unrestricted numbers of vaccinated people to gather in a church under the Orange and Green settings but restrict numbers without a vaccine pass to 50 (Orange) or 100 (Green). Under the Red setting, only 100 can attend Mass with a Vaccine Pass, and 10 at a Mass without a Vaccine Pass. Please prepare for this new system by downloading a Vaccination Pass.

Once the traffic light system has been adopted by the NZ Government, we will resume our normal Mass timetable, however we plan to celebrate Mass for those who do not provide proof of vaccination at a Mass in Our Lady Help of Christians on Sunday night at 5:30pm.

Please keep up to date with any changes to the Mass timetable via the Parish APP and/or the Parish website. The printed version of the timetable in the newsletter may be obsolete by next weekend, if the traffic light system roll out is postponed for any reason.

SINGING IN MASS:

The musicians and cantors met recently and have agreed that until the traffic light system is implemented, we will resume singing at only the normal Sunday Mass schedule Masses: OLHC Vigil 5:30 and 10:30 Sunday; St Joseph’s 9am and 5:30pm Sunday. There will be no singing at the extra scheduled Masses.

Fr Simon Story, Parish Priest

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

21st November 2021

CTF \$ 288.85

Parish \$ 780.95

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.

ANNUAL SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS SPECIAL COLLECTION - SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021:

Please donate via the Parish APP; envelopes in your planned giving pack or spare envelopes are available in 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:

Congratulations and blessings on the 13 children baptised and 3 children received into the Catholic church last Sunday 21 November. Today there is a second group of 19 children being Baptised, photos to follow next week. Welcome to our new families and thanks to all those involved in their preparation which started back in August.

BAPTISMS: Two children will be baptised at the 10.30am Mass at OLHC and seven children at 12.30pm on Sunday 28th – We welcome them into our parish community with open arms.

GENERAL NOTICES

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: ST JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The Christmas Collection needs a boost for this Christmas: St Vincent de Paul is asking for donations of toiletry items / treats to give as Christmas gifts to people in need. We are unable to hold our usual Christmas dinner at the Community Meals, because of the COVID risk. The diners expressed disappointment about the meal, but expressed hope that they would still receive their bags of goodies when they come to pick up their last pre-Christmas meal on December 14,

Usually, we deliver bags to the people we visit through the Drop-In Ministry. We have 70 small bags to fill. The basket for the collection of items will be at the entry to Mass at St Joseph's for the next few weeks – or you can drop items off at the parish office during opening hours.

If you have any questions about this call Gabrielle on 758 9228

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).

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.



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE
Committee meeting Friday 3rd
December 1030am.

First Friday Luncheon- please join us for a pre-Christmas lunch, \$7.00, sales table, raffle and friendship after the 12.05pm Mass Friday 3rd December - Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

WALKING ROSARY: Thursdays at 10:30am - Meet at the Kiosk and walk leisurely around the lake, returning to the kiosk approx. 25 minutes later for Coffee/tea. Contact Marg Mora 0274258460

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

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.

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@pndiocese.org.nz or Rain youth@catholicparishnp.nz for more information check out <https://worldyouthday.com/>

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

Tickets cost \$5 children/ \$10 Adults. **Tickets will be on sale in the foyer after Mass on Sunday at OLHC 10.30am and St Joseph's 9am and 5.30pm. Please note: It is likely that New Zealand will move to a Traffic Light system before our concert fundraiser on the 11th of December.** Please be aware that to hold an event with over 50 people in an orange or red light, we will need to view a Vaccine Pass for those 12yrs + (children under 12yrs are exempt), alongside your ticket to enter the venue. We understand that some of you may be upset by this decision, please be considerate and understand that we are doing our best to ensure everyone remains safe. Email youth@catholicparishnp.nz for more information.

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.



NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE December 4th - ONLINE. JOIN IN WHEREVER YOU ARE! This year, due to Covid restrictions, our National March for Life is going to look a little different.

Instead of coming together to March at Parliament on Saturday 4 December, we're asking you to be a voice for the voiceless at your home AND to join us online for an exciting, motivating event.

This means more people can participate than ever before! Saturday 4 December @ 2pm www.marchforlife.nz/online You must register to participate <https://marchforlife.nz/online/>

Every day, 36 pre-born children lose their lives to the horror of abortion. Countless women and families are wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The current situation has thwarted our plans to come together for the most vulnerable and speak on their behalf. For their sake, we will not let our voices be silenced. Be a voice for the voiceless at your home on Saturday 4 December and join us online at 2pm.

▲ HEALTH & SAFETY

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS:

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

SYNOD - Pope Francis wants to hear from you!

Last chance to attend the parish consultation process for the Synod today...

Sunday 28th November - 4pm

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

ZOOM SYNOD GROUP OPTION:

Synod Zoom online discernment groups are held each Thursday 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.

Each week the group(s) will focus on each of the 10 themes 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.

We pray for our deceased family and friends:

Carmel O'Neil (nee Cleary), Dorothy Strange, Alex Meads, Anne Healy, Judith Knuckey, Ian Fahey, Ron and Jessie Nixon.

Mass Timetable 29th November – 5th December 2021

NB. A Vaccine Pass is to be presented from Friday 3 December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Joseph's Church	8.00am	8am 12.05pm	8am	8am	8am	8.30am 11am Anointing 5.30pm Vigil	9am 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians		9.10am	9.10am	9.10am	12.05pm	5.30pm Vigil	10.30am 5.30pm - No Vaccine Pass Required
Bell Block							10.30am
St Patrick's Okato						6pm Vigil	
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

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

MISSIONZ: A VALUABLE GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS...

THE WORD IN OTHER WORDS – A Bible Diary containing the Daily Gospel Reading and a short daily reflection penned by missionaries working in different mission plaes worldwide. This Bible Diary is a valuable help in prayer and meditation, especially during this time of the Pandemic.

When you purchase one, you also help to raise funds to help MISSIO-NZ support the formation and education of future priests and religious in the many dioceses in Asia and Africa.

To order: Call MISSIO-NZ office (09) 489 6549 or email: info@missio.nz – or use the online www.missio.nz/donate page facility clicking Bible Diary on the dropdown window. Each copy is \$20 + postage.

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