

# Parish Newsletter

## Pānui i te Pārihi



Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

15th February 2026 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARENTS' INFORMATION EVENING

# EMPOWERING PARENTS

ALL PARENTS WISHING FOR  
THEIR CHILD TO RECEIVE  
BAPTISM, RECONCILIATION,  
FIRST COMMUNION, AND  
CONFIRMATION IN 2026 ARE  
REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS  
PARENTS' INFORMATION  
EVENING.

COME AND HEAR HOW YOU CAN BE EMPOWERED TO BECOME YOUR CHILDREN'S FIRST  
TEACHERS OF FAITH AND, AS A FAMILY, GROW IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

**Wed, 25 Mar 2026**

STARTING FROM 6:30 PM - 8 PM  
AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

[CONTACT US](#)

For Older Children's Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Reconciliation inquiries,  
contact KAREN at [youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz)

For Confirmation inquiries, contact SUSILO at [youth@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz).

### Important Dates

#### ADORATION

Thursday Evening  
St Joseph's Church  
7.00pm

#### Shine Junior Youth Group

Starts Sunday  
15 February  
4.00pm to 5.00pm

#### Ash Wednesday

18 February  
Full Mass times inside

#### Caritas Lenten Reflection

Bell Block Catholic  
Centre Wednesday  
18 February  
7.00pm to 8.00pm  
St. Joseph's Parish Office  
Monday 23 February  
5:45pm to 6:45pm

#### St. Joseph's Lenten Seminar on Contemplative Prayer

Two sessions start  
Wednesday 25 February  
10.30am  
Thursday 26 February  
7.15 pm

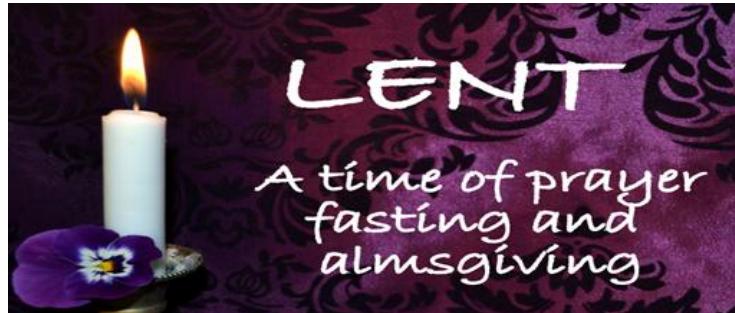
#### CWL Monthly General Meeting

Thursday 19th March  
St Joseph's Hall  
12.00 noon  
Talk on "Fraud and  
Prevention"

#### 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





## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: 18th February 2026

St Joseph's Church: 8.00am

St Joseph's Church 12.05pm

Our Lady Help of Christians 9.10am

Our Lady Help of Christians: 5.30pm

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:** We will not be celebrating our usual evening distribution of ashes at St Joseph's Church. Please come to one of the Masses.

## CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION EVENINGS :

The Lenten season provides an opportunity each year to deepen our understanding of our faith reflecting the Gospels. During Lent we are called both to turn away from those things that encumber our faith journey and to turn towards God. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to open ourselves to changes that God wants to make in us so that we can truly flourish. The Lenten Reflection series can offer this, through the psalms, Gospel readings, discussion, reflection and quiet time. Offered at:

Bell Block Catholic Centre, 138 Parklands Ave, Bell Block 7.00pm to 8.00pm, each Wednesday during Lent, starting Wednesday 18 February.

St Joseph's Parish Office, Ngamotu Room, 5.45pm to 6.45pm Mondays during Lent starting Monday 23 February.

The Lenten Reflection Booklet for the series is available in the Parish Office of at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>. The Booklet focuses on how Caritas is empowering people in needy countries to live more fulfilling lives.

**CONNECT GROUP:** The Monday Connect Group which meets every Monday in the Parish Office to look at the weekly Gospel readings, has begun and is held at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to this group.

## CWL MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING:

Thursday 19th March at St Joseph's Hall 12.00 noon. Bring your own lunch.

