



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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26 April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

ST CARLO ACUTIS



“THE EUCHARIST IS MY
HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN”

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

23RD APRIL - 13TH JUNE

23rd - 29th April New Plymouth
30th April - 6th May Stratford
7th - 13th May Whanganui
14th - 20th May Napier
21st - 27th May Hastings
28th May - 13th June Palmerston North

St Carlo Acutis Relic

WED 10TH JUNE - SAT 13TH JUNE

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

JOIN US FOR MOMENTS OF PRAYER, MASS,
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION,
VENERATION OF THE RELIC,
THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION,
SCHOOL AND PARISH PILGRIMAGES.

Important Dates

**The Eucharistic
Miracles Exhibition
At St Joseph’s Church**

Saturday 25 April
Monday 27 April
Tuesday 28 April
See adjacent column
for times

St Joseph’s Hall

Sunday 26 April
10.00am to 1.00pm
(After Mass)

Adoration

Bell Block Catholic
Centre
Friday 1 May 4.00pm

Our Lady Help of
Christians Church
Sunday 3 May 3.00pm

Our Lady Help of
Christians Church
Tuesday after 9.10am
Mass

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

Anointing Mass

St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 2 May
10.30am

Who was, who is, St Carlo Acutis?

He is a very powerful and compelling voice in the Church at this time. St. Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) was an Italian Catholic teenager, known as "God's Influencer" and the first millennial saint, canonised in September 2025. A skilled computer programmer, he used the internet to document Eucharistic miracles. He died of leukaemia at the age of fifteen and is widely regarded as a modern model of holiness. He is coming in a particular way to New Zealand – and to Palmerston North - I offer my full support for this event. **Further details can be found in your parish newsletter.**

I would like to thank Fr Marcus and his team for the care, generosity, and prayerful commitment they have shown in preparing for this tour. Their work is a true service to the life of our Church, and I am grateful for all that has been undertaken.

This tour, and the spiritual fruits it seeks to nurture, echo the simple and powerful witness of St Carlo Acutis, who reminded us that “The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven.” May this Exhibition draw many—especially our young people—to rediscover the joy of faith and the living presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

To our young people in particular, I encourage you to be courageous in your faith, to use your gifts generously, and to remember—as St Carlo did—that holiness is possible for you, here and now.

+John Adams Bishop of Palmerston North

You are warmly invited to attend the **Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition**, inspired by the life and witness of **St Carlo Acutis**, which will be visiting our area as part of a wider diocesan tour.

This Exhibition shares stories and images of Eucharistic miracles from around the world, gathered and presented by St Carlo Acutis – a young Italian layman whose deep love for the Eucharist shaped his short but profoundly influential life. Through this Exhibition, visitors are invited to deepen their understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and to renew their faith and devotion.

Details of the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition in New Plymouth:

Venue: St Joseph’s Church Saturday 25 April After 8.30am Mass to 5.00pm

St Joseph’s Church Hall Sunday 26 April 10.00am to 1.00pm (after 9.00am Mass)

St Joseph’s Church Monday 27th after 8.30am Mass to 5.00pm

St Joseph’s Church Tuesday 28th after 8.00am Mass finishing at 3.00pm. Adoration 11.00am to 12.00pm

GENERAL NOTICES

PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE:

On the eve of Anzac Day we will have a prayer service for Peace in the World at St Joseph's Church at 7.00pm on Friday 24th April. Come and spend half an hour



praying for our brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering through war and injustice. St Anthony de Padua Choir will be helping with the music. Then stay behind afterwards to share a cuppa and a biscuit.

ANOINTING MASS: The monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at 10.30am next Saturday 2 May at St Joseph's Church. A late morning tea will follow after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE are very grateful for the support offered by parishioners at their recent stall Sunday 12th April. This helped to raise a considerable amount of money for our National At Home Appeal for Alzheimers New Zealand. Thank you all very much.



CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 1 May - Committee Meeting at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church foyer.

CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 1 May, after the 12.05pm Mass at St Joseph's. CWL offer a delicious lunch. Plated sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee for just \$7, and this also includes a raffle ticket! This is a fundraising activity for the CWL, so the more lunch guests there are, the more CWL can help others. Go to the CWL website to see CWL nationwide work www.cwl.org.nz

TAX RECEIPTS: The tax year ended 31 March 2026 and tax receipts for parish donations have been issued during the week. If we had a current email address for donors, receipts have been emailed, unless you have specifically requested a printed copy. If we did not have a current email address a paper copy has been printed and these have been left in the appropriate church foyer. If you would prefer a paper copy tax receipt to an emailed receipt, please advise the Parish Office and we will print a copy. If you have any queries concerning the receipts, again please contact the Parish Office.



SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP The Safeguarding Workshop held on **Thursday, 16 April at St Joseph's Church Hall** was well received and enjoyed strong participation, with **around 40 parishioners** attending from different walks of life. The positive turnout reflected the parish's shared commitment to fostering safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for all.

The session was opened by **Fr. Simon**, who warmly welcomed participants and introduced the facilitator. The workshop was led by **Jane Hahn who is the National Safeguarding Lead**, who delivered an excellent and well balanced training session. Her presentation combined clear and practical safeguarding guidance with meaningful interaction, encouraging active engagement throughout the evening.

Jane Hahn is a prominent safeguarding professional in New Zealand, acting as a key figure within the **National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS)** to ensure safety across Catholic organizations. She is a former Catholic school principal and serves as a safeguarding reviewer and coordinator for church policies.

The workshop also provided a safe and open forum for participants to share their apprehensions, raise questions, and reflect on their own experiences. Attendees valued the opportunity to seek clarification and discuss real life situations, with thoughtful responses helping to address concerns and provide practical solutions.

The session concluded with **Fr. Simon thanking Jane** for



her insightful and engaging facilitation, as well as acknowledging the contributions of all who participated. The workshop was informative, engaging, and affirming, strengthening

safeguarding awareness and confidence within parish life. *Russell Chamany*

Apostoli Vae (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 6 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

Jaime jlz012@gmail.com for more details

or



TŪMANAKO The newsletter for the diocese of Palmerston North: Issue 13 is available here today. For those who wish to have a printed issue please take a copy. 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.

THE GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP meets every Monday

in the Parish Office Ngāmotu Room, at 9.30am looking at the Gospel for the week. Everyone is welcome to join this group. Just come to the office. Picture above is some of the group with the Gomas Family who visited last Monday.



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.



ROSTERS: We are beginning to make the rosters for the next 3 months, June, July, August. If you have any special requests, please contact the roster co-ordinator or the Parish Office for St Joseph's, or Helen Chitty helen4sun@hotmail.com for Our Lady Help of Christians. This roster covers the July school holidays.

You are warmly invited to attend in our parish this weekend the **Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition**. This Exhibition inspired by the life and witness of **St Carlo Acutis**, will be visiting our area as part of a wider diocesan tour. The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is the

first stop for the exhibition and on the first two days Thursday and Friday will be staged at Francis Douglas Memorial College and Sacred Heart Girls College.



Photos of show the Exhibition at Francis Douglas College.



The Exhibition forms part of the **spiritual lead up to the relics of St Carlo Acutis** being at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palmerston North from 10 – 13 June 2026, providing an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and preparation ahead of this significant diocesan event.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

PURPOSE
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2026 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME
Opening Mass (Youth Mass)

Calling all 2026 Confirmation candidates and parents! Join us for an inspiring Opening Mass (Youth Mass) to kick off your journey.

Afterwards, we'll gather in the church hall for our first session.

05:30PM - 6:30PM
SUNDAY, 26 APRIL
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

There will be **NO YOUTH GROUP** on Sunday, 26 April.

This Sunday, we will embark on our journey with the 2026 Confirmation Programme, starting with a Youth Mass at 5:30pm followed by our first session in the hall at 6:45pm.

Youth Group will return on Sunday, 3 May, for a **SOCIAL NIGHT!**

We look forward to seeing you then!

FIRST SESSION
6:45pm - 8:45pm
St. Joseph's Church Hall

YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY 3 MAY
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
CHURCH HALL

IT'S A SOCIAL NIGHT!

BRING YOUR PALS AND LET'S PARTY!

