



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 13 April 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



**PARISH
PRIEST**



Fr Simon Story

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, into Jerusalem, riding a donkey. On that day, the people laid palms before Him, a gesture reserved for triumphant leaders. We celebrate this

at Mass by distributing palms. The palms are blessed at Mass. Eventually, these palms are returned to the Church where they are burnt and traditionally, their ashes are used at next year's Ash Wednesday services.

The next major event in Holy Week is Holy Thursday. On this day, Jesus celebrated the Passover feast with the disciples. We know this feast as the Last Supper - it was the first Mass. This is the night Jesus was betrayed by Judas and arrested. It is the night Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. The Last Supper is celebrated at every Mass, and in a special way on Holy Thursday, when parishioner's feet are washed.

After supper, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives and prayed. This event inspires our practice of Eucharistic Adoration, where we are invited to spend one hour in prayer with Jesus, truly present, sacramentally, in the Eucharist. We can do this at the end of Mass, on Holy Thursday by following the procession down to the Altar of Repose in the hall.

The next day is Good Friday, and on this day, we commemorate the trial and crucifixion of Jesus the Lord.

Holy week ends with the Easter Vigil. The night Jesus rose from the dead as Lord of all. It is his obedience to the Father that won us our salvation in Christ the Lord. This night we celebrate resurrection - the power that resurrection has over death. And all that this symbolises.

We will baptise 10 adults, who will receive Confirmation and first Eucharist. We will receive 3 people into the Catholic faith community, who are also Confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time. The Easter Vigil will begin at 6.00pm with the Easter fire outside the church. You are very welcome!

Important Dates

Saturday 12 April

School Holidays start.
There will be no Masses in the schools and colleges until Term II
Refer to newsletter page 4 Mass schedule.

Holy Week Timetable
14 to 19 April Refer to the newsletter page 4

Sunday 27 April

Divine Mercy Devotion
Our Lady Help of Christians
2.30pm

Friday 2nd May

Older Children's Baptism Registration closes
First Communion/First Reconciliation registration close

Monday 12 May

7.00pm to 8.00pm
Where I feel the Spirit is leading us as peacemakers,
Our Lady Help of Christians Church



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ALPHA IS FOR EVERYONE

PLEASE PRAY ASKING
THE HOLY SPIRIT
WHO YOU COULD
INVITE TO ALPHA

Starting Thursday 1 May 6.00pm St Joseph's Hall

alphateam@catholicparishnp.nz

www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/





CWL MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING:

Thursday 17 April 12 noon, in the new venue of Our Lady Help Of Christians Church foyer. It will be lovely and warm, with plenty of parking. Bring your own lunch. Everyone is welcome. CWL at Our Lady Help of Christians



TAX RECEIPTS: Where we have been able, we have emailed all tax receipts to donors and where we didn't have an email address, the tax receipts have been printed. These are in the church foyers. If you have any queries about your tax receipt, or the way it has been delivered, please contact the Parish Office 06 757 3682. If you need assistance in claiming an IRD rebate for your donations, again please contact the Parish Office.

We thank all those who give so generously to the parish.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET is a devotion that was revealed by God to St Faustina in Cracow, Poland in the 1930s. During the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, St Faustina's countryman, the devotion was given a special place in the life of the church when he designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. A novena leads up to this celebration. Brochures for the novena, which is a private novena, beginning Good Friday, are available in the church foyers.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION: The Divine Mercy devotion will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians church Sunday 27 April at 2.30pm. There will be Rosary and Exposition followed by the Chaplet at 3.00pm. The Veneration of the Image will follow, finishing at approx. 3.15pm. Reconciliation will be available during this time. Please come and learn about this devotion. Everyone is most welcome.

Fr Brian Vale, Columban Missionary Priest, born and raised in New Plymouth, educated at Francis Douglas Memorial College, is celebrating 50 years of Ordination this year in May this year



Fr Brian invites parishioners to his reflection "Where I feel the Spirit is leading us as peacemakers", at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 12 May 2025 7.00pm to 8.00pm, Supper to follow until 8.30pm.