Guest Speaker is **Christopher Backhouse**  
**"Fraud & Scam Prevention"**

All parishioners and friends are very welcome to join us.



## LENT 2026 with FOOD FOR FAITH.

Visit [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) and sign up to receive daily email encouragements from Fr. John O'Connor. Prepared especially for those seeking greater maturity of faith.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### CATHOLIC BISHOPS' LENTEN APPEAL:

As we focus on the three pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, we connect with God and look to serve others. It is a time we renew our relationship with God and consider practical ways we can be bearers of God's love to those around us. During Lent, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand call on us to provide for the needs of the poor and vulnerable through the work of Caritas. Every donation to the Bishops' Lenten Appeal helps to fund the life-changing work of Caritas around the world.

Caritas is there in times of disaster and emergency. You can donate to the Bishops' Lenten Appeal through the Caritas website at [www.caritas.org.nz/lent](http://www.caritas.org.nz/lent) or call 0800 22 1022 or by using the envelopes available next week. Every contribution to the Caritas Lenten Appeal helps make a real difference for vulnerable communities, providing essentials like vocational training, emergency supplies, and clean water. A picture of the donation envelope with the QR Code is included below to help you recognise it – thank you for giving what you can this Lent to support those most in need. Each and every donation you make goes directly toward practical, life changing support.



### JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:

**This Lent the Laudato Si' Movement** invites you to walk a **shared journey of prayer, contemplation, and ecological conversion** – one that is simple, deep, and rooted in faith. Rather than many disconnected activities, our Lenten journey follows **gentle, repeatable rhythms of prayer** that can be lived personally, in families, parishes, and communities across the world.

The four steps in the journey are:

The [Meditation video](#) giving a prayer for every day.

The Weekly Reflection Questions on the website <https://laudatosimovement.org/lent/>



The response in prayer

And the weekly personal Weekly gesture (prayer): For more information see the online and emailed version of the newsletter page 05

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday during Lent beginning 20th February, at 5:30 pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church Fitzroy.



## BE STILL & KNOW THAT I AM GOD A LENTEN SEMINAR ON CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

An Ignatian Spirituality Conducted by Fr Alan Roberts  
Do you want Lent to a time of renewal, a time of discovery, a time to develop your relationship with God. A time to make a difference to your spiritual life.

Over the first four weeks of Lent, Fr Alan Roberts, newly retired to North Taranaki, is presenting four sessions on contemplative prayer. The sessions cover topics such as managing silence in prayer, praying with scripture and an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality.

There will be a morning session starting at 10.30am at St Joseph's church Wednesday 25 February, and continuing 4,11,18 March.

There will be a evening sessions starting 7.15pm at St Joseph's Parish Office Nga Motu Room Thursday 26 February and continuing 5,12,19 March. Note change of location.

If you would like to read some of Fr Alan Roberts writings on contemplative prayer, view on [www.pukekaraka.com](http://www.pukekaraka.com)  
Please contact the Parish Office 06 757 3682 for more information and to let us know you plan to be there.

## MISSION HUB NEW ZEALAND

Helping disciples build a culture of prayer, leadership, and mission



Catholic Enquiry Centre  
Tūhuratanga Katorika

### Mission Hub – Sharing Your Story:

#### Testimony That Transforms

Our lives are full of moments where God's presence quietly guides, comforts, and inspires us. Sharing these experiences can uplift others, strengthen faith, and spark hope.

This February, Mission Hub, in collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre, is gathering online for Sharing Your Story - Testimony That Transforms. Join us to reflect on how telling our stories with honesty and humility can encourage others on their spiritual journey.