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

SUN 3 MAY

SOCIAL NIGHT

6:30PM – 8:30PM

SOCIAL NIGHT

FELLOWSHIP, FUN, FRIENDSHIP

YOUTH GROUP DATES IN TERM 2

3 MAY

17 MAY

7 JUNE

21 JUNE

5 JULY

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

ILLUMINE

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

St. Carlo Acutis
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION, INSPIRED BY THE LIFE AND WITNESS OF ST CARLO ACUTIS.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

SATURDAY, 25 APRIL

- After 8:30am Mass to 5:00pm

MONDAY, 27 APRIL

- After 8:30am Mass to 5:00pm

TUESDAY, 28 APRIL

- After 8:00am Mass to 3:00pm
- Adoration from 11:00am – 12:00pm followed by Mass at 12:05pm

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

SUNDAY, 26 APRIL

- After 9:00am Mass to 1:00pm

THIS EXHIBITION SHOWCASES STORIES AND IMAGES OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, GATHERED AND PRESENTED BY ST. CARLO ACUTIS. VISITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CHRIST'S REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST AND TO RENEW THEIR FAITH AND DEVOTION.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS:
Douglas Fife, Phil Kelsen and Marie Hickey.

Ellie-Rose Gudopp,

Have you ever considered the pipe organ, played every Sunday



... The pipe organ in St Joseph's Church was designed and built for the church almost 60 years ago. The church was opened in 1968 and the musical instrument we almost take for granted has provided us with musical accompaniment and enjoyment at the hands of a procession of talented organists over the decades.

The pipe organ is essentially a complicated mechanical device with a complexity of moving parts. It is high maintenance, and increasingly so as it ages. It requires servicing and tuning twice a year. The tuner technicians of the South Island Organ Company are based in Timaru, and the typically six-monthly tuning usually takes two days. Every pipe is inspected and the reed pipes adjusted where required. Since December 2022 to February 2026, pipe organ maintenance has cost the parish \$23,200. Last financial

year (YE September 2025) organ maintenance cost the parish almost \$12,000.

Electrics and wires connecting the keyboard to the organ proper together with a blower fan are integral components of the parish pipe organ. Some electrical components failed recently and cost \$500 to replace. Fortunately, our musical director, Amelia, was able to arrange this to be done from local resources.

The South Island Organ Company recently provided the parish with a condition report and long-term (10 years) maintenance plan. The report estimates that on present day costs the parish will need to spend some \$181,000 on maintaining the St Joseph's pipe organ over the next 10 years.



While we are advised that the existing instrument has many years of life remaining, the replacement cost of the parish pipe organ 'like for like' is estimated to be in the order of \$500,000.

Today, a new church would most likely be equipped with an electronic (digital) pipe organ. A mid-range liturgical organ suitable for the size of St Joseph's church would currently cost in the range of \$40,000 - \$80,000. We are advised