Holy Week 2025 and Reconciliation times

HOLY THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2025

Morning Prayer St Joseph's Church 8.30am
(There are no morning Masses on this day)

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

St Joseph's Church 7.00pm

We follow in procession from Mass to the hall where we have Adoration until Night Prayer at 9.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY: 18 APRIL 2025

Morning Prayer St Joseph's church 8.30am

PASSION OF THE LORD

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH	3.00pm
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS	3.00pm
BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE	3.00pm
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH OKATO	2.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025

Morning Prayer St Joseph's Church 8.30am

EASTER VIGIL MASS 19 APRIL 2025

St Joseph's Church 6.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 20 APRIL 2025

St Joseph's Church	9.00am
Our Lady Help of Christians Fitzroy	10.30am
Bell Block Catholic Centre	10.30am

RITE 1 RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 16 April Our Lady Help of Christians after 9.10am Mass

There is no VIGIL MASS at St Patrick's Okato Saturday 19 April

There is no VIGIL MASS at Our Lady Help of Christians Saturday 19 April

There is no 5.30pm evening Mass at St Joseph's Sunday 20 April

In celebrating the Jubilee of people who experience disability, our diocese will be launching the:



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This will involve the participation of all our diocesan faith communities! For more information, contact David Loving Molloy catholic.deaf@pndiocese.org.nz

**HOLY PLACES SPECIAL COLLECTION:
GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL 2025**

This is the collection made at the Good Friday service. The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country is forwarded to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land in which our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year, it is very much appreciated.

Those who donate by Planned Giving will have the Holy Places envelope. Envelopes are attached to the newsletter today Sunday, 13 April and will also be in the church foyers. Alternatively please pay by direct credit to our bank account 02 0630 0288002 03 (The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth Te Parihi Katorika Ki Ngamotu), your name as payee, and Holy Places as reference plus Planned Giving number if available.

**EASTER SUNDAY DUES SPECIAL COLLECTION
20 APRIL 2025**

This is the collection which is made as a second collection at the Vigil Mass and Masses on Easter Sunday.

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Dues/Offerings Special Collection. The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and the care that they receive.

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Your support and help is always appreciated! Fr. Brian Walsh (Chairman of the Clergy Trust Fund)

We pray for our deceased family and friends



Denis Whiting, Rodrick Forsyth, Eileen McSweeney, Lois Novak, Bryan Novak, Jennifer Middleton, Peggy O'Donoghue and Helen Bannister

		JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 4 TO 8 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
		SENIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 9 -13 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Holy Thursday
17 April 2025
7:00 pm at
St Joseph's
Church
Organised by
the Youth Group**

**Sunday,
27 April 2025
5:30 pm
St Joseph's
Church**

**SET FREE
2025**

**CATHOLIC YOUTH
FESTIVAL**

For everyone attending the SET FREE Catholic Youth Festival, we meet on Tuesday, 22 April 2025, at St. Joseph's car park at 11:45 am to depart at 12:00 pm. Please make sure to have lunch before your arrival.

The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: **Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!**
CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 1- POPE FRANCIS

**A JOURNEY
TO THE
CROSS**

GOOD FRIDAY

4.45 PM (AFTER 3 PM CHURCH SERVICE) | 18 APRIL 2025

VENUE: WESTERN PARK/CHURCH HILL HEIGHTS 88 MORLEY STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH

St Joseph's Catholic Church, New Plymouth
106 Powderham Street, New Plymouth Central, New Plymouth 4310

Join the Syro Malabar Community of St Chavara praying the Stations of the Cross, on Good Friday 18 April, 4.45pm starting at Western Park on Morley Street Hill, walking up to Churchill Heights. Everyone is welcome.

