



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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23rd August 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



PARISH
PRIEST



Fr Simon Story

'Deepening our celebration of the Mass' was a workshop offered to parishioners and priests in the Diocesan Centre 28-29 July. A video of his presentation to laity can be seen here: [Watch Fr Paul Turner's Workshop: Deepening Our Celebration of the Mass - Tūmanako](#)

A more detailed unpacking of the General

Instruction to the Roman Missal (GIRM), which governs how Mass is to be celebrated was given to the priests. Some significant quotes from the GIRM that are worth consideration are below:

The **Collect** or **Opening Prayer**: *Next the Priest calls upon the people to pray and everybody, together with the Priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of being in God's presence and may call to mind their intentions. Then the Priest pronounces the prayer usually called the "Collect" and through which the character of the celebration finds expression.* (GIRM 54)

The **Reading of the Scriptures**: *The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to favour meditation, and so any kind of haste such as hinders recollection is clearly to be avoided. In the course of it, brief periods of silence are also appropriate, accommodated to the assembled congregation; by means of these, under the action of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence, for example, before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins, after the First and Second Reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the Homily.* (GIRM 56) Fr Paul Turner has a website: paulturner.org. God bless, Fr Simon.

New Plymouth Syro Malabar Community Wins Second Place at National Bible Quiz

The New Plymouth Syro Malabar Community proudly celebrates its Bible Quiz Team for securing **second place** at the **National Bible Quiz Competition** held on **8 August** at the **Lincoln Events Centre, Christchurch**.

The competition, which ran from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, brought together **12 teams** from across New Zealand. Participants competed through **10 challenging rounds**, including quizzes on the **Psalms, Bible verses, parables**, and an interactive **Kahoot round**, testing their scriptural knowledge, memory, and teamwork. Parents and community members were also present throughout the day, creating a vibrant atmosphere as they cheered on and encouraged the teams.

Representing New Plymouth were **Christa Binoy, Elaine Robins, Denita Sebastian, and Rebecca Russell** (pictured), whose dedication, teamwork, and strong knowledge of the Bible earned them this outstanding achievement.

Our sincere thanks to the parents, teachers, and supporters who contributed to this wonderful success.



Important Dates

Adoration

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

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

Sunday, 23rd August

Potluck Meet and Greet
Welcoming Louise Lloyd
St Joseph's Church
Hall
6.30pm

Sunday, 23rd August

Māori Education
Special Collection
After Communion
At All Churches
All Masses

Sunday, 30th August

First Holy Communion
St. Joseph's Church
10.30am

Wednesday, 2nd Sept

Unlocking the
Mystery of the Bible
Our Lady
Help of Christians
7.00pm-8.00pm



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:

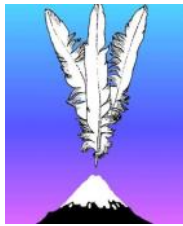
We are going to visit **Parihaka** to learn more of their story so we can better stand with them.



YOU are welcome to join us.

Watch this space for exact date and time. Transport is available.

If you want to be contacted as soon as exact details are known, please message Justiceandpeace@catholicparishnp.nz or phone or text Joan 0211100775



NEW ELECTORAL LAW

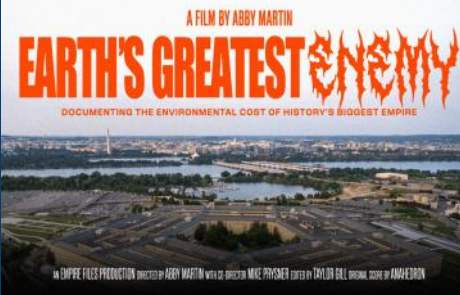
You **must** enrol by **October 25th** to vote in this year's election.

Visit vote.nz or phone 0800 3676 57

To update your details, check that you are still on the roll or obtain a free enrolment form.



"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 **mid-day on Sunday August 30th**. (Please see page 13 for details)

St. Vincet De Paul Society Help Needed For Community Meals. We require people who can wash dishes, serve food, collect dishes, and vacuum. Experience not required. Payment in food and dessert. One Tuesday a month from 5:30pm-7:00pm

Please contact: Liz 022 6430252 (eogooch@gmail.com)



Māori Education Collection – Sunday, 23 August 2026

There will be a special Collection for Māori Education after Communion today. 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. We thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to Catholic Māori education.

Specially marked envelopes were attached to the newsletter last week. More are available in the church foyers. Alternatively, donations may be made by direct credit to the parish bank account 020 630 0288002 03. 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 today Sunday 23 August is welcome.