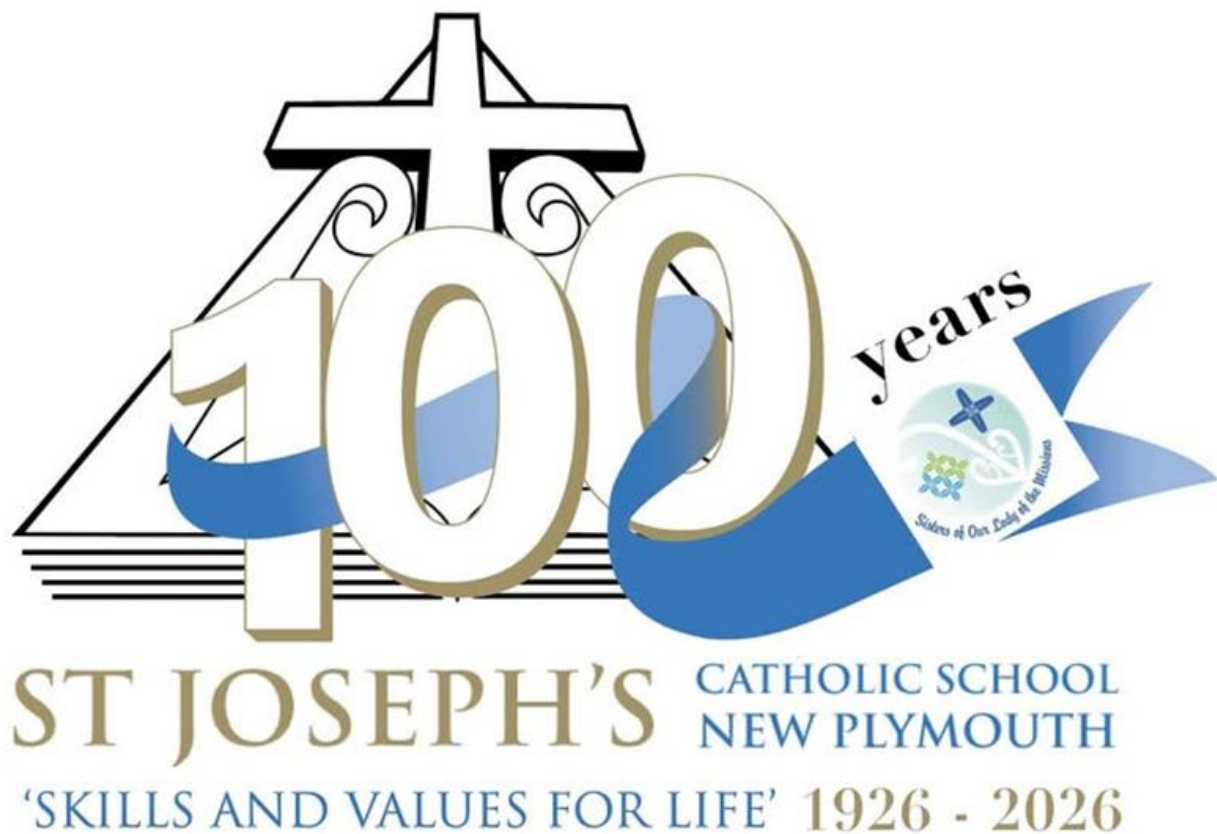
electronic organs of the type that could be considered, have negligible maintenance costs over their expected life.

Looking to the future, a further consideration is the availability of trained pipe organists. Generally now

in New Zealand churches, and in our parish, there are few skilled organists available to fill the music ministry. By contrast, in our parish, pianists and keyboardists tend to be more available. The piano is still a instrument that young parishioners cherish, wanting to develop their talents and commit to be part of music ministry.

If you have any comments about this important parish matter, please email Finance Committee Chair colin.comber@xtra.co.nz and/or Amelia Luke, Music Coordinator musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz





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/profile.php?id=61576850039718>





PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR

SEMINARIANS



Sy Nguyen

Sy came to New Zealand from Vietnam in 2025 and is now in his second year at the seminary



Zecharia Mathew

Zecharia is from Auckland and joined our diocese this year



Hung Nguyen

Hung is from Vietnam and is in his first year at the seminary.



Dung (Zung) Phan

Dung is from Vietnam. He has been in New Zealand for about six years and is currently on his pastoral placement in Feilding, Taihape, and Ohakune



Rodney Rebecca

Rodney was a Trappist monk for 20 years and has spent several years at Kopua Monastery. He is now training to become a priest for our diocese

For enquiries or to support our seminarians, please contact:

Fr Trung Nguyen

Phone: 022 062 6726

Email: vocations@pndiocese.org.nz

DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

2026

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

World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Seminary Appeal Sunday, 26 April 2026

On the **Fourth Sunday of Easter, 26 April 2026**, we are invited to pray especially for those called to the priesthood. This day also marks the beginning of **National Vocations Awareness Week**.

We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of the men who are currently discerning and following God's call to priestly service within our diocese.

Our Seminarians; at present, we have **five seminarians** in formation:

Sy Nguyen, is in his second year and brings a strong passion for youth outreach and community service all of which is nourished daily by his quiet, interior life of prayer.

Zecharia Mathew, is in his second year of formation and has a deep love for the liturgy, along with a strong passion for journeying with youth and young adults.

Br Rodney Rebecca, was a Trappist monk for 20 years and has spent several years at Kopua Monastery. As a priest, he would like to be a good pastor in the way of Christ, who is the Good Shepherd. Practically, his primary concern is the faithful administration of the Church's sacraments. Furthermore, he seeks to make people aware of the surpassing greatness of God's mercy.

