



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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17 May 2026 The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord



**PARISH
PRIEST**



Fr Simon Sto-

Dear Parish family,

Most of us have returned from a working holiday in London where 3 conferences were being held on evangelisation and the health of parishes. A number of kiwis were there from different faith traditions for the main event, the Alpha Leadership Conference. This was held at the Royal Albert Hall. There was also a Tour event which led up to the conference and a Divine Renovation parish conference at St Elizabeth of Portugal Parish in London. There are a lot of Christian people interested in the renewal of Christian faith - 6000 people were at the Royal Albert Hall, 25% were Catholic. The Alpha course is becoming recognised as a significant tool for evangelization in the Catholic Church. Archbishop Fortunatus Nwachukwu, Secretary of the Dicastery for Evangelisation was there, with several bishops from around the world, including our own +John Adams. From our diocese were Fr's Marcus Francis, Hastings, Nathaniel Brazil, Stratford, and two women from Christchurch, Carly Mulqueen from the Catholic Enquiry Centre and Cheryl Surrey from Divine Renovation NZ.



Bishop John Adams, Fr Nathaniel Brazil, Cheryl Surrey - DR, (unsure), Fr Marcus Francis, (unsure), Mike Turinsky - Head of Alpha NZ, myself, Carly Mulqueen - Catholic Enquiry Centre.

At the Royal Albert Hall, Nicky Gumbel from the Alpha Video Series, interviewed several people from around the world who were leaders of Christian faith, including Evika Silina, Prime Minister of Latvia, Louise Perry, author of *The case against the sexual revolution*, Cardinal Luis Tagle, a close aide to Pope Leo XIV. Such strong leaders of faith encouraging us all to be leaders of faith in our own context.

St Elizabeth of Portugal Parish in Richmond, London, described how their parish had grown from Sundays with "Alarmingly low" numbers to thriving. Evangelical Anglican communities described also the journey of growth through reliance on the Holy Spirit, leadership and evangelisation. The group above plans to discuss the learnings and experience gained for the benefit of parishes. Fr Simon

Important Dates

Little Angels Music and play group

There will be no Little Angels Music and play group Monday 18th May due to a funeral at Our Lady Help of Christians.

Catholic Women's League

Shared lunch at our May meeting on Thursday 21st May, 12:00pm

Older Children's Baptism

Sunday 24th May 1.30pm
St Joseph's Church

School Led Mass

24th May 9:00am
St Joseph's Church

Hidden Disability Sunflower Scheme (HDSS) Training Workshop

St Josephs Church Hall
Friday 29th May 5.30pm
(Details on Pg 3)

Adoration

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Tuesday after 9.10am
Mass

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



TŪMANAKO The newsletter for the diocese of Palmerston North: Issue 14 is available here today

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.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY: 24 May, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to wear your red or yellow or orange clothes that day, we could let the church ring with colour.

Our Pentecost banners will hang from the tower in St. Joseph's with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Courage, wisdom, right judgement, knowledge, understanding, reverence, awe and wonder.



GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKLETS are available in the church foyers today. They contain the Sunday readings (first and second) and the Gospel readings from May to July. These are very useful for all those who wish to prepare for Mass by looking at the readings prior to Mass, the lectors and those who take communion to the sick. But they are available for all. Look for the blue cover. We have plenty of copies.



Apostoli Viae (AV) Eastertide Gospel Encounter

Stressed? Lacking clarity or direction? Want to experience His healing and love? You are all warmly invited! We continue to open our hearts our Risen Christ amidst the confusion and stress of living as we are refreshed and energised in listening to the living Word - our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.



Mark your diaries for the next Gospel Encounter:

WHEN: Wednesday 20 May 2026 7.00pm to 8.15pm.

Doors open 6.45pm for welcome cuppa and chat

WHERE: Our Lady Help of Christians Church foyer, Clinton St, Fitzroy.

Subsequent meeting: every fortnight. Come and See.

Contact Christina jp2padua2020@gmail.com or Jaime jzle012@gmail.com for more details

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE invite all women of the Parish to join us for a shared lunch at our May meeting on Thursday 21st May, 12 midday in the Supper Room of the hall. The Archdiocesan President from Wellington, will be joining us. Please bring a small plate for a shared lunch. Come and find out what we do and make some new friends.



Phone - Moira Webb 7572004 or Pat O'Connor - 027 290 4443 for further information.

TAX RECEIPTS: Printed copies of the tax receipts are available in the church foyers. All other tax receipts have been emailed. If you have any queries concerning the tax receipts, please contact the Parish Office.