We like to read the Bible, but sometimes we can get bogged down by long passages that seem difficult to understand, or lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps us uncover the story woven throughout Scripture. It gives us the "big picture" of the Bible and helps us understand what it is all about. Using a unique, colour-coded Bible Timeline™ chart that arranges the key people, places and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help us approach Scripture with greater confidence and see how we fit into God's plan.

Our parish will host the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy, 7:00-8:30pm, fortnightly on Wednesdays. The 1st session is planned for 2nd Sept with the final session on 9th Dec. Each session includes an engaging video presentation, followed by small group discussion.

A 'koha' of \$20 is appreciated as each participant receives a hard copy of Bible Timeline™ chart, 1 year access to online videos and e-workbook.

Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to email Albert: ahjchow@gmail.com





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

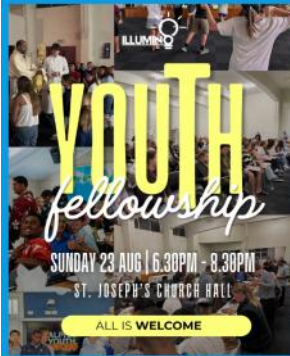
BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS



August Edition

2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP



**THIS 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.



**NEXT SUNDAY
YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 30 AUG**

Our regular youth group format is back, so come along and see what's in store.

JOIN US

**YOUTH MASS
SUNDAY, 30 AUG 2026
5:30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**



FOLLOW US
STAY CONNECTED WITH US ON INSTAGRAM FOR UPDATES ON OUR EXCITING ACTIVITIES!



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 LOUISE
youth@catholicparishnp.nz



**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**
NEW PLYMOUTH

SCAN QR CODE



Rodel – 02102625911 • Arlene – 0211827955

First Holy Communion Dates



+ 23rd August
– Our Lady Help of Christians
Mass and First Holy Communion



+ 30th August
– St. Joseph's School
Mass and First Holy Communion



+ 6th September
– Bell Block Catholic Center



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Wayne Mariz, Michael Burke, Joan Loader, Anne Houghton, Bernard and Sally O'Neill, Maria D M Fernandes, Jeronimo L A Fernandes, Victor C Fernandes, Agnes M Fernandes, Dominic Fernandes, Dominic C Fernandes, Anotno Salvador Dias, Alex Dias, Fermina Dias, Anthony Jerry Dias, Caetano and Clotilda Dias.

**AUG
24
MON**

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 30th AUGUST FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am St Joseph's Church

**25
TUE**

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

**26
WED**

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

**27
THU**

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

**28
FRI**

8:00am St Joseph's Church
12:05pm St Joseph's Church

**29
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)

**30
SUN**

9:00am St Joseph's Church (First Communion)
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:

No Children's Liturgy at Our Lady Help of Christians Church this Sunday 23rd August as we celebrate First Communion. Children's Liturgy in St John Bosco School Library. **St Joseph's Church:** Each Sunday at 9.00am Mass in the church foyer but **NO** children's liturgy on **30th August** as we celebrate First Communion



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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 August 2026

1ST READING: Jeremiah 20.7-9

PSALM: 63

2ND READING: Romans 12.1-2

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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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



First Holy Communion Dates



23rd August

- Our Lady Help of Christians
Mass and First Holy Communion



30th August

- St. Joseph's School
Mass and First Holy Communion



6th September

- Bell Block Catholic Center



Welcome Our New Youth Minister!



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.



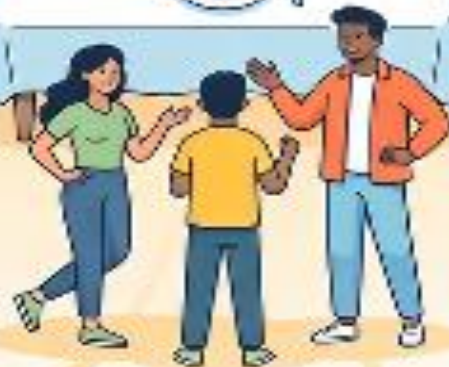
**Sunday,
23rd August
at 6:30 PM**

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.



Louise Arrives Monday, 17th August

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

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.