Monday 16 February

7:00–8:30pm (NZ time)

Online via Zoom

Prayer, inspiring content, discussion

Everyone is invited to register here:

<https://bit.ly/february16webinar>

**150 Polish Celebration:** An invitation to all Polish descendants to walk in the Taranaki Multi Ethnic Parade on Saturday March 7th down the Devon Street of New Plymouth on the Extravaganza Day. In 1876, 150 years ago, the Ship Fritz Reuter arrived in New Zealand with families from Poland. For more information., please see the online or email version of the newsletter page 8. For inquires contact Martha @ 7588802

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

### YOUTH GROUP SUN, 15 FEB

#### MORNING BY MORNING

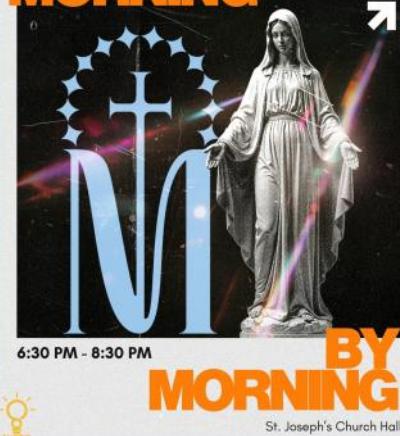
A LIFE NIGHT ON HOPE  
THROUGH OBEDIENCE

We all want to have hope, yet hoping for something means we don't have that thing yet.

In this series, we learn that obedience to God is the only path to the happiness and fulfillment we hope for and inspires us to place our trust completely in Him.

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**MORNING**

SUNDAY  
15 FEB  
2026



**NEXT YOUTH GROUP** **SUN 22 FEB**

God often asks us to wait for good things. During this time, embrace patience and stay open to God's work in our lives.

**GOLDEN HOUR**

A LIFE NIGHT ON HOPE  
IN WAITING



**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP  
FOR YEARS 4 TO 8**  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL  
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

Contact KAREN  
[youngfamilyminister@catholicparishhp.nz](mailto:youngfamilyminister@catholicparishhp.nz)

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

Contact SUSILO  
[youth@catholicparishhp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishhp.nz)



**SHINE**  
SHINE Junior Youth Group  
is designed for children  
aged 8 to 12 years.

We gather every Sunday  
during the school term at  
St. Joseph Church Hall  
from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

This is a fantastic  
opportunity for kids to  
deepen their faith, forge  
new friendships and  
enjoy themselves in a  
supportive environment.

Fun - Faith - Chocolate

More information, contact KAREN at [youngfamilyminister@catholicparishhp.nz](mailto:youngfamilyminister@catholicparishhp.nz)



**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Dave Brophy, Duncan Allison, Aida Zamora, Restituto Bagotohay, John Rajanayagam, and Beth Maclean.

**FEB****16**  
MON**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE****FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

8.00am St Joseph's Church

**17**  
TUE8.00am St Joseph's Church  
9.10am Our Lady Help of Christians  
12.05pm St Joseph's Church**18**  
WEDASH WEDNESDAY  
8.00am St Joseph's Church  
12.05pm St Joseph's Church  
9.10am Our Lady Help of Christians  
5.30pm Our Lady Help of Christians**19**  
THU8.00am St Joseph's Church  
9.10am Our Lady Help of Christians  
2.20pm Francis Douglas Memorial College**20**  
FRI8.00am St Joseph's Church  
9.00am St Pius X School (Philomena Hall)  
12.05pm St Joseph's Church**21**  
SAT8.30am St Joseph's Church  
5.30pm Our Lady Help of Christians (Vigil Mass)  
6.00pm St Patrick's Church Okato (Vigil Mass)**22**  
SUN9.00am St Joseph's Church (St Joseph's School Led Mass)  
10.30am Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
5.30pm St Joseph's Church (Youth Mass)**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 Adoration at St Joseph's Church 7.00pm. 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, Tuesday at 7:40am and Saturday 8:10am in the Parish Office. 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 the St John Bosco School Breakout Space.

**LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS** at Our Lady Help of Christians

Each Sunday at 10.30am Mass  
Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School Breakout Space.

**QUIET YOUR HEART:** Music with Kadisha.

Each Monday at St Joseph's Church - 11.00am to 11.30am.

**SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

First Sunday of Lent 22 February

**1ST READING:** Gen 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7**PSALM:** 51**2ND READING:** Rom 5.12-19**GOSPEL:** Mathew 4.1-11**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

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For updates on parish, diocese,  
and national events.