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

14 MON	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
15 TUES	8.00am	St Joseph's Church (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
	9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians Liturgy of the Word with Communion
	12.05pm	St Joseph's Church (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
16 WED	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
	9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
17 THU	HOLY THURSDAY	
	7.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper (This is the only Mass in the Parish on this day)
18 FRI	GOOD FRIDAY	
	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord at St Joseph's
	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord at Our Lady Help of Christians
	3.00pm	Passion of the Lord at Bell Block Catholic Centre
	2.00pm	Passion of the Lord at St Patrick's Okato
19 SAT	HOLY SATURDAY	
	6.00pm	St Joseph's Vigil Mass (This is the only Mass in the parish on this day)
20 SUN	EASTER SUNDAY	
	9.00am	St Joseph's Church
	10.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
	10.30am	Bell Block Catholic Centre

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION DURING HOLY WEEK

Saturday 12 April 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church and 4.45pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass:

Saturday 19 April 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's only.

Reconciliation Wednesday 16 April after 9.10am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.

There is no Adoration and reconciliation 17 April. Reconciliation can be available by appointment, by initially phoning the Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday 14 April 7.40pm In the Mary MacKillop Room. Please go to the backdoor of the Presbytery.

Morning Prayer 8.30am Thursday 17, April, Friday 18th April & Saturday 19th April in St Joseph's Church.

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS are on their school holiday break. Little Angels will restart Monday 28 April. Enquiries please contact Tess 027 583 7732.



QUIET YOUR HEART: Music with Kadisha. There will be no Quiet Your Heart, during the school holidays Monday 14th and 21st at St Joseph's and Friday 18th and 25th at Our Lady Help of Christians.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Easter Sunday Year C 20th April 2025

1ST READING: Acts 10.34a, 37-43

PSALM: 118

2ND READING: Colossians 3.1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

GOSPEL: John 20.1-8



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 CATHOLIC CENTRE
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Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO
36 Cumming St
Okato



FUNDRAISING

SHGC Elizabeth House Hostel

This year marks 55 years of providing boarding options for students in a Catholic school environment at Elizabeth House. We are very proud of our rich history and many memories from past and present students.

As we look to the future, we are asking for your help with donations towards the on-going up-keep of our Hostel.

We would appreciate any donations – Cash, Livestock, Time & Talent

If you are a farmer, and would like to donate livestock proceeds we have accounts set up with AFFCO, Ample Meats, ANZCO and Silver Fern Farms. The process is easy:

- fill in an extra ASD form for: **SHGC Elizabeth House Hostel**
- Send it away with the animal. If you could mark the animal you wish to donate and state this on ASD form.

Our Bank details for cash donations:

Account Name: Elizabeth House Hostel Management Board
Account #: 15-3944-0102067-00
Description: enter your Name
Reference: Donation

Please note these donations are fully tax deductible
Email accounts@shgcnp.school.nz to request a receipt for tax purposes

If you have any queries, please contact:
Megan Gardner 027 419 3044

Wendy Vanner 027 227 7659

Thank you for supporting our girls at SHGC Elizabeth House Hostel.

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Not every disability is visible – some are hidden

The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower will let us know that you may need some additional support

Living with a hidden disability can make daily life more demanding for many people, but it can be difficult for others to recognise, acknowledge or understand the challenges you face.

The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower makes you visible

It is a discreet sign to indicate to people around you including staff, colleagues and health professionals that you have a hidden disability and may need additional support, help or a little more time.

How can wearing the Sunflower benefit you?

- People around you may ask what they can do to assist you
- You or your carer can use your Sunflower to tell us about the additional help you may need

We are proud to support the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower. Our staff are trained to recognise the Sunflower and may ask what we can do to assist you.

For more information, please visit hdsunflower.com/au



Making the invisible visible

HIDDEN
disabilities 



Families Helping FAMILIES

TUESDAY 29TH APRIL 2025
7.00 - 8.30PM

212 CORONATION AVE, NEW PLYMOUTH

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
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