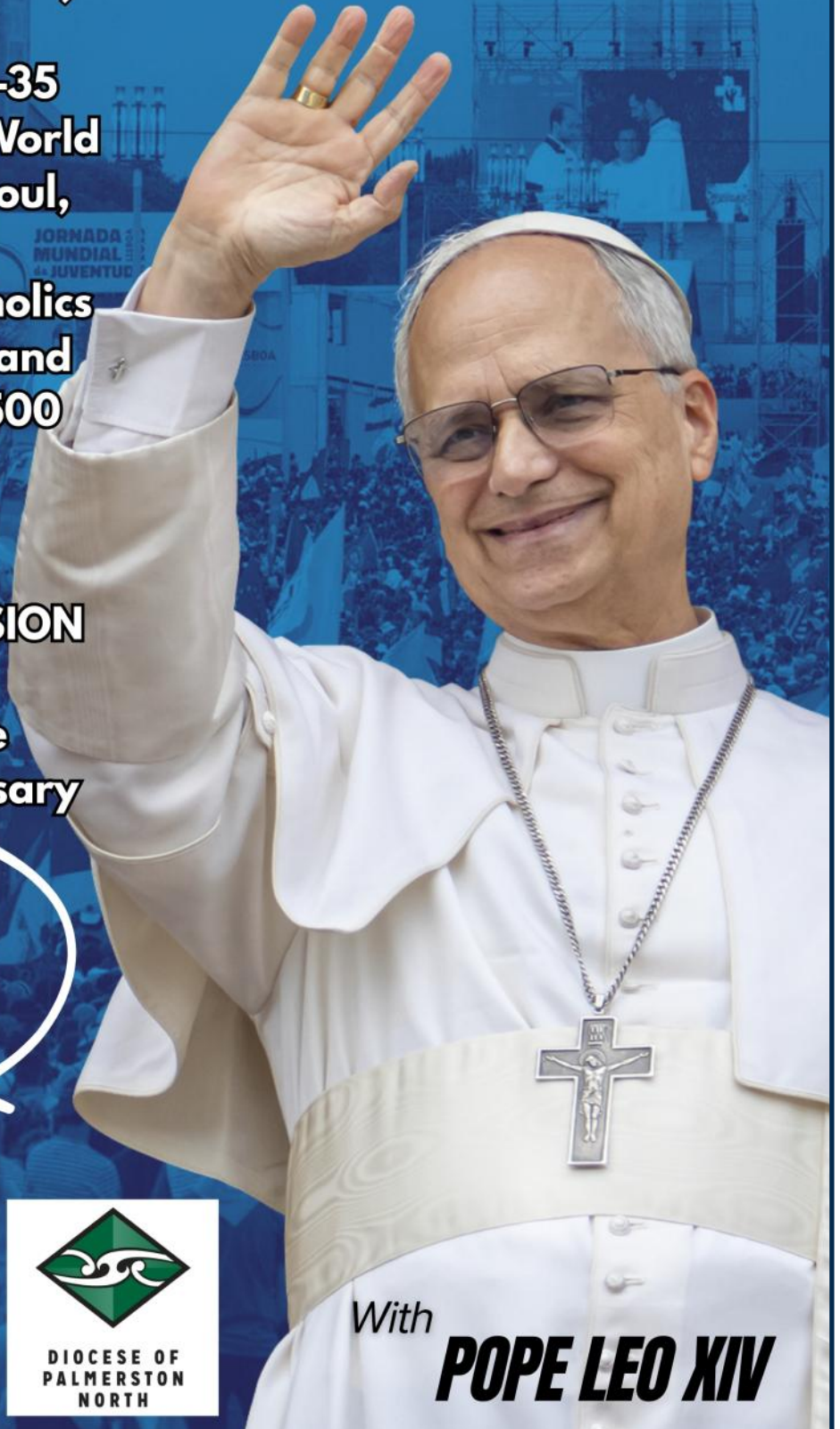
Scan the QR code to complete the **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** form, allowing us to provide you with all the necessary information.

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DIOCESE OF
PALMERSTON
NORTH

With
POPE LEO XIV



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>



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

WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 – 23 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.

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.

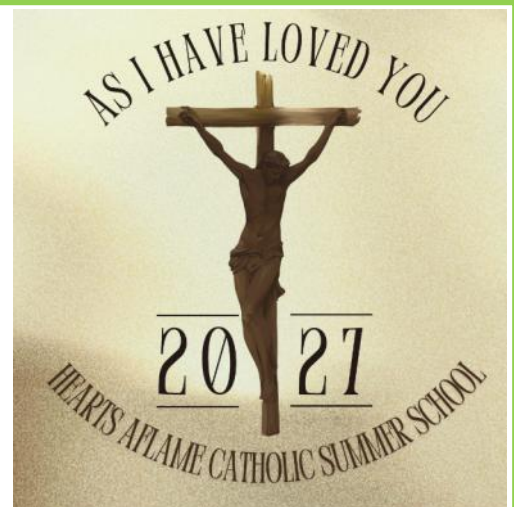
Register at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/OtiySnJcSqq-8PUsrCjJ2g#/registration>

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.



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.

Māori Education Collection – Sunday, 23 August 2026

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 available in the church foyer. 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.

