



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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30th August 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Holy Communion Celebrations

During August, our parish communities gathered in faith and joy to celebrate the First Holy Communion of our children, a significant milestone in their spiritual journey.

At **St Joseph's Church**, children received the Sacrament of the Eucharist during the **9.00am Mass on 16 August**, celebrated by **Fr Simon**. The celebrations continued at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church**, where children received their First Holy Communion during the **10.00am Mass on 23 August**, celebrated by **Fr Sobin**.

First Holy Communion is a special occasion in the life of a Catholic child, marking the first time they fully participate in the Eucharist and receive the Body and Blood of Christ. It is a sacred step in deepening their relationship with Jesus and becoming more fully united with the Church community.

Following both celebrations, families, parishioners, and guests gathered for a shared meal and fellowship at **St Joseph's Hall**. The gathering provided an opportunity for the community to come together in friendship and celebration, sharing in the joy of the children and their families on this memorable occasion.

We congratulate all the First Communicants and pray that they may continue to grow in faith, love, and devotion to Christ throughout their lives.



Children who received their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church



Children who received their First Holy Communion at Our Lady Help of Christians Church with Fr Sobin

Welcoming Our New Youth Minister

On Sunday, 23 August, parishioners gathered for a Pot Luck Meet & Greet to warmly welcome **Louise Lloyd**, the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth's new Youth Minister. Held following the 5.30 pm Mass, at the St. Joseph's Hall, the evening provided a wonderful opportunity for members of the parish community, Illumin8 youth members, and their families to meet Louise and extend a heartfelt welcome.

The shared meal, with everyone contributing finger food, created a warm atmosphere of fellowship and connection. The gathering highlighted the parish's commitment to nurturing young people in faith and building strong relationships within our community.

We warmly welcome Louise to our parish whānau and pray that the Holy Spirit guides and blesses her as she begins this important ministry among our youth.



Louise interacting the parishioners (Above) at Sacred Heart's College and at the Pot Luck Meet and Greet (Below)



Important Dates

Sunday, 30th August

First Holy Communion
St. Joseph's Church
9.00am

Wednesday, 2nd Sept

Unlocking the
Mystery of the Bible
Our Lady
Help of Christians
7.00pm-8.30pm

Thursday, 3rd Sept

Marian Mother's Meeting
Parish Office
Ngāmotu room 7.00pm

Friday, 4th Sept

First Friday Lunch after
the 12.05pm Mass in
St Joseph's Church foyer

Saturday, 5th Sept

Anointing Mass 10.30am
St Joseph's Church

Sunday, 6th Sept

First Holy Communion
Bell Block Catholic
Center 10.30am

Wednesday, 9th Sept

AV Gospel Encounter
Our Lady Help Of
Christians
7.00pm-8.15pm

Adoration

St Joseph's Church
Every Thursday
Adoration and
Reconciliation 7.00pm

Bell Block Mass Centre
Friday 4 September
4.00pm

Our Lady Help of
Christians
Sunday 6 Sept 3.00pm

OUR 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



GENERAL NOTICES

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:

The Symbol invites Christians to a spiritual immersion - praying together while contemplating water from rivers, sources, fountains, baptismal fonts, lakes and sea, inspired by the Spirit of God, working together for the renewal of Creation. This Symbol also urges us to dive into the "tears" of creation (Romans 8:22-23), by allowing our hearts to be touched by the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Indeed, the Season of Creation is also an appropriate time for fraternal closeness and solidarity with the vulnerable and the poor, chiefly those who suffer from environmental degradation.

During the Season of Creation, September 1st until October 4th, consider and discuss with friends and family how you use water, how it is conserved and protected, and how you can support those who lack this most precious resource.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Social Justice Week

Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year Caritas begins a new three-year focus on belonging – to God, to one another, and to creation. Join in reflecting on the truth at the heart of it all: God made you. God knows you. God loves you. You belong. Through prayer, education, and action, we can build communities where everyone knows they have a place to belong. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

YOU BELONG TO GOD
NĀ TE ATUA ANŌ KOE



St. Vincent De Paul Society Community Dinner held in St. Joseph's Church Hall every Tuesday. We need volunteers who can wash dishes, serve food, collect dishes, and vacuum. Experience not required. Payment in food and dessert. One Tuesday a month from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Please contact: Liz 022 6430252 (eogooch@gmail.com)



ADORATION: First Friday Adoration at Bell Block Mass Centre Friday 4th September 4.00pm

First Sunday Adoration at Our Lady Help of Christians Sunday 6th September 3.00pm



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

We like to read the Bible, but sometimes we can get bogged down by long passages that seem difficult to understand, or lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps us uncover the story woven throughout Scripture. It gives us the "big picture" of the Bible and helps us understand what it is all about. Using a unique, colour-coded Bible Timeline™ chart that arranges the key people, places and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help us approach Scripture with greater confidence and see how we fit into God's plan.

