



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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19th July 2026 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parish and Youth Leaders of the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

Registrations are now open for the **Fully Alive Youth Festival** on Saturday 1 August at St Peter's College, Palmerston North.

This diocesan festival is for young people aged 13-35 and will include Mass, Adoration, talks, small groups, music and opportunities for prayer and encounter.

Our guest speaker is Braden Johnson, a young dynamic Catholic speaker from the United States who has a particular gift for connecting with young people and speaking into the questions they are facing. Register here:

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

The day includes Mass, talks, praise and worship, small groups, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, lunch, dinner and refreshments.

Saturday 1 August 2026

St Peter's College, Palmerston North

Cost: \$30 per person.

Following the Youth Festival, Braden will travel across the diocese, visiting Catholic schools and leading parish mission gatherings for parents, families and the wider parish community.

Braden is a passionate and inspiring speaker with a heart for young people. Through his engaging, authentic, and faith-filled approach, he encourages youth to discover their God-given purpose, strengthen their faith, and navigate the challenges of today's world with confidence and hope. His ability to connect with young people in a meaningful way has made a lasting impact on many across the Church.

Encounter Night with Braden Johnson

We are also delighted to welcome **Braden Johnson** to our parish, a young Catholic speaker whose life was transformed through a profound encounter with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Drawing from his own experience of faith, Braden speaks with authenticity and passion about the realities facing young people today, including relationships, social media, identity, and living as a disciple of Christ in a challenging world.

Through his message, Braden will encourage young people to deepen their friendship with Jesus, especially through the Eucharist, and discover how God is calling them to live their faith with courage and purpose. He will also inspire parents, families, and the wider parish community to walk alongside young people, supporting and nurturing their faith journey as together we respond to Christ's call to mission in everyday life.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support our young people as they encounter Christ alongside Braden. The evening will also include an uplifting time of **praise and worship led by Mustard Seeds**, helping to create a vibrant, prayerful, and Spirit-filled atmosphere for all who attend.

Whether you are a young person, parent, parishioner, youth leader, or simply passionate to grow in faith, we warmly invite you to join us for what promises to be an inspiring and hope-filled evening.

Date: Tuesday, 4 August

Time: Doors Open 6:30pm

Venue: St. Joseph's Church



ALL ARE WELCOME!



Important Dates

Adoration

Our Lady Help of
Christians Church
Tuesday after 9:10am
Mass

St Joseph's Church
Every Thursday
Adoration and
Reconciliation 7:00pm

Monday 20th July

School Reopens
Masses resume at
Schools
(Details on Pg 4)

Sunday 19th July

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

Friday 31st July

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

Saturday 1st August

Fully Alive Youth Festival
St Peter's College,
Palmerston North

Tuesday 4th August Braden Johnson

St. Joseph's Church
6:00pm

1st - 3rd October Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit

St Gregory's College,
Campbelltown, NSW
Australia



GENERAL NOTICES

It is with sadness that we share the news that Bishop **John's mother, Joan Adams**, passed away on Thursday morning, 9 July.

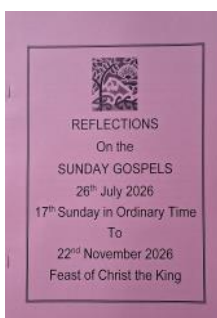
Please keep Bishop John and his family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of a dearly loved mother, and grandmother.

A Memorial Mass for Joan will be celebrated at the **Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday, 21 July at 12.05pm.**

May we entrust Joan to the loving mercy of God and pray for comfort and strength for all who grieve her passing.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKLETS are available in the church foyers today. They contain the Sunday readings (first and second) and the Gospel readings from July to November. 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 pink cover. Please just take a copy.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

The 2026/2027 envelopes which start Sunday 16 August are available today in the church foyer. This includes the Special Collection envelopes for those who donate online or by automatic payment. We hope that we have sent the envelopes to the correct Mass centres. Please just let us know if you can't see yours. If you would like to take the opportunity to swap from envelope giving to online or automatic payments please contact the Parish Office 06 757 3682. We will help. Contact us also if you would like to make donations by giving envelopes or online instead of putting money on the plate. We thank all donors for their financial support of the parish. It is this support that lets the parish run.



