



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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16th August 2026 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome Our New Youth Minister!



**Sunday,
23rd August
at 6:30 PM**

The gathering
begins immediately
following the
5:30 PM Mass.



Bring Finger Food to Share

Attendees are asked
to bring a small plate
for a simple shared
welcome meal.



Pot Luck Meet & Greet



Our Community Invitation

- ✓ All parishioners,
- ✓ illumin8 members
- ✓ and families,
- ✓ shine members
- ✓ and families



Louise Lloyd: Our New Youth Minister

This event is a
dedicated opportunity
for the parish whānau
to meet Louise.



Louise Arrives Monday, 17th August

Please warmly welcome our new Youth
Minister if you see her around the Parish.

Important Dates

Adoration

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

Sunday, 16th August

First Holy Communion
St. Pius X School Mass
St Joseph's Church
9.00am

Sunday, 16th August

Solemnity of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
9.00am
(See date transfer
details on Pg 2)

Sunday, 16th August

Rosary at 2:00 at St.
Joseph's church
followed by walk to
SHGC's Grotto
(Please note change in
time, to that advertised
last week)

Friday, 21st August

Christian Life Program
St Joseph's Church Hall
6.30pm

Saturday, 22nd August

Anointing Mass
Bell Block Catholic
Centre 9.30am

Sunday, 23rd August

First Holy Communion
Our Lady Help
of Christians 10.30am

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: On Friday night a small group led by the Justice and Peace team and supported by the voices of the talented St Anthony Choir gathered to pray for Peace in the world.



Grounded in the words of Pope Francis and Pope Leo, encouraging us to put our trust in the Lord and become instruments of peace, we lit some candles as a symbol of hope.



On this cold dark evening we deposited our burden and our fears at the feet of the Lord.

We remembered the people who suffer from the consequences of war everywhere in the world but especially in the Holy Land with a modern version of Psalm 46 written by a New Zealand missionary currently living there.

We hold this prayer every few months and hope to see you next time.



**This Sunday
August 16th
12:30 until 2
in the Supper
Room. All
Welcome.**

"Earth's Greatest Enemy",
This film is 2 hours long and is to be screened at Te Whare Hononga (St Mary's Parish new building 37 Vivien Street), from midday on Sunday August 30th. (Please see page 13 for details)



**Enrol. Vote.
Be heard.**

vote.nz



SMEG" COUPONS at New World Supermarkets

If you shop at New World and aren't collecting the SMEG coupons, would you collect for us? Please just drop into the container at O.L.H.C. or St Joseph's Church or the Office. We will use these to get some knives for St Joseph's Hall Kitchen. This week we were able to redeem donated coupons to get some knives to cut iced cakes. Thank you to those contributed generously. *Fiona Dravitzki, Hospitality Team.*



ROADWORKS: We have been advised that the closure of Devon Street and Robe Street will continue until the end of August. Robe Street will not be accessible from Powderham Street.

This will affect parking, and access to parking in those areas for those attending Mass at St Joseph's.

Hope for the World International Conference on Life, Faith and Family - Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September In Christ we can restore a culture where every life is protected from conception to natural death, and where marriage and the family are again seen as truly good for healthy, flourishing individuals and society. Join us in Auckland to hear inspiring local and international speakers.



Find out more and register here: <https://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2026/>. Register before Thursday 20 August to enter draw to win a beautiful statue of the Holy Family.

Enquiries to Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz

CARWASH: Saturday, 22nd August 9.30am - 1.30pm

St Joseph's Church carpark Powderham Street \$15 car & \$20 ute/van:

A fundraising event for FDMC 1st XI Hockey – to help with funding Tournament Week Sausage Sizzle, Hot/Cold Drinks & Baking Eftpos Available.



**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

TŪMANAKO The newsletter for the diocese of Palmerston North: Issue 17 is available in the foyer. For those who wish to have a printed copy please take one. But to read online, go to tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz or cathnewsnz.com. Or you can join up to receive monthly an emailed copy of Tūmanako at www.pndiocese.org.nz.