Our parish will host the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy, 7:00-8:30pm, fortnightly on Wednesdays. The 1st session is planned for 2nd Sept with the final session on 9th Dec. Each session includes an engaging video presentation, followed by small group discussion.

A 'koha' of \$20 is appreciated as each participant receives a hard copy of Bible Timeline™ chart, 1 year access to online videos and e-workbook.

Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to email Albert: ahjchow@gmail.com

AV GOSPEL ENCOUNTER GROUP

You are warmly welcomed to come and experience the warmth of upcoming Sunday's Gospels. We love to have you! Pressing 'pause' to breathe and make space for the Holy Spirit who always long to speak to us.

Not a bible study. No prep needed, just show up!

DETAILS:

Alternate Wednesdays

Next gathering

Wednesday, 9 September 2026

7 pm - 8.15pm @ Our Lady Help Of Christians church, Fitzroy

Join us from 6.45pm onwards for a cuppa/biscuit.

BYO Bible, only if you have one. (Optional: Notebook + a pen to note down what the Holy Spirit is saying through the Scriptures).

Gatherings for the rest of the year are:

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Wednesday, 7 October 2026

Wednesday, 21 October 2026

Wednesday, 4 November 2026

Wednesday, 18 November 2026

Wednesday, 2 December 2026

Wednesday, 16 December 2026



CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 4th September – Committee Meeting at 11:00 am in St. Joseph's Church foyer.



CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 4th September, after the 12:05pm Mass at St. Joseph's. CWL offers a delicious lunch. Plated sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee for just \$7, and this also includes a raffle ticket! This is fundraising activity for the CWL that can help others. Go to the CWL can help others. Go the CWL can help others. Go to the CWL website to see CWL nationwide work www.cwl.or.nz

MARIAN MOTHERS: The next Marian Mother's Meeting is Thursday 3rd September at 7.00pm in the Ngāmotu room in the Parish Office. Come to the back door of the office building. Please come along and join in prayer & a cuppa. Please bring a small sharing plate. Any queries please phone Glenda 021 323 765.



FROM POPE LEO: SEPTEMBER INTENTION

For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



ANOINTING MASS: The monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at 10.30am Saturday 5th September at St Joseph's Church. Join us for something to eat afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

FRANCIS DOUGLAS COLLEGE LED MASS: Sunday, 6 September; Francis Douglas College boys will be at the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's organising the Ministries. We warmly welcome the college. 6th September is also Father's Day, so a great day for the boys and their families to be at this Mass. After Mass there will be a sausage sizzle raising funds for St Vincent de Paul, so please bring along some cash to enjoy sausages for morning tea.

ST PATRICK'S OKATO

invite you to join our

GARDEN WORKING BEE

Sunday 30th August

11.00 am start

Soup and Buns to follow



WEATHER PERMITTING

BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS

August Edition

2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US
YOUTH MASS
SUNDAY, 30 AUG 2026
5:30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH



THIS SUNDAY
YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 30 AUG

DANGEROUS

COME AND LEARN
WAYS OF HOW YOU
CAN LIVE OUT YOUR
CALL TO HOLINESS!



NEXT SUNDAY
YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 6 SEPT

Father's Day!!

There will be no
youth group next
Sunday on
Father's Day.
Spend the day
celebrating with
your dad!



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 4 TO 8
4:00PM - 5:00PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
Contact KAREN
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz



YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 9 TO 13
6:30PM - 8:30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
Contact LOUISE
youth@catholicparishnp.nz



First Holy Communion Dates



30th August - St. Joseph's School Led
Mass and First Holy Communion
St. Joseph's Church 9:00am

6th September - Bell Block
Catholic Centre 10:30am

Save the dates.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Kate Healion, Catherine Healion, Steve Chamany, Heather O'Byrne, Liz Shaw, Tony Moolan, Sister Connie Hurley, Marie Hickey, Micheal Burke and Joan Loader.