Richard and Russell - Not all saints wear halos. Some earn their halos sorting Planned Giving envelopes.

Winter Health Reminder: During the winter weather, there's lots of flu and bugs around. If at Mass time, if you feel unwell please stay at home. The 9.00am Sunday Mass is livestreamed and you could just go to our website <https://www.catholicparishnp.nz/>. The Catholic Diocese of Auckland provides a televised Sunday Mass on **Shine TV** every week at **2:00 PM**. You can tune in across New Zealand on **Freeview Channel 25** or **Sky Channel 201**. If you are at Mass do take measures to look after yourself. Wrap up warmly. Don't expose yourself to potential illness. Wear a mask if you wish. Use sanitiser. Keep yourself and those around you well.

USHER & WELCOMERS MINISTRY

We are looking for people or families to go on a roster as welcomers for 5.30pm Mass. It will involve coming to the church a bit earlier before mass and making sure people feel welcomed into our church especially those who are new to our parish.

If you think this is something you can help with please see **Catherine Grogan** after mass in the foyer.

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

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

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

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

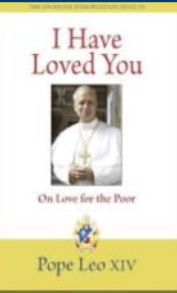
We also invite you to the first of three meetings to contemplate, "Thriving in this Land." It is a series of videos that will help us to prepare to exercise our vote according to the church's social teaching. The first topic, "Cost of Living," will be held in the St Joseph's supper room **This Sunday**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

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

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



THIS SUNDAY JULY 19th St JOSEPH'S SUPPER ROOM AFTER 9am MASS



I Have Loved You
On Love for the Poor
Pope Leo XIV

Sunday 19th July 10:15

THRIVING IN THIS LAND

The Treaty | The Climate | The Cost of Living

Every Monday 17:45

Enrol. Vote. Be heard.

Volunteer Photographers Needed – First Communion Masses

Do you enjoy photography either as a hobby or part of your job? Are you connected to St John Bosco, St Joseph's, or St Pius X schools? We are looking for photographers for our upcoming First Communion Masses on 16th, 23rd and 30th August. The role would involve taking photos during the Mass, of individual children receiving the Eucharist for the first time and a whole group photograph too. There will be around 30 children making their First Communion at each Mass. These photos will then be shared free of charge to our families. It is too big of an ask for one person to commit to being the photographer at all of the Masses so we would love to share the load and find several photographers who are willing to support our parish and school communities in this way.

Please get in touch if you are able to help or want to know more details; contact Karen @ youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

TŪMANAKO The newsletter for the diocese of Palmerston North: Issue 16 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.

BINGO Night!

SUPPORTING ALZHEIMER'S NEW ZEALAND

FUN • FRIENDS • PRIZES • COMMUNITY

SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST 2026

STARTS AT 1:30 PM

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL
151 Devon Street, New Plymouth

ENTRY \$15 PER PERSON INCLUDES

- ✓ 10 Bingo Cards
- ✓ Afternoon Tea
- ✓ Raffles

CWLF
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

HOSTED BY
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)
ANNUAL BINGO FUNDRAISER



COME ALONG & BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

GREAT PRIZES | GREAT COMPANY | GREAT CAUSE

Thank you for supporting a cause that makes a difference.

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

July Edition

2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US

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



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

ENJOY YOUR BREAK!

Term 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



make GOOD memories

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

ILLUMIN8

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SUNDAY, 26 JULY 2026
6:30PM - 8:30PM
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

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SOCIAL NIGHT EVENT

26 JULY 6:30PM TO 8:30PM

BRING A FRIEND!

