



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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12th July 2026 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Thanksgiving Dinner Celebrating the People Behind Alpha 2026

Thank You for Making It Happen!

What do you get when you combine faithful volunteers, dedicated helpers, countless cups of coffee, mountains of dishes, enthusiastic discussions, last-minute problem-solving, prayer, and a generous helping of God's grace? **A successful Alpha 2026!**

To celebrate another wonderful Alpha journey, we gathered for a special thanksgiving dinner to honour and thank everyone who played a part in making Alpha such a blessing. From the planning team to the kitchen crew, table hosts to prayer supporters, speakers, setup and pack-down teams (A Special Thank You to the Francis Douglas Boys), and everyone who quietly worked behind the scenes - this evening was for them. The evening was filled with laughter, stories, good food, and grateful reflections on the lives touched during Alpha 2026. We celebrated not only what was accomplished but also the friendships formed and the faith strengthened along the way.

A heartfelt thank you to every volunteer and supporter. Your time, energy, kindness, and commitment created a welcoming space where people could explore faith, ask questions, and encounter God's love. As we reflected on the journey, one thing became clear: Alpha is not just a programme – it is a community of people saying "Yes" to serving others.



Thank you for every meal prepared, every chair moved, every conversation shared, every prayer offered, and every act of service given so generously.

Well done, Alpha Team 2026! Another Alpha completed, countless blessings received, and many memories made. Here's to celebrating God's goodness – and perhaps to catching our breath before the next Alpha begins!



Susilo with his Group at the potluck dinner

the friendships, faith-filled experiences, and joyful memories they had created together. The youth also shared heartfelt speeches, expressing their appreciation for Susilo's guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support. They spoke about how he helped strengthen their faith, inspired them to become better people, and played an important role in their personal and spiritual growth.

The evening was a fitting tribute to Susilo's lasting impact on the youth and parish community. While he will be greatly missed, his dedication, mentorship, and positive influence will continue to be remembered and cherished by all.

Farewell for Susilo

On the evening of 5 July after Sunday Mass, the youth group and their parents gathered for a heartfelt potluck farewell dinner for Susilo. Parents contributed a variety of dishes, creating a warm atmosphere of fellowship and gratitude.

A touching slideshow prepared by the youth showcased many memorable candid moments shared over the years, highlighting

Important Dates

Adoration

Our Lady Help of
Christians Church
Tuesday after 9:10am
Mass
St Joseph's Church
Every Thursday
Adoration and
Reconciliation 7:00pm

Saturday 4th July

School Holidays Begin
End of 2nd School Term
No Masses at Schools
(Details on Pg 4)

12th June 2026

Prayer Ministry
after 9.00am Mass
St Joseph and 10.30am
OLHC Mass

Mondays 13th, 20th, 27th July

Justice and Peace Group
Reading of Dilexi Ti
Parish Office
5:45-6:45pm

Thursday 16th July

NO CWL meeting
Instead lunch at Bell
Block Summerset cafe
12 midday.

Sunday 19th July

Justice and Peace Group
"Thriving in this Land".
St Joseph's supper room
After 9am Mass

Friday 31st July

First Reconciliation
Celebration at
St. Joseph's Church
5:30pm
(Details on Pg 3)

GENERAL NOTICES

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: In July, the Justice and Peace group invite you to explore how our faith calls us to respond to some of New Zealand's key challenges.



Every Monday evening in July (13th, 20th, 27th), we will gather in the Ngāmotu room, Parish Office 5:45-6:45pm to read the Apostolic exhortation, "Dilexi Ti - I have loved you", in which Pope Francis and Pope Leo remind us that:

"...we must never forget that religion, especially Christian religion, cannot be limited to the private sphere, as if believers had no business making their voice heard with regard to problems affecting civil society and issues of concern to its members." DT 112

To help us do this, we are encouraging everyone to get enrolled to vote or check that their enrolment details are correct so that they can make their voice heard.