ALPHA: Alpha - Week Three The third week of Alpha began with intentional preparation and a dedicated time of prayer at 5.30pm, bringing volunteers together to refocus on the evening's purpose and place the gathering in God's hands. This time of prayer underscored Alpha's commitment to creating a welcoming space marked by grace, hospitality, and belonging.



The evening centred on the video "Why Did Jesus Die?", which explored the identity and significance of Jesus, drawing on history, his teachings, and the impact of his life, death, and resurrection at the heart of the Christian faith. Following a shared meal and the video, participants met in small groups for meaningful discussion. The conversation was thoughtful and respectful, with guests engaging openly, asking questions, and reflecting on different perspectives. Many expressed appreciation for the warm, inclusive environment Alpha provides, where curiosity is encouraged and everyone is welcomed.

VACANCY: YOUTH MINISTER for the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

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we are seeking a vibrant, faith-filled, and energetic Youth Minister to lead, inspire, and grow our young community.



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email: sl@catholicparishnp.nz

Lantern Illuminated on the Spire of St Joseph's Church: Recently, you may have noticed that the lantern on the spire of St Joseph's Church has been illuminated at night. The white light reflects the joy of the Easter season (Eastertide) and serving as a visible sign of this important period in the Church's calendar.

On Pentecost Sunday, 24 May, the light will change to red, marking this significant feast when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit. This symbolises the beginning of the Church's mission and the birth of a new, united community of believers.

Following Pentecost, the light will change to green to represent Ordinary Time, and later to purple during Advent, reflecting the rhythm and seasons of the liturgical year.

The lighting system was installed several years ago during the reglazing and weatherproofing of the lantern tower. After a period out of operation due to a fault, the system has now been fully restored.



This light now stands not only as a reminder of the Church's liturgical journey throughout the year, but also as a beacon of faith and presence, highlighting our place here in the heart of New Plymouth.

David Loving-Molloy will be running a

Hidden Disability Sunflower Scheme (HDSS) Training Workshop
at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 151 Devon Street (under
St Joseph's Church on Powderham Street)
on Friday 29th May from 5.30pm – 7.45pm BYO DINNER
For more information, contact
David Loving-Molloy: catholic.deaf@pndiocese.org.nz

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP SUN, 17 MAY

ALIVE

Ever wondered why we were created? What does it mean that we were created from love and for love, and that we were created to love? Come and learn about it.



YOUTH GROUP DATES IN TERM 2

**3 MAY
17 MAY
7 JUNE
21 JUNE
5 JULY**

NO YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, 24 MAY IT WILL BE A CONFIRMATION SESSION.

SUNDAY, 31 MAY LONG WEEKEND KING'S BIRTHDAY

YOUTH GROUP RETURNS ON SUNDAY, 7 JUNE

NO YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY

CONFIRMATION programme



VERSO L'ALTO
ST. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

JOIN US

YOUTH MASS SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026 5:30PM



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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



PRAYER ADOPTION

I invite everyone to participate in a prayer adoption for the candidates.

Steps to Prayer Adoption

1. Visit the Youth Notice Board to select the name(s) and see the poster featuring their faces, which will help you recognise those you are praying for.
2. Choose one or more names to focus your prayers on.
3. Pray daily for the selected candidate(s) and remember to include them in your intentions during Mass.

YOUCAT SPONSORSHIP

We give each confirmation candidate a YOUCAT every year. If you'd like to sponsor one for \$45, please find a donation form or envelope in the foyers of St. Joseph's Church or Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

You can donate at the Parish Office on weekdays from 9am to 4pm, drop your envelope in the secure letterbox by the Office door, or include it in the Sunday Mass collection plate. For online banking details, please email us.



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Gaby Devine, Jill Dombroski, Errold Milton Schmidt, Julia Frances Schmidt, Arnold William Schmidt, Flora Ada Schmidt, Thomas Martin Best, Doug Broadhurst, Brian Novak, Lois Novak, Perter Novak, Anna Coogan, Brian Coogan, Daphne + Martin O'Neill, and Glen Ngawhare.

MAY

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MON

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 24th MAY PENEKOST SUNDAY

8:00am St Joseph's Church

19

TUE

8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:00am St Josephs School Hall Calvert Road
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians
12:05pm St Joseph's Church

20

WED

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

21

THU

8:00am St Joseph's Church
10:00am Sacred Heart's Girl's College
2:20pm Francis Douglas Memorial College

22

FRI

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

23

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)

24

SUN

9:00am St Joseph's Church (St Joseph's School Led Mass)
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 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. If children under four years wish to be part of Children's Liturgy, we ask that they are accompanied by their parent.



St Joseph's Church: There will be no Children's Liturgy 17th and 24th May as there are school led masses.