TŪMANAKO
United in Hope - I te Tūmanako o te Kōwhirianga

Grotto Rosary & Relocation Update

We are pleased to share that plans for the grotto relocation to Sacred Heart Girls' College is progressing well, and we have now secured all the funds needed for the project to. As we begin developing a manageable timeline for the relocation, we would like to gather as a parish community to give thanks and pray together before the work begins. You are all warmly invited to join us for the **Rosary in St. Joseph's church on Sunday, 16 August, at 2.00pm**. Weather permitting, the Rosary will be followed by a 2-minute walk to the grotto, where we will gather for a final blessing before the relocation takes place. We look forward to sharing this special moment with you as we honour the many years of prayer and devotion associated with our beloved grotto. **(Please note change in time, to that advertised last week)**



Wendy Mulligan DRS-Sacred Heart Girls' College.

Māori Education Collection – Sunday, 23 August 2026

There will be a special Collection for Māori Education after Communion next Sunday. Māori Education is an investment in a vibrant, and faith-filled New Zealand. Your support is an investment in the future of our young people and our nation.

Successful educational outcomes for young Māori enrich our communities and benefit all New Zealanders. We are privileged to have the country's only two Catholic Māori boarding schools within our Diocese: Hato Pāora College and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. Through the dedication and commitment of their staff, these schools continue to provide outstanding care, education, and faith formation for their students.

We also acknowledge with gratitude the many generous parishioners, grandparents, and benefactors who quietly assist families facing difficulties in meeting school attendance dues. Your kindness and support make a real difference and are deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to Catholic Māori education.

Specially marked envelopes are attached to the newsletter today. Alternatively, donations may be made by direct credit to the parish bank account 020 630 0288002 03 and the bank account name is The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth. Please include your name as the payee and use 'Māori Ed' as the reference. Those who contribute by Planned Giving, will have the Māori Education Special Collection envelope already. And of course cash on the second collection plate after Communion Sunday 23 August is welcome.

August Edition

2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST



THIS SUNDAY
YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 16 AUG

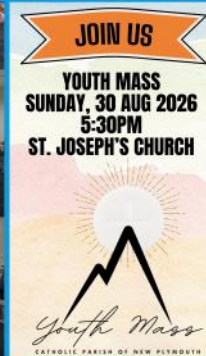
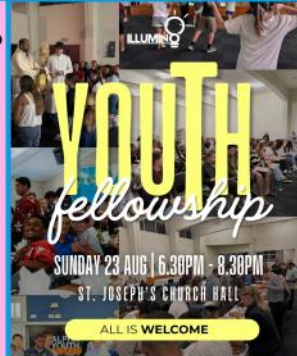
NO
YOUTH GROUP
THIS
SUNDAY!



NEXT SUNDAY
YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 23 AUG

Join us for an
evening of fun
as we warmly
welcome Louise
to our parish.

Bring a plate
to share.



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

2026

First Holy Communion

16 AUGUST	First Holy Communion St Joseph's Church	9:00 AM
23 AUGUST	First Holy Communion Our Lady Help of Christians	10:30 AM
30 AUGUST	First Holy Communion St Joseph's Church	9:00 AM
6 SEPTEMBER	First Holy Communion Bell Block Catholic Center	10:30 AM

A special day. A special grace.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Anne Houghton, Micheal Burke, Marie Carter, Maureen Manu, Mary Nallon, Joyce Phelan, Vera Old, and Dorothy Kendrick.

**AUG
17
MON**

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE TO 23rd AUGUST FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am St Joseph's Church

**18
TUE**

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

**19
WED**

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

**20
THU**

**8:00am St Joseph's Church
10:00am Sacred Hearts Girls College**

**21
FRI**

**8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:00am St. Pius X (Philomena Hall)
12:05pm St Joseph's Church**

**22
SAT**

**8:30am St Joseph's Church
9:30am Anointing Mass Bell Block Catholic Centre
5:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians (Vigil Mass)
6:00pm St Patrick's Church Okato (Vigil Mass)**

**23
SUN**

**9:00am St Joseph's Church
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 parish office building.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

St Joseph's Church:

Each Sunday at 9.00am Mass in the church foyer. There will be No Children's Liturgy at 9.00am Mass 16th Aug as First Communion Mass is on.

Our Lady Help of Christians Church:

Each Sunday at 10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy in St John Bosco School Library. There will be No Liturgy at 10.30am Mass 23rd Aug as Holy Communion Mass is on.

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 August 2026

1ST READING: Isaiah 22.15, 19-23

PSALM: 138

2ND READING: Romans 11.33-36

GOSPEL: Mathew 16.13-20

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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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MUSIC COORDINATOR Amelia

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PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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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



2026

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16

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9:00 AM

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10:30 AM

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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.