We also invite you to the first of three meetings to contemplate, "Thriving in this Land." It is a series of videos that will help us to prepare to exercise our vote according to the church's social teaching. The first topic, "Cost of Living," will be held in the St Joseph's supper room after 9am Mass on July 19th.

Please visit Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te of the Holy Father Leo XIV on Love for the Poor (4 October 2025)

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html

Musicians Needed for the Parish

Are you a singer? or an Organist/Pianist? We welcome you to consider joining the Music Ministry, serving the parish through Music. We have groups from primary age through to adult, so parishioners of all ages are welcome! Music groups help provide growth, while supporting Masses and events across the parish throughout the year. We have regular, friendly, welcoming rehearsals, which are a wonderful way to connect with others while sharing your musical gift. Interested? Please contact Ameila, Music Coordinator.
musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz

There will be **NO CWL** meeting on Thursday 16th July, instead please join us at Bell Block Summerset Cafe for lunch at 12 midday. Please let Clare Grant - 0273923830, or reply to this email, if you wish to attend.



Raffle will be sold at all Masses on 25th, 26th July and 1st and 2nd August. Please bring cash. All proceeds support Alzheimer's New Zealand and the thousands of New Zealanders living with dementia and those who care for them.

FROM POPE LEO: JULY INTENTION

For respect for human life
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



Canadian archbishop sounds euthanasia warning for New Zealand

A Canadian archbishop has urged New Zealand to push back against the "juggernaut" of legalised euthanasia that has become a "horror show" in his own country.
<https://cathnewsnz.com/2026/07/07/canadian-archbishop-sounds-euthanasia-warning-for-nz/>

LYFE Group: Growing Deeper. Living Fuller.
Thursdays | 7:30–8:15pm | | Online via Zoom



We warmly welcome all parishioners and all who have recently completed Alpha to join our **LYFE Group**, a relaxed and beginner-friendly Bible study line via zoom.

This is a space to explore a deeper, more meaningful life with God in a way that's simple, practical, and grounded in everyday life. No prior knowledge needed – just come as you are.

Our series reflect on the value of prayer, silence, listening, and slowing down to help us recognise God's presence in our daily lives.

This series is transformative in helping us slow down in our busy lives, full of distraction, and find the stillness of God.

Keen to join us? We'd love to hear from you. Contact us for the Zoom link: Roly & Sarah Devine

Phone 021 925 911 Email sarahdevine43@gmail.com

Children's Faith Retreat – 5 July

On 5 July, around 120 children from the Syro-Malabar community gathered for a joyful and faith-filled retreat. The day included prayer, music, faith activities, games, fellowship, and a shared meal, helping children learn about God's love, prayer, kindness, and living their faith each day. Through fun and interactive experiences, they also developed teamwork, trust, and friendship. A special highlight was the sharing session, where older children gave heartfelt testimonies about their experiences and learning. The retreat also encouraged the children to recognise God's presence in their daily lives and inspired them to grow in faith with confidence and joy. Seeing the children actively participate, support one another, and openly share their experiences was a true blessing. The day concluded on a positive and uplifting note, leaving everyone with renewed faith, cherished memories, and a stronger sense of belonging within our parish family.

It was a truly enriching day with a meaningful success. The retreat concluded with renewed faith, lasting memories, and a stronger sense of community. Thanks to all the organisers, volunteers, and families whose support top make it a memorable one.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US
YOUTH MASS
SUNDAY, 26 JULY 2026
5:30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS!
THAT MEANS THE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE TAKING A BREAK.

ENJOY YOUR BREAK!