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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

## From Our Justice and Peace Group

This Lent, the **Laudato Si' Movement** invites you to walk a **shared journey of prayer, contemplation, and ecological conversion** – one that is simple, deep, and rooted in faith.



Rather than many disconnected activities, our Lenten journey follows **gentle, repeatable rhythms of prayer** that can be lived personally, in families, parishes, and communities across the world.

### [Meditation video](#)

#### **Prayer for every day.**

**God our Creator**, thank you for the gift of creation. Draw us into contemplation, so that we may recognize your presence in the beauty that surrounds us.

*Pause: Where did I hear and see creation's song today?*

**Christ, heart of creation**, united with all that suffers, help us contemplate honestly our lives. Through discernment, show us where our choices have harmed the earth and the poor.

*Pause: Where did I hear and see creation's cry today?*

**Spirit of renewal**, send us forth into action. Teach us to live humbly within creation and to respond with love and justice.

*Pause: What is creation calling me to do today in response to creation's song and cry?*

### **Weekly Reflection Questions**

Each week, visit the Interactive Heart on our website <https://laudatosimovement.org/lent/>. And spend time with the weekly reflection. Then, return here to respond in prayer.

#### **February 18. Ash Wednesday.**

What has distracted my heart from what truly gives life, and how is God inviting me to return to the heart – His heart and my own?

[space for personal response]

Weekly gesture (prayer): Examine your ecological conscience and choose one simple practice to deepen your ecological spirituality. Each day, thank God for three natural resources you used today (water, food, air) and ask for the grace to care for them more responsibly.

# WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
9 – 15 February 2026

## CathNews New Zealand

CathNews New Zealand shares the big news from the Catholic Church and stories of relevance to Catholics every Tuesday and Friday. Sign up for the free digital newsletter and read the latest stories at [cathnewsnz.com](http://cathnewsnz.com)

## Church Code of Conduct Survey

The Church Code of Conduct is an essential document used throughout the motu to support employees and volunteers in understanding expectations for their behaviour. It guides how we work, serve, and care for one another.

We are extending the timeframe on this survey to ask everyone in the Church - what in our Code of Conduct works well, and what could be strengthened?

Please share your perspectives via our brief online survey whether you are familiar with the Code or not. We also encourage you to share this invitation with others.

You can read the existing document and complete the simple survey on the NOPS Reviews page: [safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/reviews](http://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/reviews)

## Young Adults Lenten Retreat with Fr Hemi Ropata

Step away from the noise, reflect on your journey of faith, and encounter Christ in a deeper way this Lent, 20 to 22 February 2026, Forest Lakes Camp, Ōtaki. \$150 per person, all meals and accommodation included. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BBPL>

## Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names | Save the Date

Bishop John invites all members of the Diocese of Palmerston North to this important event.

**Sunday, 22 Feb 2026, 12:30pm** at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

Please RSVP to Donna Brown, Sacraments & Evangelisation Coordinator, by Friday 13 Feb 2026.

## Diocesan Hub – March Gathering

Diocesan Hubs are gatherings for prayer, reflection, and conversation, open to all. The March Hub will reflect on Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

The same gathering will be offered in two locations, and parishioners are warmly invited to attend either location, travelling where helpful to gather as one diocesan community.

### Dates:

Saturday 7 March – Palmerston North

Sunday 8 March – Hastings

Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/si6GpNKWz9>

## Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute – Webinars for 2026

In preparation for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul Korea, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College invites young people and everyone to grow in their faith, hope and missionary discipleship, with this year's webinar series, "Take Courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). More information at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026)

## Call for Small Group Facilitators – Diocesan Hubs

Would you consider offering your time and heart to help facilitate a small group at the Diocesan Hubs? The Diocese is seeking volunteers to help create welcoming spaces for conversation, prayer and reflection during these afternoons of formation. No special experience is required, just a willingness to listen and encourage others in faith. Training and support will be provided. If you would like to be part of this new initiative and help strengthen our diocesan community, please register your interest at: <https://bit.ly/diofacilitate>

## ACROSS Social Work Referrals now open

ACROSS is a not-for-profit organisation here to walk alongside whānau through life's challenges. Whether it's offering a listening ear, advocating for families, or providing practical support, they are committed to strengthening their community. They are now open for social work referrals.