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 6TH SEPTEMBER FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am St Joseph's Church

8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians
12:05pm St Joseph's Church

8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians

8:00am St Joseph's Church
10:00am Sacred Hearts Girls College (Mary's Chapel)
2.20pm Francis Douglas Memorial College Chapel

8:00am St Joseph's Church
9.00am St Pius X School (Philomena Hall)
12:05pm St Joseph's Church

8:30am St Joseph's Church
10.30am St Joseph's Church Anointing Mass
5:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians (Vigil Mass)
6:00pm St Patrick's Church Okato (Vigil Mass)

9:00am St Joseph's Church (Francis Douglas College Led Mass)
10.30am Bell Block Mass Centre (First Communion)
10:30am Our Lady Help of Christians
5:30pm St Joseph's Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm to 5.15pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. And during Thursday 7.00pm Adoration at St Joseph's Church. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests, by initially phoning the Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Before morning Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 7.40am and Saturday 8.10am in the Parish Office Mary McKillop Room. Please come to the back door of the office building.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:



Our Lady Help of Christians: Each Sunday at 10:30am in the St John Bosco Break Out Space.

St Joseph's Church: Each Sunday at 9.00am Mass in the church foyer but **NO** children's liturgy on **30th August** as we celebrate First Communion.

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS WILL



Lady Help of Christians. Music, play and morning tea from 9.00am during the school term. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 September

1ST READING: Ezikiel 33.7-9

PSALM: 95

2ND READING: Romans 13.8-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 18.15-20

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Fr. Sobin Sebastian Phone 027 255 8097



For updates on parish, diocese,
and national events.

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth



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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JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

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ST JOSEPH'S

106
Powderham St,
New Plymouth



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

24 Clinton St, Fitzroy

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

138 Parklands Ave,
Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO

36 Cumming St,
Okato

St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary | 23 -25 October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic School invites former students, staff, and families to attend this significant milestone. The event will take place Friday 23 – Sunday 25 October.

Those interested are asked to register at St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary Registration: Labour Weekend 2026

Follow the official Centenary Facebook page for more information and updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718>



St Joseph's School Ōpunakē Celebrates 125 Years

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē is preparing to celebrate its 125th Jubilee on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October. Past pupils, staff, parishioners and friends of the school are warmly invited to take part in the celebrations. More information for the weekend can be found at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/20235?embed>.

Register your interest at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExhfRtaNPCn5v-XKQRYX7JfAE/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses.

All are welcome to help celebrate this significant milestone in the life of St Joseph's School Ōpunakē.

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē *125th Jubilee* Thursday 22 + Friday 23 October 2026



The Schedule

Thursday 22 October 2026

JUBILEE MASS

9.30am @ Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Whitcombe Road, Ōpunakē



Friday 23 October 2026

AG DAY GALA

9.30am - 2pm @ St Joseph's School Ōpunakē, Whitcombe Road, Ōpunakē



JUBILEE DINNER

6.30pm @ Sinclair Events Centre, 156 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē



Buy dinner tickets at [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)



Register your interest at www.stjo.school.nz

TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD
JOHN 16:33



WORLD YOUTH DAY

3 - 8 AUGUST 2027
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to attend World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, where millions of young Catholics will gather. New Zealand bishops aim to bring 500 young people.

Scan the QR code to complete the **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** form, allowing us to provide you with all the necessary information.