Term 2
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

make "Good" Memories

No Youth Group on Sundays 12 and 19 July
 YOUTH GROUP IS BACK ON SUNDAY 26 JULY

SAVE THE DATE
YOUTH FESTIVAL
SATURDAY
1 AUGUST 2026
ST. PETER'S COLLEGE
PALMERSTON NORTH

1st August
FULLY ALIVE

Youth Fest 2026

ILLUMIN8
YOUTH GROUP IS BACK ON
SUNDAY, 26 JULY 2026
6:30PM - 8:30PM
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

SHINE

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

ILLUMIN8

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

Contact SUSILO
 youth@catholicparishnp.nz

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS 2026

 31 JULY	First Reconciliation Celebration at St Joseph's Church 5:30 pm
 16 AUGUST 9:00 am	St Pius X School Led Mass at St Joseph's Church and First Holy Communion
 23 AUGUST 10:30 am	Our Lady Help of Christians Mass and First Holy Communion
 30 AUGUST 9:00 am	St Joseph's School Led Mass at St Joseph's Church and First Holy Communion
 6 SEPTEMBER 10:30 am	Bell Block Catholic Centre Mass and First Holy Communion

+ WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS +

"Jesus, 'Bread of Life,' nourish us in faith, hope and love."



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Kathleen Goodin, Artemio Z. Alonso, Gaveiva D. Alonso, Artemio A. Alonso, Dolores A. Balbirao, Alex MacInnes and Cyril Mora.

**JULY
13**

MON

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 19th JULY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am St Joseph's Church

14

TUE

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

15

WED

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

16

THU

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

17

FRI

8:00am St Joseph's Church
12:05pm St Joseph's Church

18

SAT

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

19

SUN

9:00am St Joseph's Church
10:30am Our Lady Help of Christians
10.30am Bell Black Catholic Centre (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
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 Church: Each Sunday at 10.30am Mass
Children's Liturgy in St John Bosco School Library.



St Joseph's Church: Each Sunday at 9.00am Mass in the church foyer.

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS WILL

There will be no Little Angels Music and Play Group for pre-schoolers during the school holidays July 6th, 13th, and 20th July. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 July 2026

1ST READING: Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

PSALM: 86

2ND READING: Romans 8.26-27

GOSPEL: Mathew 13.24-43

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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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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