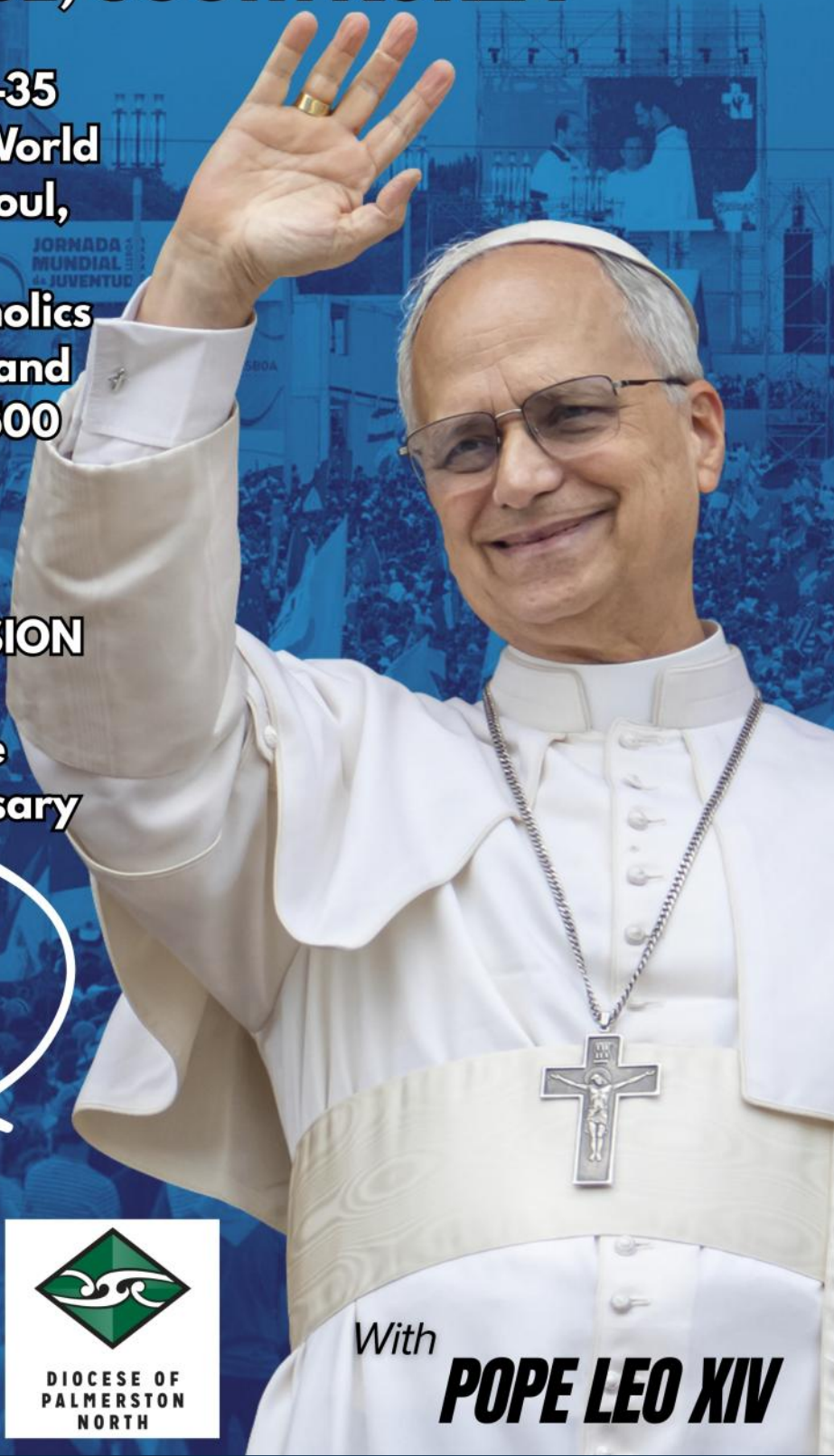
Scan the QR code to complete the **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** form, allowing us to provide you with all the necessary information.

SCAN ME



DIOCESE OF
PALMERSTON
NORTH

With
POPE LEO XIV



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/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExfRtaNPCn5v-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

WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
3 – 9 August 2026

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

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.

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.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This year, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday 15 August. In New Zealand, the bishops have transferred the celebration to Sunday 16 August, as indicated in the 2026 national liturgical calendar.