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/>

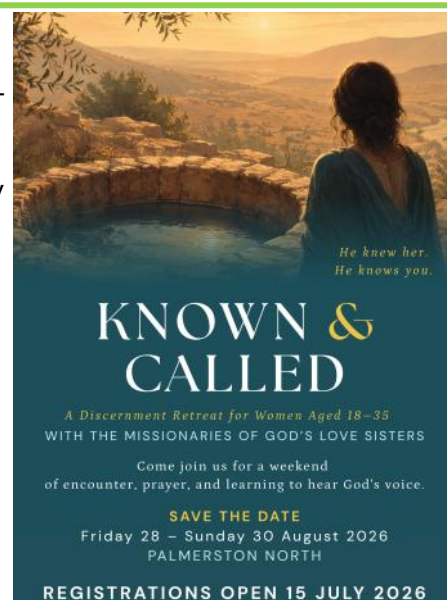
Known & Called: A Discernment Retreat for Women

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

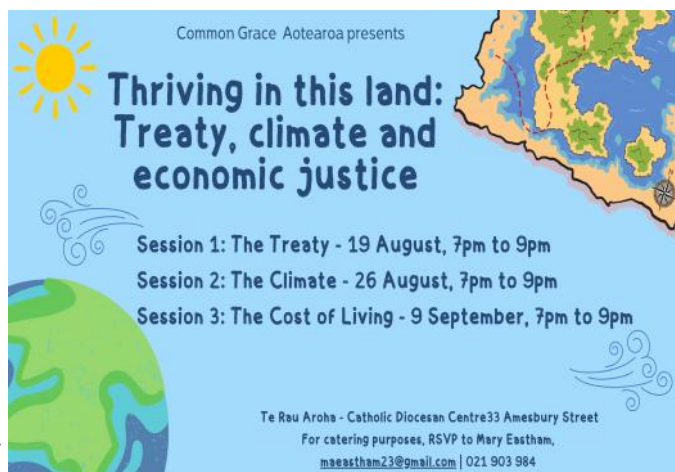


Thriving in this Land: Treaty, Climate and Economic Justice

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).



Common Grace Aotearoa presents

Thriving in this land: Treaty, climate and economic justice

Session 1: The Treaty - 19 August, 7pm to 9pm
Session 2: The Climate - 26 August, 7pm to 9pm
Session 3: The Cost of Living - 9 September, 7pm to 9pm

Te Rau Aroha - Catholic Diocesan Centre 33 Amesbury Street
For catering purposes, RSVP to Mary Eastham, maeastham23@gmail.com | 021 903 984

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:

- **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 • Parish Leadership teams • Alpha teams • Anyone interested in running Alpha • Anyone who would like to know more about Alpha	19th AUGUST 7PM Where does Alpha fit in the life of the Parish? 16th SEPTEMBER 7PM How to take your Alpha from good to great.

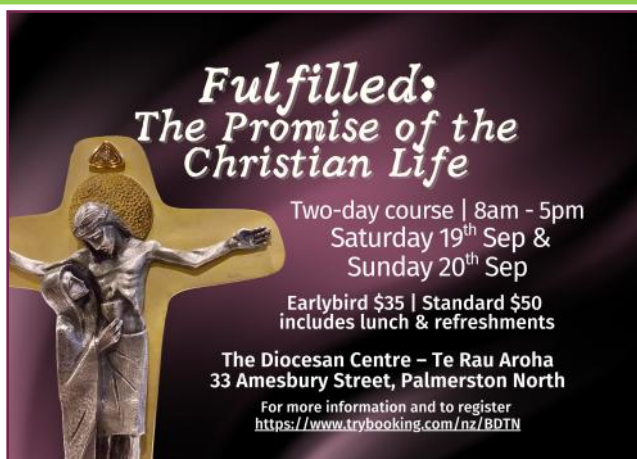
Just like at Alpha, all are welcome.

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

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



Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life

Two-day course | 8am - 5pm
Saturday 19th Sep & Sunday 20th Sep

Earlybird \$35 | Standard \$50 includes lunch & refreshments

The Diocesan Centre – Te Rau Aroha
33 Amesbury Street, Palmerston North

For more information and to register
<https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BDTN>

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 40th CELEBRATION WEEKEND

14 - 16 AUGUST 2026
KESWICK CHRISTIAN CAMP
5 COOPER AVE, HOLDENS BAY, ROTORUA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ROBERT FALZON
LEADER OF AUSTRALIA'S MORAL LIFE
AUTHOR 'Importance of a present dad'

ALL MEN WELCOME
FROM 19 TO SUNDAY MORNING
MEALS & ACCOMMODATION INCLUDED
Contact: Mike Lohr 027 283 8502
Email: mike@menforchrist.nz

UNIQUE LITURGY
BOOK READING
CATERING
KAYAK TOURS

<https://menforchrist.nz/40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>

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>



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(EZEKIEL 37:14)

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who believe parish renewal is possible and want to discern what it
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