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

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

Contact KAREN
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

ILLUMIN8

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

Contact SUSILO
youth@catholicparishnp.nz

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

JESUS, BREAD OF LIFE, nourish us in faith, hope and love.

31 JULY
5:30 pm

First Reconciliation Celebration at St Joseph's Church

16 AUGUST
9:00 am

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

23 AUGUST
10:30 am

Our Lady Help of Christians Mass and First Holy Communion

30 AUGUST
9:00 am

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

6 SEPTEMBER
10:30 am

Bell Block Catholic Centre Mass and First Holy Communion

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WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Howard Scott, Kitty Scott, Aniec P. Dungog, Gerard Juffermans, and Cyril Mora.

JULY

20

MON

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 26th JULY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am St Joseph's Church

21

TUE

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

22

WED

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

23

THU

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

24

FRI

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

25

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)

26

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 office building.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Our Lady Help of Christians Church:
Each Sunday at 10.30am Mass
Children's Liturgy in St John Bosco School Library.



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

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS WILL

There will be no Little Angels Music and Play Group for pre-schoolers will begin on 27th. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 July 2026

1ST READING: 1 Kings 3.5-12**PSALM:** 119**2ND READING:** Romans 8.28-30**GOSPEL:** Mathew 11.25

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Fr. Sobin sobin@catholicparishnp.nz
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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FINANCE OFFICER Cynthia

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YOUTH MINISTER Susilo

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JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

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ST JOSEPH'S

106
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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

24 Clinton St, Fitzroy

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

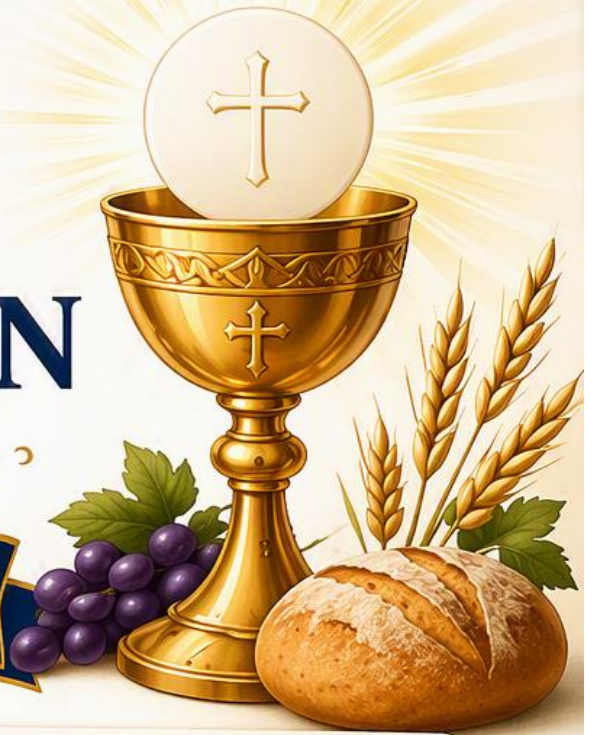
138 Parklands Ave,
Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO

36 Cumming St,
Okato

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WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

**The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 - 19 July 2026**

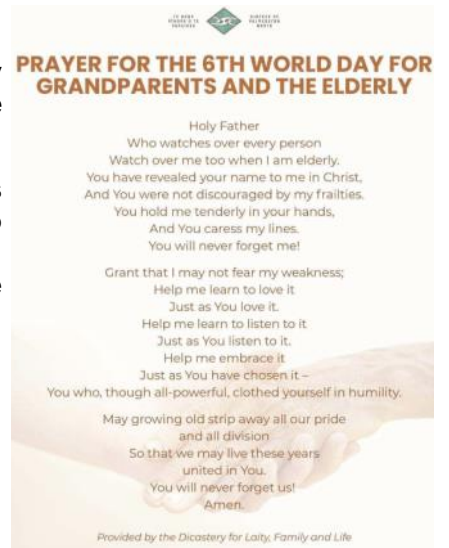
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly | Sunday 26 July 2026

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

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

Resources are available from the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life:

<https://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/2026/messaggio-di-papa-leone-xiv-per-la-vi-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonn.html>



Passing of Bishop John Adams' mother

Please keep Bishop John and his family in your prayers following the death of his mother, Joan Adams, who passed away on 9 July.