The readings for the Assumption are to be used on Sunday, 16 August. Saturday evening Masses on 15 August are the Vigil of the Assumption and use the proper Vigil readings. Parishes will not be celebrating the Solemnity on Saturday morning or holding a Vigil Mass on Friday evening. The Saturday morning Mass remains that of Saturday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time.

The Assumption is the patronal feast day of Aotearoa New Zealand, and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mission Hub: Alpha – A Tool for Parish Renewal

Discover how Alpha can be a catalyst for parish renewal. Join us for this month's Mission Hub, a collaboration between Mission Hub and the Catholic Enquiry Centre, as we explore how Alpha can transcend the "course" model and become a practical, powerful engine for parish transformation with Clare Bell, the new Alpha Catholic Engagement Manager.

Ideal for parish leaders, ministry teams, and anyone passionate about parish renewal.

Monday 17 August, 7.00pm–8.30pm (NZT). Online.

Register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/OtiySnJcSqq-8PUsrCjJ2g#/registration>

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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/>

Known & Called: A Discernment Retreat for Women

Young women aged 18–35 are invited to join the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters for a weekend of encounter, prayer and learning to recognise God's voice.

Whether you are discerning a particular vocation or simply seeking greater clarity about God's call in your life, this retreat offers space to step away, pray and listen.

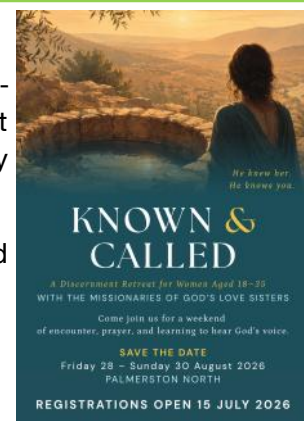
Friday 28 to Sunday 30 August 2026, Palmerston North.

For more information and registration, visit: www.trybooking.com/nz/BEIS

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

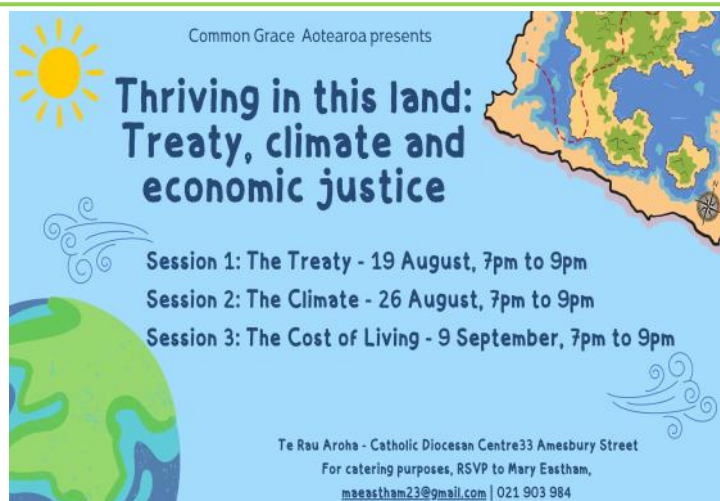


Thriving in this Land: Treaty, Climate and Economic Justice

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:

- **19 August, 7pm:** Where Alpha fits in parish life
- **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>



Help Preserve St Joseph's Parish, Waitara



St Joseph's Parish has been at the heart of the community for many years.

Urgent repairs are needed for the front windows.

The total cost is **\$120,000**.

One-off donations of any amount are welcome.



HOW TO DONATE

Account Name:	St Joseph's Parish Account Waitara
Account Number:	02-0630-0288002-009
Reference:	Your Name
Description:	Windows



The bank may indicate the account name does not match, but the account name and number are correct for St Joseph's Parish, Waitara.



TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE

Please email stjpwaitara@xtra.co.nz and include your name, address, and phone number.