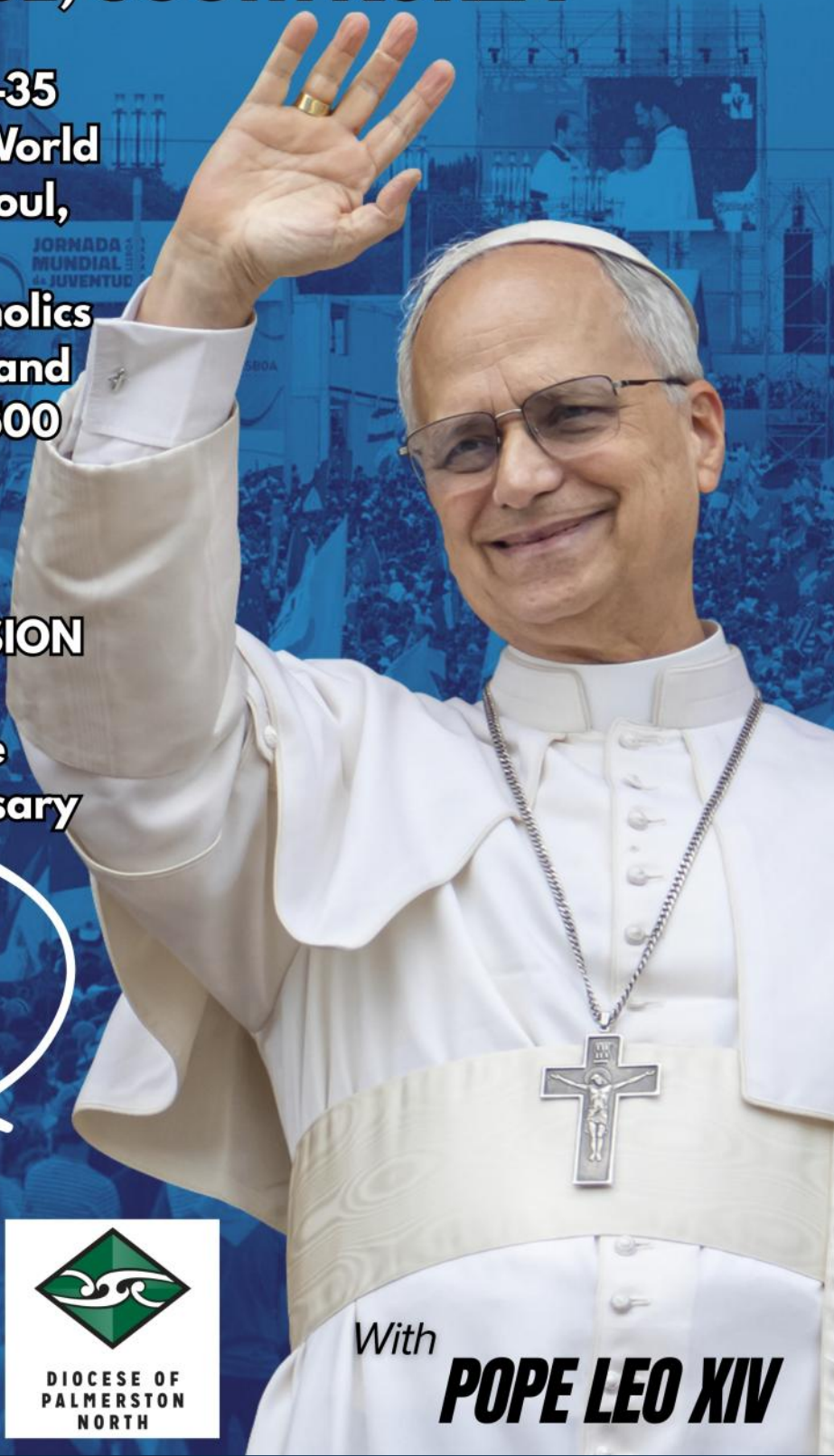
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Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit 2026

The **Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit** is a national gathering for bishops, priests, deacons, parish teams, and lay leaders who are passionate about parish renewal and evangelisation. Hosted by **Divine Renovation** and the **Diocese of Wollongong**, the summit will take place from **1–3 October 2026** at **St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, NSW**. Participants will have the opportunity to hear inspiring stories of parish transformation, learn practical leadership and mission principles, pray and discern together, and connect with other parish leaders from across Australia.

The summit begins with a dedicated **Clergy Day** on 1 October, led by **Fr James Mallon** and **Matt Regitz**, offering formation, prayer, and conversation focused on the realities of parish renewal. Throughout the event, attendees will be encouraged to explore how their parishes can move from maintenance to mission and foster a renewed culture of discipleship.