### Who needs social workers?

Whānau under pressure | Whānau navigating complex systems | People facing housing or financial stress | Those experiencing trauma or major life changes | Anyone needing advocacy and support.

### Why social workers matter:

They help prevent crisis before it happens | They strengthen whānau resilience | They support mental and emotional wellbeing | They connect people to the right services.

At ACROSS, social workers are here to support whānau every step of the way.

Contact: Freephone 0800 ACROSS (227 677) or email [reception@across.org.nz](mailto:reception@across.org.nz)

## Enrol now at Te Kupenga, Catholic Theological College!

Returning to teaching or starting a new teaching post? Leadership roles within your parish, church community or Chaplaincies within your diocese? Member or supportive role within your youth group or interested in hospital and prison ministry? Would you like to do a Safeguarding course, learn more about Theology or study towards a Bachelor of Divinity?

ENROL NOW! for Semester 1 2026.

Visit our website: <https://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/catholic-theological-college/> and check out our programmes and course timetables in your region.

## NZ Catholic Medical Association Retreat & Seminar

The New Zealand Catholic Medical Association provides community, support and chaplaincy for those involved in health care in Aotearoa. The association welcomes doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, dentists, health administrators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, lawyers, and anyone in allied roles. The next nationwide event is a retreat and seminar at the St Francis Friary & Retreat Centre, Auckland on March 20 and 21. For more information or to register, visit <https://bit.ly/NZCMA2026> or email [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com)

## Lourdes to Lisieux Pilgrimage, 8 – 27 May 2026

Discover the sacred beauty of France on an inspiring 18-day pilgrimage. Visit Lourdes, Lisieux, Paray le Monial, Chartres, Normandy and Paris, and walk in the footsteps of beloved saints including St Thérèse of Lisieux, St Bernadette, St John Vianney, and St Vincent de Paul.

This journey offers daily Mass, expert guides, and the chance to deepen your faith in some of the most grace filled places in the Catholic world.

For details and bookings:

NZ Free Call: 0800 819 156 or visit [www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2659](http://www.harvestjourneys.com/pv2659)

## St Joseph's School CHB Centennial

St Joseph's School in Central Hawke's Bay is celebrating 100 years. The centennial theme, "Walking in Faith: A Century of Light. A Future of Hope," reflects both gratitude for the past and optimism for the decades ahead.

Beginning the evening of Friday 27 Feb and closing with 9:30am Mass on Sunday 1 March 2026.

Registrations are now open through the school website <https://stjosephschb.school.nz/reunion/>

## E tū te mana o te ao: Building a climate of hope – Faith and Action Guide

Our faith communities teach us to reach beyond ourselves, towards others, and to the world around us. They help us to cross boundaries and care for each other and for the environment.

The Religious Diversity Centre's new publication *E tū te mana o te ao: Building a climate of hope — Faith and Action Guide* explores different faith communities' beliefs about our relationship with the natural world and provides inspiring examples about how we can all help reduce climate change and its impacts.

A free download is available at <https://rdc.org.nz/rdc-climate-action-group/>



# ST PIUS X GALA DAY

15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 11AM-2PM  
120 BROOKLANDS RD

WHITE ELEPHANT, RAFFLE,  
BOUNCY CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, FOOD STALLS,  
CAKE STALL, DUNK THE SENIORS, ARTS & CRAFTS,  
FUN GAMES, MYSTERY BOTTLE, ACTIVITIES, BOOKS,  
BEAUTY CORNER, CANDY FLOSS & MUCH MORE!

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

## 150 Polish Celebration

An invitation to all Polish descendants to walk in the Taranaki Multi Ethnic Parade on Saturday March 7th down the Devon Street of New Plymouth on the Extravaganza Day.