*Thank you for your generosity
and for supporting our parish community.*

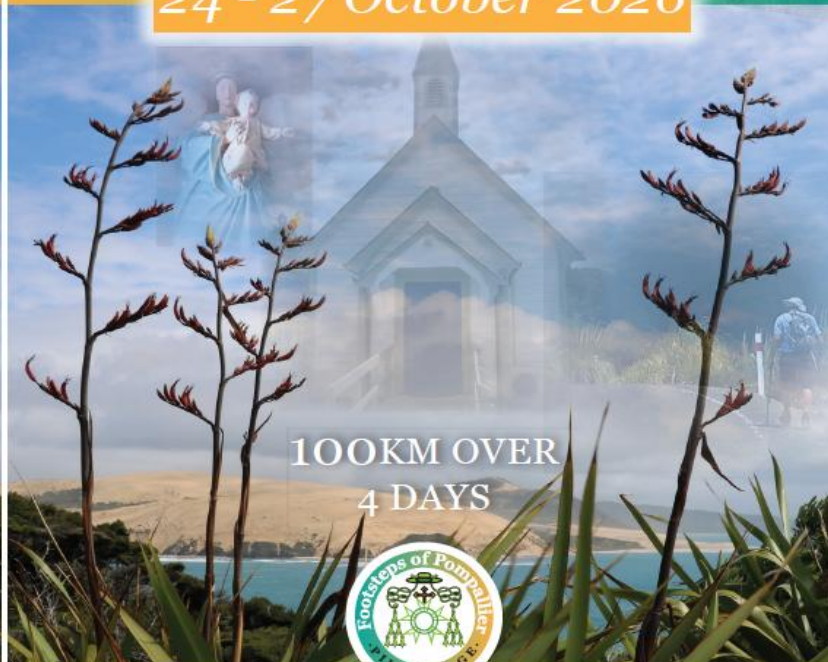
GOD BLESS YOU.



Footsteps of Pompallier

· PILGRIMAGE ·

24 - 27 October 2026



For more info and to register:
fopp.nz



Walking 100km over four days

Commencing on the Saturday with check in at Kerikeri, Pilgrims will be transported to the start point in Opua, beginning with a morning Mass, before setting off to the first night's destination near Ohaewae.

Sunday morning starts with Mass and breakfast, the Pilgrims then make their way to Mangamuka, then on to Te Karae Marae for our second night.

On Monday we make our way to Totara Point, where Mass is celebrated at the location of the first NZ Catholic Mass, said by Bishop Pompallier, from there we head to the Kohukohu Marae for our third night.

The Pilgrimage concludes on Tuesday with the last Mass in Motuti, the final resting place of Bishop Pompallier.

Step into a journey of profound significance

Footsteps of Pompallier Pilgrimage 2026

Our mission is twofold: to promote the Latin Rite (Extraordinary) and to provide a platform for both priests and laypeople to glorify God through a spiritual, cultural, and educational journey.

This pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to reconnect with the Catholic faith and Tangata Whenua in Northland. Join us on Labour Weekend 2026 as we retrace the footsteps of New Zealand's first Catholic pilgrims.

Walking 100km on foot to the serene Hokianga Harbour, ending at the final resting place of Bishop Pompallier. Experience the land of the Hokianga harbour and engage with the history of its people, allowing time to pause, reflect and pray, during the deeply spiritual experience of a traditional style pilgrimage.

The Footsteps of Pompallier pilgrimage is travelled entirely on foot over 4 days and camping each night outside. While the physical demands may test endurance, the spiritual rewards are immeasurable.

Join us to experience this pilgrimage, as we embark on a journey that promises to enrich the soul and deepen our connection with Almighty God.



COUPLES FOR CHRIST
— TARANAKI —

warmly invites you to our

Christian Life Programme

*“But whoever is united with the Lord
is one with him in spirit.”*

—→ 1 Corinthians 6:17 ←—

Starts **FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST**



6:30PM



ST JOSEPH HALL

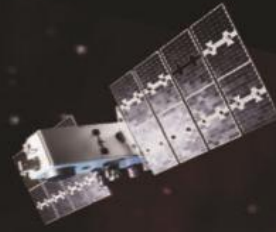
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EARTH'S GREATEST ENEMY



A FILM BY
ABBY MARTIN

*US militarism vs
the Planet*

*(Aided and abetted
by Australia and NZ)*



SHOWING: 12:30 PM (LUNCH:12:00) 30 AUGUST

TE WHARE HONONGA, TARANAKI CATHEDRAL

37 VIVIEN STREET, NGĀMOTU-NEWPLYMOUTH

PANEL DISCUSSION AFTER

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This event is jointly hosted by Taranaki Cathedral, Climate Justice Taranaki, Palestinian Solidarity Taranaki, Taranaki Quakers and World Beyond Wars Aotearoa.

The event is free but we are asking for people to register.

Registration <https://events.humanitix.com/screening-of-earth-s-greatest-enemy>

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

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>



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>



"AND I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, AND YOU SHALL LIVE,
AND I WILL PLACE YOU IN YOUR OWN LAND."
(EZEKIEL 37:14)

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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

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