



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



Sunday 28 July 2024
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The retreat was coordinated by Life Teen Wellington, Life Teen Whanganui, and Life Teen New Plymouth.

On Tuesday, 16 July 2024 to Thursday, 18 July 2024, nine teenagers from the Youth Group traveled to Forest Lakes in Otaki, Wellington to participate in the combined mid-year retreat.



They were **James Smithson, Sophia Smithson, Ben Chow, Hugh Tien, Ethan Rice, Jane Doyle, Amber Cayley, Monica Joyce, and Jenna Joyce.**

We weren't the only ones at the retreat. We were accompanied by four teenagers from Whanganui, one from Palmerston North, and eight from Wellington.

During the retreat, they gained insight into listening to God's voice in their everyday experiences and being a voice of God for others. The three days spent together were truly blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit.



If you are interested in the spiritual growth of our youth, and would like to learn how to support them, consider attending the **LIFE TEEN LEADERSHIP CONVENTION** (Friday, 30 August 2024 – Sunday, 1 September 2024 in Lower Hutt, Wellington). Contact me for more information!

SUSILO
YOUTH MINISTER

OUR NEW PARISH VISION

A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD FOR MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP
GATHERED AROUND JESUS CHRIST FED WITH THE EUCHARIST AND
SENT TO TRANSFORM LIVES EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Important Dates

Sunday 28 July

Report back from those who attended the June Catholic Parish Summit Harrogate UK .
Our Lady Help of Christians after 10.30am Mass.

Sunday 28 July

Youth Mass, 5.30pm
St Joseph's Church

Monday 29 July

Little Angels

Our Lady Help of Christians from 9.00am

Wednesday 31 July

Music and Movement
11.30am St Joseph's Hall

Friday 2 August

Music and Worship
Our Lady Help of Christians Church
2.15pm - 2.45pm

Friday 2 August

First Friday of the month
Adoration
Bell Block Mass Centre
4.00pm

Sunday 4 August

First Sunday of the Month Adoration
Our Lady Help of Christians 3.00pm

Sunday 11 August

First Communion at Our Lady Help of Christians
10.30am Mass

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Planned Giving envelopes, available now from Church foyers. We start to use these today.



Thank you to all those who give by Planned Giving, both by envelopes and online.

Those who give by weekly, monthly and annual donations will have the white envelopes. For those who give by automatic payment or online giving, there are just the special collection brown envelopes.

KIMI ORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LIGHT:

The next gathering will be held at St. Joseph's Church Hall today Sunday 28 July 1.00pm to 4.00pm.



MARIAN MOTHERS: Our next Marian Mother's Meeting will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church. This is at 24 Clinton Street, Fitzroy, NP. Date is Thursday 1st August, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. All welcome.

Please come and join in prayer and a cuppa. Bring a small sharing plate. Thanks Glenda 021 323 765.



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:

Pope Francis instituted World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021, to be held the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. Pope Francis has chosen a line from Psalm 71 ("Do not cast me off in my old age" -- as the theme for the 2024 celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. *(We actually read Psalm 71 at Mass today Wednesday 24 July)*



Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, said the theme is a reminder "that, unfortunately, loneliness is a widespread reality, which afflicts many elderly people, often victims of the throwaway culture and considered a burden to society." Families and parishes, he said, "are called to be at the forefront in promoting a culture of encounter, to create spaces for sharing, listening, to offer support and affection: thus, the love of Gospel becomes concrete".

FDMC FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER CAKE STALL:

Sunday 4 August after the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's. Save your coins for a sweet treat, or grab some baking for school lunches. Our FDMC AIMS Games Football Team will be selling a range of goodies including fudge, cupcakes, slices, biscuits and cakes. We will have individual items to purchase as well as grouped items. Come and show your support for our team!



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE COMMITTEE

MEETING: Friday 2 August - Committee Meeting at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church foyer.



CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 2 August, after the 12.05pm Mass at St Joseph's. CWL offer a delicious lunch. Plated sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee for just \$7, and this also includes a raffle ticket! This is a fundraising activity for the CWL, so the more lunch guests there are, the more CWL can help others. Go to the CWL website to see CWL nationwide work www.cwl.org.nz

ANOINTING MASS: The monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at 11.00am next Saturday 3 August at St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome. Cup of tea to follow.

CATHOLIC PARISH SUMMIT REPORT:

Come to Our Lady Help of Christians after the 10.30am Mass Sunday 28 July to hear those who attended the Harrogate UK conference share their experience with the parish.



ADORATION First Friday of each month at Bell Block Mass Centre 4.00pm to 5.00pm (2 August next week) and the First Sunday of the month (4 August Sunday week) at Our Lady Help of Christians, 3.00pm to 4.00pm



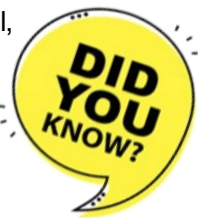
EXERCISE MOVEMENT AND MUSIC GROUP meets every Wednesday 11.30am at St Joseph's Hall supper room. Come along to our new movement and music session. No pressure, everyone works at their own comfort level. Everyone, all ages, is most welcome.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: We begin our Annual Marriage Preparation course; Love is a Decision in August. This is a 90 minute group gathering, led by Steve and Nicola Hill from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Thursdays - 15 August, 22 August and 29 August. Those planning to marry within the coming 12 months are welcome to register for this course. To Register, please copy the link below or scan the QR code. A hard copy is also available from the Parish Office. For further details contact Nicola 021 339 761



<https://cpnp.infoodle.com/f/MarriagePreparationRegistration>

For the Jews a plentiful supply of oil, along with corn and wine, was a sign of God's favor. Oil was, and still is, a sign of God's blessing because it represents all that is best in life, God's generosity to the people He loves.