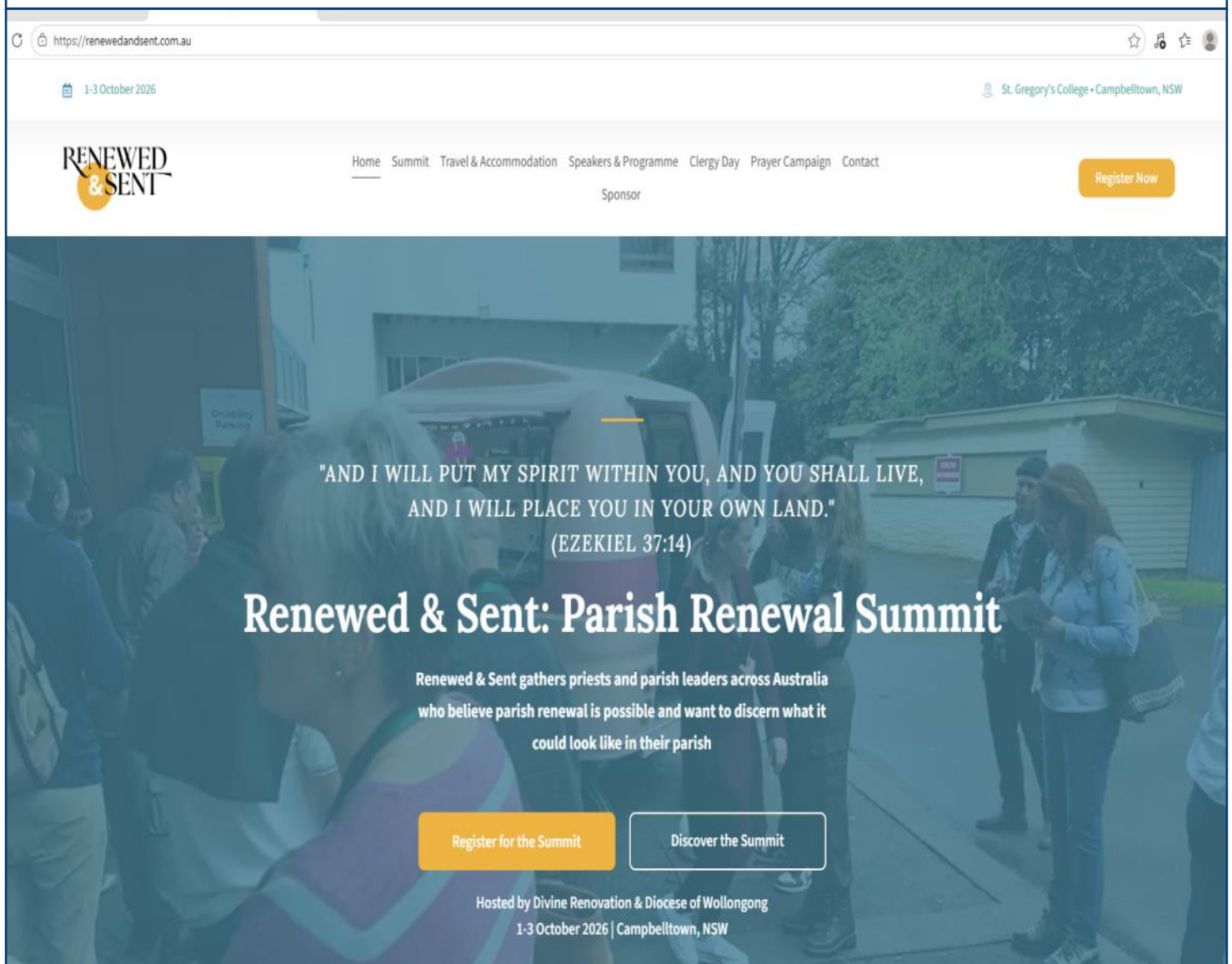
Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit 2026

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. [\[renewedand...ent.com.au\]](https://renewedandsent.com.au)

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Registration and information: <https://renewedandsent.com.au/register> [\[renewedand...ent.com.au\]](https://renewedandsent.com.au/register)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Renewed & Sent website. The browser address bar displays "https://renewedandsent.com.au". The page header includes a date "1-3 October 2026" and the location "St. Gregory's College • Campbelltown, NSW". The navigation menu consists of "Home", "Summit", "Travel & Accommodation", "Speakers & Programme", "Clergy Day", "Prayer Campaign", and "Contact". A "Register Now" button is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a large background image of a group of people. Overlaid on this image is a quote: "AND I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, AND YOU SHALL LIVE, AND I WILL PLACE YOU IN YOUR OWN LAND." (EZEKIEL 37:14). Below the quote is the title "Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit". Underneath the title is a description: "Renewed & Sent gathers priests and parish leaders across Australia who believe parish renewal is possible and want to discern what it could look like in their parish". At the bottom of the main content area are two buttons: "Register for the Summit" and "Discover the Summit". The footer text reads: "Hosted by Divine Renovation & Diocese of Wollongong 1-3 October 2026 | Campbelltown, NSW".

https://renewedandsent.com.au

1-3 October 2026

St. Gregory's College • Campbelltown, NSW

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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>



Alpha

in a
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Training / Information Sessions
to inspire and equip you
to share Alpha in your parish.

All are welcome.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

- ✓ Parish Priest
- ✓ Parish Leadership teams
- ✓ Alpha teams
- ✓ Anyone interested in running Alpha
- ✓ Anyone who would like to know more about Alpha

Just like at Alpha,
all are welcome.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 17 TH JUNE
7PM | Why Alpha.
Why do Catholic Parishes
need Alpha |
| 22 ND JULY
7PM | What is Alpha
and who is it for. |
| 19 TH AUGUST
7PM | Where does Alpha
fit in the life of the Parish. |
| 16 TH SEPTEMBER
7PM | How to take your Alpha
from good to great. |



Let's bring the hope of the Gospel to more people.
You're invited. You belong.