Website: <https://renewedandsent.com.au>

Registration and information: <https://renewedandsent.com.au/register>

Hope for the World Conference and Related Events

Pray, learn, be spiritually renewed, and become better equipped to defend life, strengthen families and bring hope to the world around us:

<i>Demystifying Death with Dignity</i> talk	Tue 15 Sept St Thomas More Church Mt Maunganui 6pm Mass / 7pm talk
<i>Day of Prayer for Life & Family</i>	Sat 19 Sept St Michael's Church in Remuera, AK 10-4 (with Mass)
<i>Embracing Human Dignity</i> Youth event	Sun 20 Sept St Ignatius of Loyola College, Drury 2-8
<i>Begotten Not Made</i> seminar	Thu 24 Sept St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough AK 1-5 / 6:30-9

Hope for the World Conference:

Opening Mass | Fri 25 Sept | St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough AK | 7pm

Sat 26 and Sun 27 Sept | Ellerslie Events Centre AK

Go here: <https://fli.org.nz/> for more information, or contact Simon Archer on 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz



WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 – 23 August 2026

Ordination to the Diaconate of Zung Manh Phan

Bishop John Adams and the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North are pleased to announce the forthcoming Ordination to the Diaconate of Zung Manh Phan, on Saturday 21 November 2026, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.

More details to follow.

Billings Ovulation Method™ Natural Fertility Seminar

Christchurch | Friday 9 and Saturday 10 October 2026

The Billings Ovulation Method™ is a natural fertility awareness method that can help couples achieve or avoid pregnancy while gaining insight into reproductive health and general wellbeing throughout the menstrual cycle. When used correctly, it is highly effective.

The seminar is open to couples, women wanting to understand and chart their cycles, health and natural health practitioners, marriage educators, youth and community workers, and anyone interested in becoming an accredited Billings teacher.

Billings teachers needed: Demand for teaching services is growing, and more accredited educators are needed. If you are interested, please get in touch with Billings LIFE NZ.

Register: <https://www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar>

Job Vacancy: Religious Education Advisor

The Diocese of Palmerston North is seeking a faith-filled and experienced Catholic educator to join the Catholic Education Office as a 0.6 Religious Education Advisor, beginning January 2027.

This permanent part-time role will support schools across the Diocese to strengthen Religious Education, Catholic Special Character, faith formation and curriculum implementation.

The successful applicant will work alongside school leaders, teachers and diocesan networks to help nurture Catholic identity and mission in our schools.

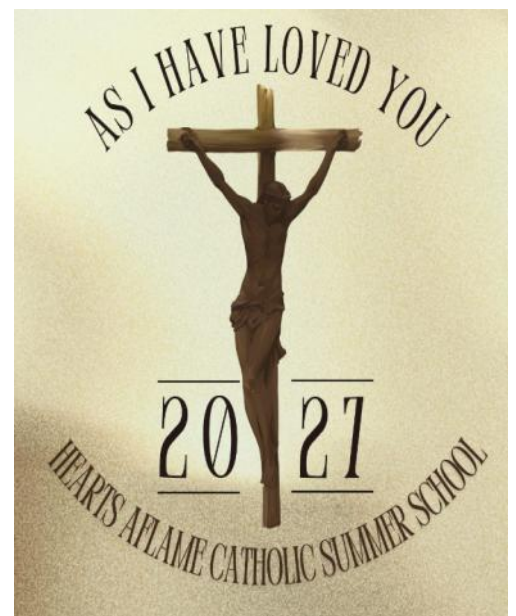
Applications close Friday 11 September 2026. To learn more or apply, contact Teresa Edwards at tedwards@pndiocese.org.nz

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2027

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School will be back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is for young adults aged 18 – 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over Aotearoa New Zealand. Join us at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 1 – 10 2027!

Visit www.heartsaflame.org.nz to register or for more information.



Atawhaingia ō tātau kāinga - Show mercy in all the places we dwell

Whānau Mercy Ministries has teamed up with Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington to co-host a 3-day symposium from December 13 – 15 2026. The symposium will explore the impact of religion across education, healthcare, and social services. Open to all, and ecumenical in scope, you won't want to miss this opportunity to hear several excellent speakers and engage in conversations to explore the theme with others.

Visit <https://whanaumercy.nz/catherine-mcauley-symposium/> to find out more and register.

Webinar on Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding its 4th session for the WYD Seoul 2027 webinar series. Join us for this session, Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise with the Auckland Diocese NET Team. This will be on Tuesday, 1st of September 2026, 5:00-6:00pm on Zoom online platform. Register through www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026. Fee discounts apply.

Dovecotes for Women NZ

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is delighted to announce the launch of Dovecotes for Women NZ, a new initiative designed to support women in parish communities throughout New Zealand.