A Memorial Mass for Joan Adams will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, on Tuesday, 21 July at 12.05pm. All are welcome to attend.

Registrations still open – Deepening our Celebration of the Mass - Wine & Cheese Evening

Please register as we need numbers for catering purposes.

Drawing inspiration from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* ("I have earnestly desired"), the Ars Celebrandi Workshop with Fr Paul Turner invites us to rediscover the beauty, mystery, and transformative power of the liturgy. Pope Francis reminds us that the liturgy is not simply something we do, but an encounter with the living Christ, who ardently desires to gather his people around the Eucharistic table.

Join us to be formed and renewed!

Tuesday 28 July, 7 – 8:30pm | Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury St, Palmerston North.

Please email bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz to register.

Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast | Catholic Hospitality Across New Zealand and Australia

Are you travelling and looking for affordable accommodation with fellow Catholics? Or would you like to offer hospitality to Catholic visitors?

The Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast network connects Catholics throughout New Zealand and Australia. Accommodation costs are \$50 per night for one guest, with \$30 for each additional guest (for example, a couple would pay \$80 per night). A continental breakfast is included.

This is a wonderful way to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics while travelling.

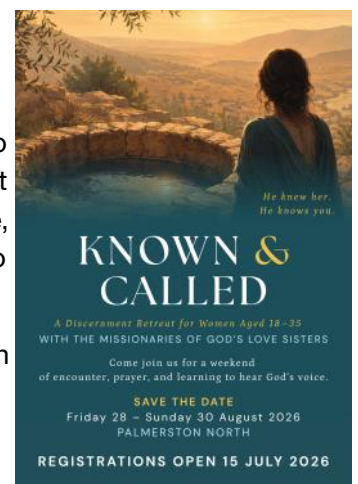
If you would like to become a host, or purchase a directory of participating hosts, please contact: marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

KNOWN & CALLED: A Women's Discernment Retreat

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

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

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



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



Youth Festival 2026: Fully Alive

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

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

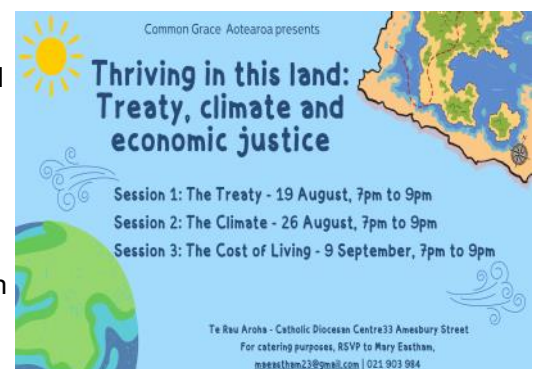
Register using the QR code on the poster or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BECK>

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).



DELARGEY AWARDS 2026

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

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>



Alpha
in a
Catholic Context

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

All are welcome.

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

Just like at Alpha, all are welcome.

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

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship – 40th Anniversary

The Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship will hold its 40th anniversary celebration on 14–16 August.

Further information and registration details are available at <https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>



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

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ROBERT FALZON
LEADER OF AUSTRALIA'S menALIVE
AUTHOR: Importance of a present deal

ALL MEN WELCOME
Friday PM to Sunday Morning
Meals & Accommodation included
Contact: Mike Lobb 021 280 8285
Group bookings: 021 832 7551

SPACES ARE LIMITED
BOOK BY EARLY TO GET THE BEST DEAL
BOOK NOW OR MISS OUT

QR code and photo of men at the event.

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>



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.