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



WORLD YOUTH DAY

3 - 8 AUGUST 2027
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

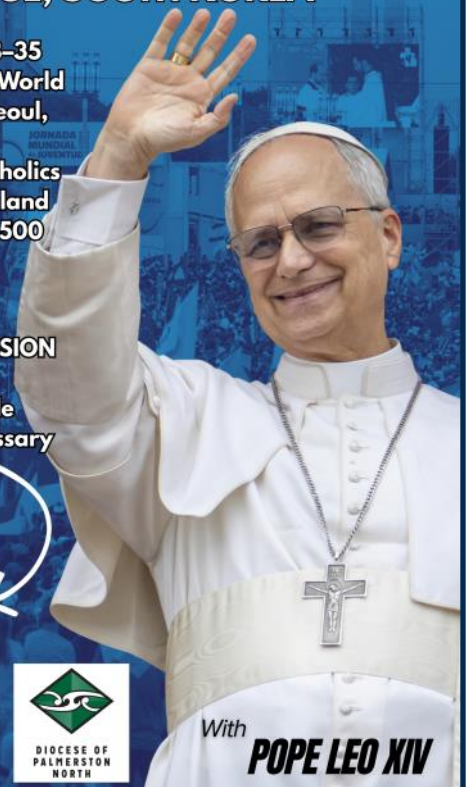
Young adults aged 18–35
are invited to attend World
Youth Day 2027 in Seoul,
South Korea, where
millions of young Catholics
will gather. New Zealand
bishops aim to bring 500
young people.

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

SCAN ME



With
POPE LEO XIV



WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6 - 12 July 2026

Sea Sunday | Sunday 12 July 2026

On Sea Sunday, 12 July, we pray for seafarers, fishers, their families, and all who support them. As an island nation, Aotearoa New Zealand depends greatly on those who work at sea, often in difficult, dangerous and lonely conditions.

May we remember these often unseen workers with gratitude, and pray for their safety, dignity and wellbeing.

Resources for this day can be found at <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2026/06/sea-sunday-12-july-2026/>

PRAYER FOR THE 6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Holy Father
Who watches over every person
Watch over me too when I am elderly,
You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.
You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines,
You will never forget me!

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;
Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it.
Help me learn to listen to it
Just as You listen to it.
Help me embrace it
Just as You have chosen it –
You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division,
So that we may live these years
united in You.
You will never forget us!
Amen.

Provided by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly | Sunday 26 July 2026

This year the Church marks the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly with the theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15). Parishes are invited to make this promise visible through prayer, Eucharist, visits and simple gestures of care.

Communities are encouraged to celebrate grandparents and elderly parishioners at Mass, offer a blessing or prayer of thanksgiving, and reach out personally to those who are housebound, living alone, in care homes, or without regular visitors. Young people and families are especially encouraged to visit, listen, pray, and share time with older members of the community.

Resources are available from the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life: <https://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/2026/messaggio-di-papa-leone-xiv-per-la-vi-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonn.html>

Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life

What does it mean to live the Christian life fully?

Join us for a two-day course exploring the beauty of God's plan for the human person through St John Paul II's Theology of the Body and the Apostles' Creed. Discover how our faith speaks to our deepest desires, relationships, identity and call to holiness.

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September, 8.00am–5.00pm. Diocesan Centre – Te Rau Aroha, 33 Amesbury Street, Palmerston North.

Earlybird: \$35 | Standard: \$50. Lunch and refreshments included.

