



# Parish Newsletter

# Pānui i te Pārihi

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth  
Te Parihi Katorika Ki Ngamotu

25 January 2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



**BE STILL & KNOW THAT I AM GOD**  
**LENTEN SEMINAR ON CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**  
**&**  
**Ignatian Spirituality**  
**Conducted by Fr Alan Roberts**

During the season of Lent, a four week seminar on contemplative prayer will be held each **Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. and Thursday at 7.15 p.m.**, conducted by Fr Alan Roberts. The seminar covers topics such as managing silence in prayer & praying with scripture. It will also include an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality. You choose just one of the sessions. At the conclusion of the seminar the offer will be made of working through the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius in daily life.

Fr Roberts is now resident in New Plymouth. He has been involved in Ignatian Spirituality and encouraging deeper forms of prayer since 1977. He spent 5 years as spiritual director (2012-17) at our national seminary. Some of his writings on contemplative prayer can be found on [www.pukekaraka.com](http://www.pukekaraka.com)

The programme will be as follows:

**Wednesday:** February 25 and March 4, 11, 18 at 10.30 a.m.

**Thursday:** February 26 and March 5, 12, 18 at 7.15 p.m.

Please register if attending: [office@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:office@catholicparishnp.nz) or ph: (06) 757 3682 and indicate preferred session.

**Venue:** St Joseph's Church Powderham St.

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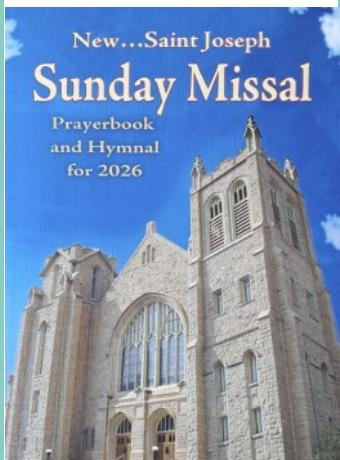
**We pray for our deceased family and friends.** Bernie Story (Fr. Simon's Dad), Launce Gudgeon, Barbara Saelmans, Garry Butler, Rex Begley, Sunny Chamany, Steve Chamany, Flory Fernandes, Anthony Dias, Ignatius Fernandes, Dominic Fernandes, Remedia Rodrigues, Lazarus Rodrigues, Sebastin Rodrigues, Sue Jolly, Mary Quinn, Donal O'Connell, Padraig O'Connell and Shirley Brunetti.

**JANUARY**  
**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

The usual timetable for both churches will resume this week beginning Monday 26th January 2026.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Office has reopened after the Christmas Holidays. Preference interviews have been restarted.. Appointments are necessary and can be made by phoning the Parish Office (06) 757 3682.



Sunday Missal - Prayerbook and Hymnal for 2026 to keep the readings, reflections, and liturgical prayers close at hand all year are on sale @ \$16 in the Parish Office and we have eftpos.



**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**

**JAN****26**  
MON

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

## FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8.00am St Joseph's Church

**27**  
TUE

8.00am St Joseph's Church  
 9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
 12:05pm St Joseph's Church

**28**  
WED

8.00am St Joseph's Church  
 9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians Church

**29**  
THU

8.00am St Joseph's Church  
 9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians Church

**30**  
FRI

8.00am St Joseph's Church  
 12:05pm St Joseph's Church

**31**  
SAT

8.30am St Joseph's Church  
 5.30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church (Vigil Mass)  
 6.00pm St Patrick's Church Okato (Vigil Mass)

**FEB****01**  
SUN

9.00am St Joseph's Church  
 10.30am Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
 10.30am Bell Block Catholic Centre  
 5.30pm St Joseph's Church

**SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

February 1st 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1ST READING:** Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13**PSALM:** 146**2ND READING:** 1 Corinthians 1. 26-31**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5.1-12**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. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests, by initially phoning the Parish Office (06) 757 3682.

**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** Before morning Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Friday @7:40am & Saturday @8.10am in the Parish Office. Come to the back door of the office building.

**KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church:**

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



No children's liturgy on Sunday 1st February  
**St Joseph's Church** Children's Liturgy will resume in the new school term 2026.

**LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS** at Our Lady Help of Christians will resume in the 2026 school term. For more details please contact Amelia at [musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz)



**QUIET YOUR HEART** ~ Music with Kadisha will resume in 2026.

**HOLY HOUR**

God dwells in our midst  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar  
St. Maximilian Kolbe

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For updates on parish, diocese,  
and national events.



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CHRISTIANS**

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**BELL BLOCK  
CATHOLIC CENTRE**138 Parklands Ave  
Bell Block**ST PATRICK'S  
OKATO**36 Cumming St  
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