As a symbol, oil reminds us of God's boundless generosity towards us, and of His never-ending love of us. When we use it to anoint people in Church, it is more than merely a symbol, or reminder. It becomes one of the channels by which God's power comes into the world, by which He blesses us with His Holy Spirit.

Oils used for anointing are specially blessed for this purpose by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week, so called because one of the oils used is called 'Chrism.'

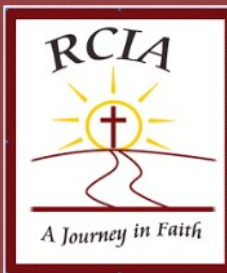
Oil of the Catechumens is the oil used during baptism; it is believed to strengthen the one being baptized to turn away from evil, temptation and sin. The catechumen is someone who is preparing to become a Christian through baptism and is anointed as a symbol of being the heir of the Kingdom of God, as kings and queens were anointed at coronations, and empowered for their Christian life and as prophets were anointed for their ministry.

Oil of Catechumens helps strengthen the person about to be baptised, and prepare them for the struggle of the Christian life, the way a wrestler in ancient Greece and Rome was anointed before a wrestling match.

Anointing at Baptism is a symbol which points to the gift of the Holy Spirit, which comes to the newly baptised person as it did upon Christ at His Baptism in the Jordan. In Baptism we are "born of water and the Spirit" (John 3:5), the Holy Spirit which is the gift of Christ to His Church.

At our Baptisms this Sunday the children will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens as part of the baptism ceremony.

Adults are welcomed into the Church through a gradual process of formation in the teachings of the faith, life in the community, liturgy, prayer and ministry. This process is called **RCIA** (Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults). It involves regular meetings over the course of a year and culminates with Baptism at the Easter Vigil.



RCIA provides an opportunity for adults to discern a life-long *relationship* with Jesus. This culminates in Baptism where one says YES to this divine *relationship*.

If you are interested in **RCIA** please contact St Joseph's Parish Office or email office@catholicparishnp.nz.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Special intention from Pope Francis for

August: Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.



THE McMAHON FAMILY GROUP met in the church after Mass recently. A visit from long time member Majorie brought many family group members to morning tea. A wonderful time of sharing over 30 years of Family Group memories.

<p>SHINE</p> <p>VAULT</p> <p>CORNER</p> <p>ILLUMIN8</p>	<p>WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM</p> <p>SHINE Junior Youth Group Year 4 - 8 Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p>ILLUMIN8 Youth Group Year 9 - 13 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL</p>
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CONFIRMATION 2023 & 2024 REUNION and ILLUMIN8 - YOUTH GROUP IS BACK

Youth Mass on Sunday, 28 July 2024, at 5:30pm, followed by chill time with Kai and epic games from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St. Joseph's Church Hall. BE THERE or BE SQUARE!

<p>SAME WAVELENGTH</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>SUNDAY 4 AUG 2024 6:30PM - 8:30PM</p> <p>ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL</p>	<p>LIFE TEEN AOTEAROA LEADERSHIP CONVENTION</p> <p>SACRED HEART COLLEGE LOWER HUTT WELLINGTON</p> <p>30 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2024</p>
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BE PART OF SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE YOUTH IN OUR PARISH!

THIS CONVENTION IS FOR EVERYONE

YEAR 13 ABOVE, PARENTS, ADULTS, AND PRIESTS!

CONTACT ME AT
YOUTH@CATHOLICPARISHNP.NZ

Looking for parents and adults who are keen on assisting youth in enhancing their relationship with Jesus to participate in a convention.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to connect and network with other parishes and youth ministers around the country.

"Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Give yourselves over to the best of life!"

CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 143 - POPE FRANCIS



We pray for our deceased family and friends: David Matthews, Eugene Chylek, Antoinetta (Tonia) Gibbons, Darcy Old, Jack Rangiwahia, Clotilda Dias, Cajetan Dias, Anthony Jerry Dias, Giles Lobo, Thomas Healion, Fr John Healion and Patricia McDonnell.

JULY		WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
29	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
30	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
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AUGUST		
1	8.00am 9.50am 2.20pm	St Joseph's Church Sacred Heart Girls College Francis Douglas College
2	8.00am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church St Joseph's Church
3	8.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians St Patrick's Church Okato
4	9.00am 10.30am 5.30pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests. (Phone the Parish Office 757 3682)

MORNING PRAYER: Morning Prayer recommences in August. Exact date to be announced.

KINGDOM KIDZ – CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH AND ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Each

Sunday at OLHC 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space. NO Children's Liturgy during July at St Joseph's Church.



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

4 August 2024 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary time

FIRST READING: Exodus 16.2-4, 12-15, 31a

PSALM: 78

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4.17, 20-24

GOSPEL: John 6.24-35



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Tuesday

9:35am to 10:30am
(after 9:10am Mass)

First Sunday of the month
3:00pm - 4:00pm

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

First Friday of the month
4.00pm - 5.00pm

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Every Thursday
7:00pm - 8:00pm

HOLY HOUR

God dwells in our midst
in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar
St. Maximilian Kolbe

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO

36 Cumming St
Okato