Register at: www.trybooking.com/nz/BDTN

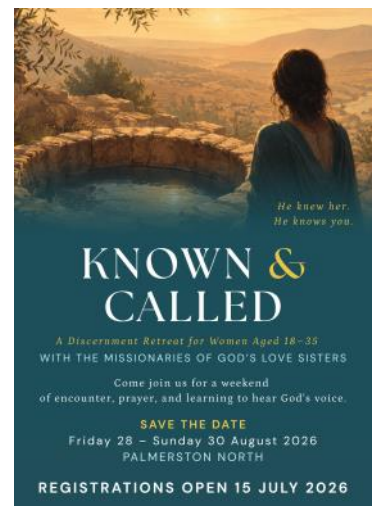


KNOWN & CALLED: A Women's Discernment Retreat

What is God calling you to in this season of your life?

Join the MGL Sisters for Known & Called, a weekend retreat for women seeking space to pray, reflect and listen more deeply to God's voice. Discernment is not only about religious vocation. This retreat is an opportunity to explore God's call in every part of life, including relationships, work, mission, family life and the unique way He is inviting you to follow Him.

Friday 28 – Sunday 30 August 2026, Palmerston North. Further details and registration information coming soon.



Youth Festival 2026: Fully Alive

Young people (aged 12–35) are invited to come together for Youth Festival 2026: Fully Alive on Saturday 1 August, from 9.30am to 7.30pm, at St Peter's College, Palmerston North.

It will be a full day of faith, friendship, energy and encounter, created to help young people discover the fullness of life found in Christ. Please consider the young people in your family, parish or community who may appreciate a personal invitation.

Register using the QR code on the poster or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BECK>

Mission Hub: From Welcome to Discipleship

Why Hospitality, Relationship, and Community Matter for Parish Renewal

What helps people move from simply attending church to becoming missionary disciples?

Join us online as Jacinta Nicholls shares practical insights from St Peter Chanel Parish, Waimakariri on creating communities where people belong, grow in faith, and encounter Christ.

Ideal for parish leaders, hospitality teams, ministry leaders and anyone passionate about parish renewal. Monday 13 July | 7.00pm–8.30pm (NZT). Online. Register at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/18Jyn5w1QbKyymB-WvDYCA#/registration>

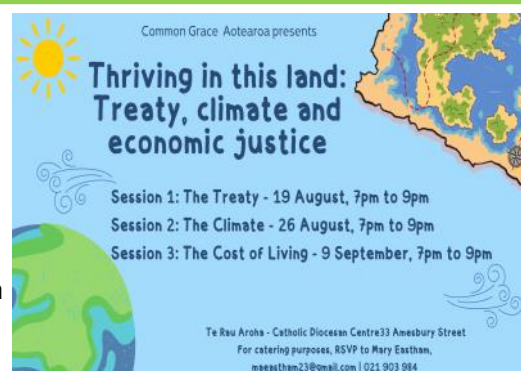


Thriving in this Land: Treaty, Climate and Economic Justice

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).



Fully Alive Youth Fest with Braden Johnson

Young people from across the Diocese of Palmerston North are invited to **Fully Alive Youth Fest** on **Saturday 1 August 2026 at St Peter's College, Palmerston North.**

Featuring international Catholic speaker and evangelist Braden Johnson, the festival will be a day of faith, friendship, prayer, worship and fun, helping young people discover the life God created them to live.

Parents, grandparents, godparents and parishioners, who are the young people in your family, parish or community whom you could personally invite and encourage to come?

Register now: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BECK>

Made for more. Fully alive.



DELARGEY AWARDS 2026

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargey Awards, which recognise significant and outstanding ministry with young people. In addition to identifying key contributors to youth ministry, the awards provide a chance to highlight the Church's outreach to teens and young adults. The awards are named for Cardinal Reginald Delargey, former Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop of Auckland. Nominations close on July 31. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/Delargey2026>

Scam Alert: Emails Impersonating Priests and Parishes

There has been an increase in targeted scam emails appearing to come from priests, parish staff, or familiar parish contacts, and some have resulted in serious privacy breaches. **Please treat any unexpected or unusual email request with caution**, especially if it asks for personal information, contact details, payments, gift cards, or urgent action.