Dovecotes are small parish-based groups where women from all walks of life can come together in friendship, prayer, and faith. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these groups offer a welcoming space for women to bond, encourage one another, and grow more deeply in their relationship with God.

For more information contact dovenational.leader@gmail.com or visit www.dove.org.nz

November 2026 Funding Round | Catholic Charities Foundation

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 by Wednesday 30 September 2026. Application forms and more information can be found here:

<https://pndiocese.org.nz/who-we-are/application-for-funding-catholic-charities-allocations/>

Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life

Discover more deeply the beauty of God's plan for the Christian life through Fulfilled, a two-day course being held on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September, from 8.00am to 5.00pm, at the Diocesan Centre, Te Rau Aroha, 33 Amesbury Street, Palmerston North. Facilitated by Maria Paris of Theology of the Body NZ.

The cost is \$35 early bird or \$50 standard, including course materials, lunch and refreshments. For further information and registration, visit www.trybooking.com/nz/BDTN



**Fulfilled:
The Promise of the
Christian Life**

Two-day course | 8am - 5pm
Saturday 19th Sep &
Sunday 20th Sep

Earlybird \$35 | Standard \$50
includes lunch & refreshments

**The Diocesan Centre – Te Rau Aroha
33 Amesbury Street, Palmerston North**

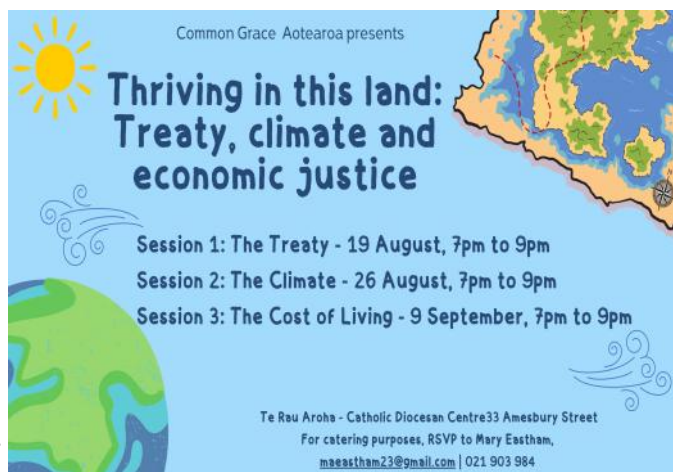
For more information and to register
<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BDTN>

Thriving in this Land: Treaty, Climate and Economic Justice

Join this three-part workshop series from Common Grace Aotearoa, hosted by the Diocese of Palmerston North's Justice, Peace, Ecology and Development Commission. Together we'll explore how our faith calls us to respond to some of New Zealand's key challenges, including poverty and the cost of living, climate change, and honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The workshops will be held from 7–9pm at Te Rau Aroha, Catholic Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury Street, on 19 August, 26 August and 9 September.

RSVP: Mary Eastham – maeastham23@gmail.com (for catering purposes).



Alpha in a Catholic Context – Online Training

A series of online training sessions on *Alpha in a Catholic Context* will be offered via Zoom in the coming months. These sessions are open to parish priests, leadership teams, Alpha teams, and anyone interested in learning more about Alpha.

Upcoming topics:

- **16 September, 7pm:** Taking Alpha from good to great

Each session can be attended individually, though all are recommended for a fuller understanding. Please register to receive the Zoom link for each session: <https://forms.office.com/r/kVmxvX9hFb>



Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship – 40th Anniversary

The Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship will hold its 40th anniversary celebration on 14–16 August.

Further information and registration details are available at <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>





ST PATRICK'S OKATO

invite you to join our

GARDEN WORKING BEE

Sunday 30th August

11.00 am start

Soup and Buns to follow



WEATHER PERMITTING

BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS

THE ULTIMATE PARENTS' GUIDE TO PROTECTING OUR KIDS ONLINE

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

6:30-8:30pm (doors open 6pm)

St Pius X School Hall

Tickets \$10

Use the QR code to book



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online safety expert

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with the audience"*

*"This was everything I didn't
know I needed to know!"*

"I feel empowered"

Join us for a powerful presentation covering:

- screens and developmental delays
- how predators reach our kids
- video games and brain development
- how social media impacts kids mental health
- what kids are doing with AI chatbots
- how to protect and talk to your kid about x-rated material
- PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS!

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