Little Angels Music and play group

There will be no Little Angels Music and play group for the 18th May (Monday) due to a funeral at Our Lady Help of Christians. For more details please contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Feast of Pentecost 24 May 2026

1ST READING: Genesis 11.1-9



PSALM: 104

2ND READING: Romans 8.22-27

GOSPEL: John 7.37-39



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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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



For updates on parish, diocese, and national events.



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“THE EUCHARIST IS MY HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN”



ST CARLO ACUTIS

Relic Visit & Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition



*Join us for moments of prayer, Mass,
Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic,
the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition,
school and parish pilgrimages.*

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit | Palmerston North

WEDNESDAY 10TH – SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

For the Ascension of the Lord
11 – 17 May 2026

St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | 23 April – 13 June

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition – 40 panels of Eucharistic miracles from around the world, researched and presented by St Carlo Acutis. Carlo was an ordinary teenager with an extraordinary love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

This week the exhibition is hosted by the Catholic Parish of Whanganui. Come and take an hour to let it speak to you – and bring someone who might need to hear it. All are welcome.

The exhibition then travels to: Napier (14–20 May) · Hastings (21–27 May) · Palmerston North (28 May–13 Jun).

St Carlo Acutis arrives at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, 10 –13 June 2026. The Relic Mission brings Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic, and talks.

Job Vacancy: Youth Minister – Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is seeking a vibrant and faith-filled Youth Minister to lead and grow youth engagement in the parish.

This role involves running youth groups and events, leading the Confirmation programme, building strong relationships with local Catholic colleges, and encouraging young people to take an active part in parish life.

For the full position description contact sl@catholicparishnp.nz Applications close 30 May.

Diocesan Hub: Christ, the Light of Nations

Join us for our next Diocesan Hub as we begin exploring Lumen Gentium, Vatican II's great document on the Church. Together, we will reflect on Christ as the Light of Nations, the One who guides our path, draws us into holiness, and sends us to bear His light to others.

The afternoon will include prayer, formation, small group conversation, and time to be encouraged in faith and mission. Diocesan Hubs are free to attend and open to all.

Saturday 30 May | Whanganui – Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/si6GpNKWz9>

Location: 1 Campbell Street, Whanganui 4500

Time: 12:30pm – 4:30pm (lunch provided)

Sunday 31 May | Stratford – Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/si6GpNKWz9>

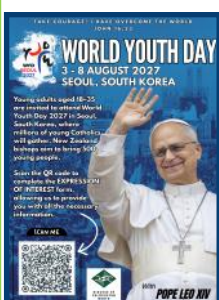
Location: 90 Miranda Street, West, Stratford 4332

Time: 12:30pm – 4:30pm (lunch provided)

Urgent Need for Christian Foster Parents

The Open Home Foundation is calling on any Christians who feel called to be foster parents. You can make a difference, if just for a weekend, a week or long-term.

Contact Jo.Berrington-Hince@ohf.org.nz for more information. You can also watch their promo video here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1S9cmZ6XyMGr4n2iVOe49VhzNepTy-YT5/view>



World Youth Day 2027 | Seoul, South Korea

Young adults aged 18 – 35 are invited to attend WYD27, where millions of young Catholics will gather. The NZ bishops aim to bring 500 young people. Fill out the expression of interest form at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfUWcTPgzkxtwIH86NPEhHqvdt2scpc1nkj_4WjzGrbx4WKQ/viewform



Prayer Retreat for Women | Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston

All women are warmly invited to a Prayer Retreat for Women, a weekend to step away from daily life and grow in prayer. The retreat includes talks exploring the meaning of prayer, why we pray, and how to deepen our prayer through humility, along with time for personal prayer, Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and spiritual direction.

The retreat begins with dinner at 6pm Friday 15 May and concludes 3pm Sunday 17 May after the final session and Rosary. To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BBMC>

Rebuild My Church | Dr Mary Healy

In June, internationally renowned Catholic theologian Dr Mary Healy will be in Hamilton for a three-day formation series, (June 9–11) exploring the power of God’s Word, the life of the Holy Spirit, and our call to live our faith today.

Known around the world for her engaging teaching on Scripture and the Holy Spirit, Dr Healy helps people hear God’s voice more clearly and grow in confidence in the gifts He gives for the building up of the Church. Full details and registration are available at <https://www.eventzilla.net/e/rebuild-my-church--dr-mary-healy-2138676397>



Mission Hub: Accompanying Others in Faith - Thresholds of Conversion & Evangelising Conversations

How do we journey with others as they move closer to Christ?

This May, Mission Hub will explore a practical and hope-filled approach to accompanying others in faith. Carly Mulqueen will guide us through the “thresholds of conversion” – helping us recognise where someone might be on their journey and how to enter into meaningful, evangelising conversations with sensitivity, courage, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This session is in collaboration with the Catholic Enquiry Centre.