Before responding, check the sender's email address carefully and, if unsure, phone the person or parish office using contact details you already know. **Do not reply, click links, open attachments, or send any information** until you have confirmed the email is genuine.

If you believe a scam email has been received or personal information may have been shared, please contact your Parish Privacy Officer or the Diocesan Privacy Officer: Liam Greer – lgreer@pndiocese.org.nz

Ars Celebrandi Workshop with Fr Paul Turner

Parish liturgy teams, school staff, parish leadership teams, and all involved in the preparation of the sacred liturgy are invited to a special workshop evening with international liturgist Fr Paul Turner. Fr Paul Turner is an experienced parish priest and respected liturgist from the United States who advises the Vatican on worship.

We're invited to deepen our love for the liturgy at the Ars Celebrandi Workshop with Fr Paul Turner. Drawing on Desiderio Desideravi, this workshop will enrich how we understand and celebrate Mass. All involved in liturgy are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday 28 July, 7 – 8:30pm | Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury St, Palmerston North. Please email bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz to register.



DEEPENING OUR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS
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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.

Topics include:

- **17 June, 7pm:** Why Alpha? Why do Catholic parishes need Alpha
- **22 July, 7pm:** What is Alpha and who is it for
- **19 August, 7pm:** Where Alpha fits in parish life
- **16 September, 7pm:** Taking Alpha from good to great
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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>



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Training / Information Sessions to inspire and equip you to share Alpha in your parish.

All are welcome.

WHO IS THIS FOR?	WHAT WILL BE COVERED?
✓ Parish Priest	17th JUNE 7PM Why Alpha. Why do Catholic Parishes need Alpha
✓ Parish Leadership teams	22nd JULY 7PM What is Alpha and who is it for.
✓ Alpha teams	19th AUGUST 7PM Where does Alpha fit in the life of the Parish.
✓ Anyone interested in running Alpha	16th SEPTEMBER 7PM How to take your Alpha from good to great.
✓ Anyone who would like to know more about Alpha	

Just like at Alpha, all are welcome.

Let's bring the hope of the Gospel to more people.
You're invited. You belong.

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>



JOSHUA 40
CELEBRATION WEEKEND
14 - 16 AUGUST 2026
KESWICK CHRISTIAN CAMP
5 COOPER AVE, HOLDENS BAY, ROTORUA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ROBERT FALZON
LEADER OF AUSTRALIA'S MENSLIVE
AUTHOR 'Importance of a present dad'

ALL MEN WELCOME
FRIDAY 14 TO SUNDAY 16 AUGUST
MEALS & ACCOMMODATION INCLUDED
Contact Mike Lobb 021 200 0505
Group bookings 021 437 747

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

2026



31
JULY

First Reconciliation Celebration
at St Joseph's Church

5:30 pm



16
AUGUST
9:00 am

St Pius X School Led Mass
at St Joseph's Church
and First Holy Communion



23
AUGUST
10:30 am

Our Lady Help of Christians Mass
and First Holy Communion



30
AUGUST
9:00 am

St Joseph's School Led Mass
at St Joseph's Church
and First Holy Communion



6
SEPTEMBER
10:30 am

Bell Block Catholic Centre Mass
and First Holy Communion



+ WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS +

*"Jesus, Bread of Life,
nourish us in faith, hope and love."*





PRAYER FOR THE 6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Holy Father

Who watches over every person
Watch over me too when I am elderly.
You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.
You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines.
You will never forget me!

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;
Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it.
Help me learn to listen to it
Just as You listen to it.
Help me embrace it
Just as You have chosen it –
You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division
So that we may live these years
united in You.
You will never forget us!
Amen.