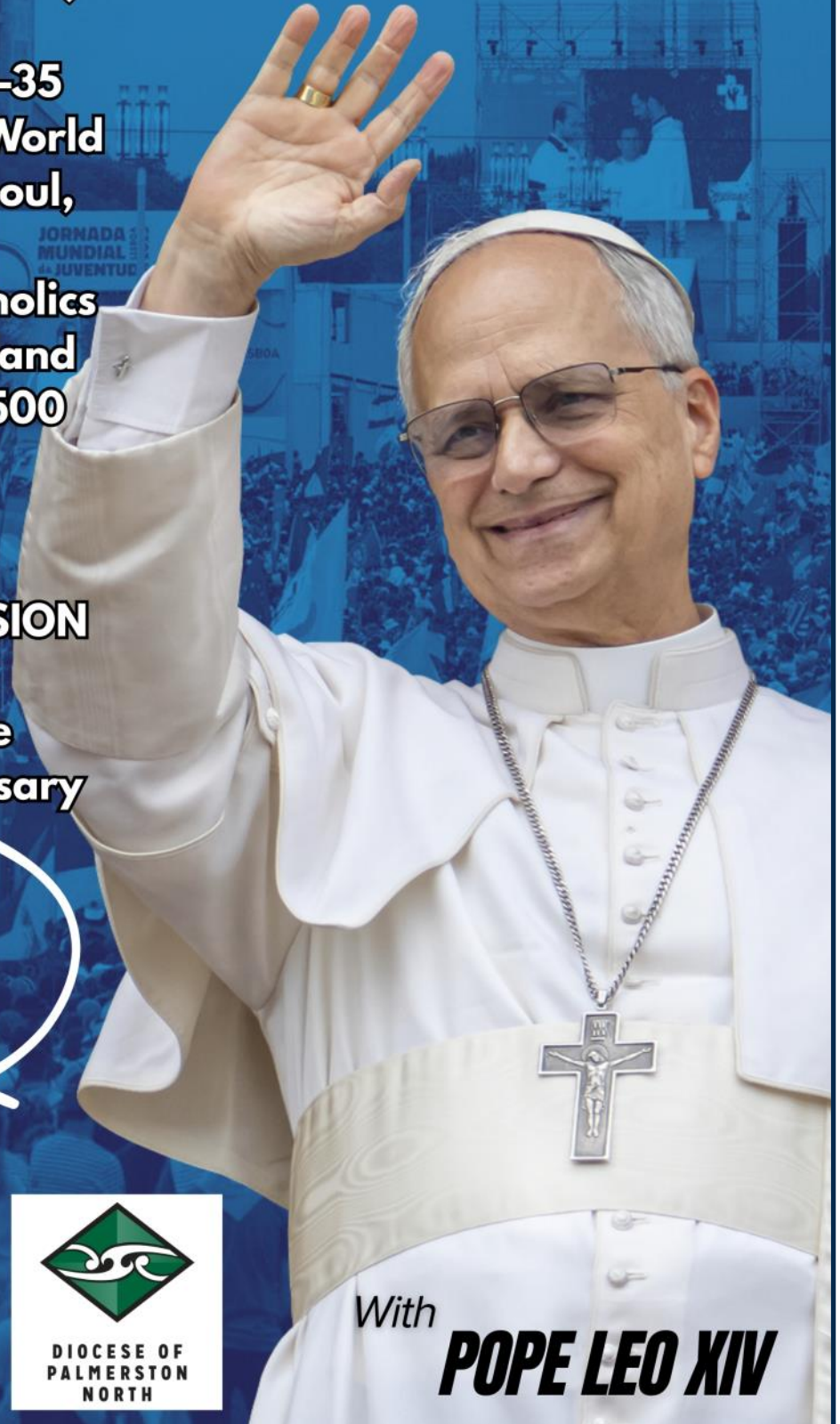
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Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit 2026

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)

Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit

Renewed & Sent gathers priests and parish leaders across Australia
who believe parish renewal is possible and want to discern what it
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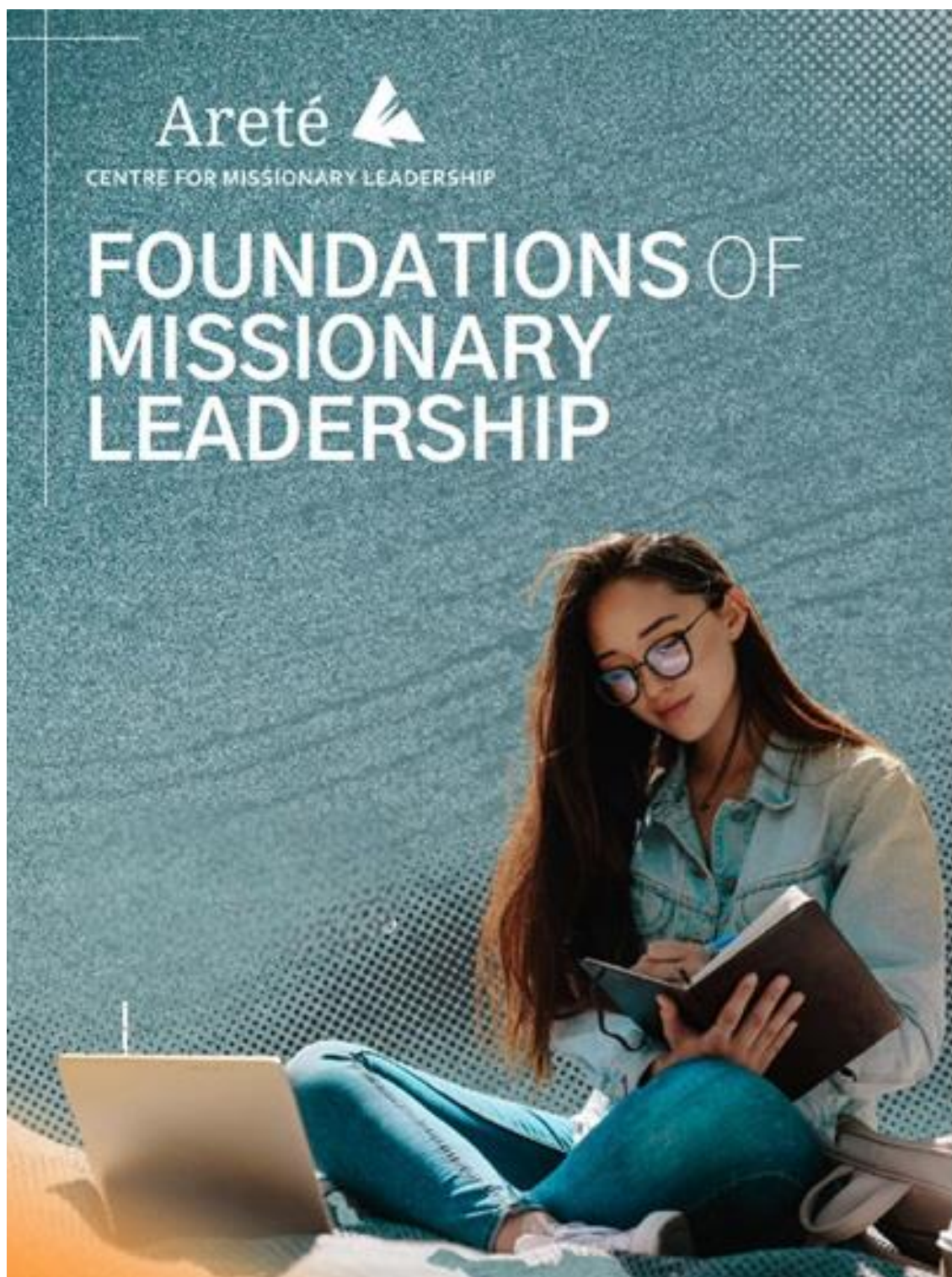


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BRADEN WILL SHARE HOW WE CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND
THE HEARTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND HELP THEM GROW IN
FAITH, FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST AND
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