Monday 18 May, 7:00–8:30pm (online). All are welcome.

Register: bit.ly/missionhubmay2026

Mission Hub is a monthly online space where people from across Aotearoa gather to be formed, inspired, and equipped for mission in their everyday lives. For more information and past sessions: <https://missionhubnz.com/>

Prophetic Intercession Training

Chevalier Cyril John from the CHARIS International Intercession Commission will be in Auckland to lead a two-day formation on *Prophetic Intercession*. Cyril John has spent many years teaching and forming intercessors around the world.

Intercession is urgently needed in our Church and communities, and all who feel called to this ministry are encouraged to attend. The training will be held 11–12 May 2026 at Christ the King Church, Mt Roskill.

Registrations are now open: <https://prophetic-intercession-training-with-cyril-john.lilregie.com>



Billings Life Seminar

Billings Life NZ will host a two-day Natural Fertility Awareness seminar in Whanganui on June 19 and 20. The event is designed for couples using or considering the Billings Ovulation Method, health professionals or others wanting to learn more about the method, and people interested in becoming accredited Billings teachers. Find out more and register at www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar

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>

Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants Wanted

Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa is seeking compassionate individuals interested in becoming Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants (VCAs).

VCAs serve at Taranaki Base Hospital and Hāwera Hospital, offering a listening ear, encouragement, and pastoral and spiritual support to patients and whānau.

Our chaplaincy service is available to all people, regardless of faith or background, and is carried out with care, cultural sensitivity, and kindness.

Training is provided for suitable applicants.

If you feel called to this meaningful volunteer role, we would love to hear from you!



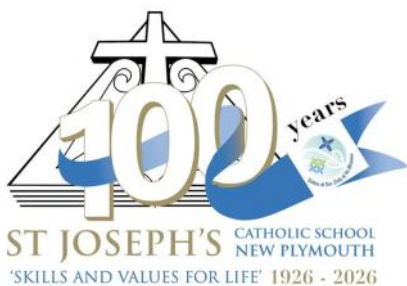
06 753 6139 ext. 7968
and ask to speak with
Raymond McKie or
Teresa Walton



or email:
Louisa.Parker@tdhb.org.nz



Hospital Chaplaincy
AMOKAPUA HOHIPERA
AOTEAROA



We are delighted to be approaching a special milestone in the life of St Joseph's Catholic School, and we warmly invite past students, staff, and families to join us in this joyful celebration of this Mission Sister's historic and iconic school. This will be a meaningful time to come together in fellowship, to reconnect, and to give thanks for the spiritual purpose and history of the school, and the many memories and blessings shared within our school community.

Please mark your calendars for Friday 23 October, Saturday 24 October, and Sunday 25 October.

We kindly ask you to complete the "Register Your Interest" form here:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeUuzs83RR.../viewform...>

As our planning continues and we gain a clearer idea of numbers attending, further details will be shared here. In the spirit of community, please feel free to pass this invitation on to others who have been part of St Joseph's Catholic School, so we can gather as widely as possible.

In the meantime, we invite you to stay connected by following our Facebook page, where you can see the life and spirit of our school as it continues today.

We look forward to welcoming you back, renewing connections, and celebrating together as a faith-filled whānau.



For further updates, the following is the official

Centenary Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718)

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A Call to Pray for our Younger Generations

On Sunday 24 May (Pentecost Sunday), all Christian churches are invited to pray for our tamariki and rangatahi. This day marks the end of National Youth Week, an annual nationwide campaign that runs from 18 - 24 May 2026.

More information and resources can be found at www.tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2026/05/our-voices-matter-we-deserve-to-be-heard-day-of-prayer-for-youth/. This includes example prayers and some ideas for how you can celebrate this day in your communities.

MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT | 26 – 28 June A relaxed weekend of prayer, honest conversation and space to listen. You'll have time to ask real questions, meet other men discerning their vocation and encounter God without pressure. **WHEN:** 5.00pm Friday 26 June to 3.00pm Sunday 28 June. **WHERE:** Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Contact Fr Trung to register: pettrung89@gmail.com

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

A relaxed weekend of prayer, honest conversation and space to listen. You'll have time to ask real questions, meet other men discerning their vocation and encounter God without pressure.



THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOU IF..

- You've wondered - even briefly - whether God is calling you
- You want space to pray and think without distraction
- You're curious about what the life of a priest actually looks like
- You have the courage to ask the question

FRIDAY 26 JUNE 5PM - SUNDAY 28 JUNE 3PM
MAGNIFICAT RETREAT CENTRE | FEATHERSTON



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DISCOVER MORE AND EMAIL FR TRUNG TODAY
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