In 1876, 150 years ago, the Ship Fritz Reuter arrived in New Zealand with families from Poland. You are invited to celebrate 150 years to honour your Polish ancestors.

There is a Polish Flag to carry and a placard to identify us as the descendants of the men and women from Poland who arrived 1876 to build the bridges for the road and railway line to Stratford, 150 years ago. These early Poles lived in Inglewood in punga huts and came with their love of God the Father and established the Catholic church in Inglewood. The men lived and worked in the bush cutting down the trees and clearing the land for the farms that we now have.

After the Parade please feel free to come to the race course to select the food you would like for lunch from the many stalls which will be preparing food from their different countries.

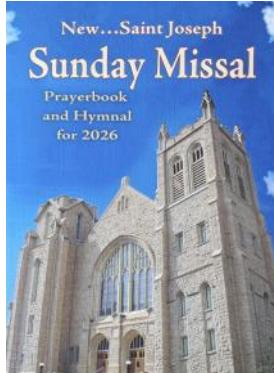
There are other stalls in the marquee where you will find the Polish stall.

For further information please contact, Martha, 7588802



**SUNDAY MISSALS** : We have for sale in the Parish Office the Year A Sunday Missal. This missal contains all the Sunday readings plus the Order of the Mass. This missal is very useful for those who take Communion to the sick or for lectors (readers) in preparing for Mass because this Missal provides the full Order of the Mass allowing you to follow the liturgy closely and make responses even without the use of the screen. Just \$16. Come and have a look at a copy in the Parish Office.

We also have a limited supply of Columban Calendars left for sale in the Parish Office, so if you don't have your calendar yet, please contact the office. Just \$12.00



2026 DATE TO BE ADVISED

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the February hikoi. We are working to secure a new date and will advise you as soon as one has been confirmed. However, we are still taking expressions of interest. Please see contact details below.

EMAIL:  
[BISHOP-PA@PNDIOCESE.ORG.NZ](mailto:BISHOP-PA@PNDIOCESE.ORG.NZ)  
WITH YOUR NAME, PARISH, AND  
PHONE NUMBER.

TE RONGI  
PAPAIKIA  
DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### Prayer Partner

This Lent, become a **40 Days for Life Prayer Partner** and spiritually unite with the global *40 Days for Life* movement to pray for an end to abortion and to bear witness to the dignity of every human person from conception - right where God has placed you. From Ash Wednesday (18 February) to Palm Sunday (29 March).

[For more information contact

Family Life International – 021 400 729 or [simon@fli.org.nz](mailto:simon@fli.org.nz)]

Use the QR code to find the sign-up page:



FAMILY LIFE  
INTERNATIONAL NZ





## **NEW PLYMOUTH BUDGET ADVISORY SERVICE**

### **FREE MANAGING YOUR MONEY COURSE**



**(Financial Literacy Course)**

**Free help is here, so you can take control of your money**

#### **TOPICS COVERED**

- Managing debt
- Kiwisaver
- Weekly budgeting
- Living within your means
- Easy bank account systems
- Mortgages
- Insolvency
- Interest free loans
- Nga Tangata Micro Finance
- E funding and much more

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

At Community House, 32 Leach Street, New Plymouth

**9.30am – 1.45pm**

### **Cooking demonstration with recipes for morning tea and lunch (provided)**

**Go into the draw for a great food hamper if you attend all three sessions**

**Call Jos Merwood – Manager NP Budget Advice**

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# MARCH FOR LIFE



NZ NATIONAL MARCH – NEW LOCATION!

## AUCKLAND

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**GATHER FROM 1PM**

**MARCH AT 2PM**

at the bottom of Queen Street,  
Te Komititanga Square  
up to Aotea Square.

Did you know that New Zealand has one of the  
most extreme abortion laws in the world?

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

You can march for life together with thousands of others, and speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. March for life and show New Zealand that every life is precious. Enjoy a positive, family-friendly day with live music, inspiring speakers, and a community spirit.

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