Hung Nguyen, first year, who returned to New Zealand last year after completing his IELTS exam, and brings a strong passion for parish life and service.

Zung Manh Phan, fourth year of formation, currently on pastoral placement in Feilding, Taihape, and Ohakune, with a particular interest in pastoral care and parish ministry.

We also ask you to please keep **Lam Van Nguyen and Canh Minh Hoang** in your prayers, as they continue preparing for their English test in Vietnam – an important step in their vocational journey.

Arriving this month is **Lam Phan Van Lam**, originally from Vietnam and currently residing in the United Kingdom. Lam is joining our diocese for a period of discernment, with the hope of potentially entering the seminary next year.

We are further encouraged by a growing interest in vocations, with others expressing a desire to begin seminary formation next year.

Seminary Appeal

The cost of formation is significant – approximately **\$60,000 per seminarian per year**, along with **\$20,000 annually** to meet the fixed costs of running the seminary. Your support is more important than ever.

We invite you to support our seminarians **both prayerfully and financially**. Any contribution, no matter the amount, makes a real difference.

How to contribute:

Specially marked donation envelopes were attached to the newsletter last week. More are available in the church foyer. Those who use planned giving will have their own numbered Seminary special collection envelope. Alternatively, donations may be made by direct credit to The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth, bank account 02 0630 0288002 03 using your name as the payee and "Seminary" as the reference and the planned giving number if you have one. Your support and kindness is always very much appreciated.

A Word of Encouragement

To our young people: the priesthood is always a beautiful and courageous option for your life. If you are considering it, please speak with any of our diocesan priests.

To parents: if your children express an interest in a vocation to the priesthood, we encourage you to support them with openness, love, and prayer.

Fr Trung is currently preparing a **Vocations Discernment Retreat the weekend of 26 - 28 June 2026**. Please contact him for further information.

For enquiries or support, please contact the **Diocese of Palmerston North Vocations Director, Fr Trung Nguyen** on **022 062 6726** or email vocations@pndiocese.org.nz.

Thank you for your continued generosity, support, and prayers for vocations.

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE TO 3rd MAY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH	
8.30am	St Joseph's Church (Statuary Holiday)
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians
12.05pm	St Joseph's Church
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
10:00am	Sacred Heart's College
2:20pm	Francis Douglas Memorial College
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
12.05pm	St Joseph's Church
8.30am	St Joseph's Church
10.30am	St Joseph's (Anointing Mass)
5.30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians (Vigil Mass)
6.00pm	St Patrick's Church Okato (Vigil Mass)
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

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 (8.10am 27 April) 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. There is no Children's Liturgy at OLHC this Sunday 26 April as it is the long weekend.



St Joseph's Church: Every Sunday during 9.00am Mass in the church foyer.

Little Angels Music and play group for preschoolers at Our Lady Help of Christians will resume for Term II Monday 4 May. For more details please contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Fifth Sunday of Easter 3 May 2026

1ST READING: Acts 6.1-7
PSALM: 33
2ND READING: 1 Peter 2.4-9
GOSPEL: John 14.1-12



	<p>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</p>	<p>HOLY HOUR God dwells in our midst in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar St. Maximilian Kolbe EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</p>
	<p>BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE First Friday of the month 4.00pm - 5.00pm</p>	
	<p>ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH Every Thursday 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	

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Bell Block

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Okato

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Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

“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 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

20 – 26 April 2026

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

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition consists of 40 panels of Eucharistic miracles from around the world, gathered and presented by St Carlo Acutis. Carlo was 15 when he died, and this exhibition is his gift to the Church.

This week (23 – 29 April) the exhibition is hosted by the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, let Carlo lead you a little closer to the one who feeds and knows us by name – come and visit. All are welcome.

The exhibition then travels to: Stratford (30 Apr–6 May), Whanganui (7–13 May), 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. Further details available end of April.

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College | Enrolment for Semester Two 2026

Enrol for theology courses at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College this Semester 2, whether you're starting or continuing your journey of faith. Study full-time or part-time, on-campus or online. Enrolment for Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology opens on 28 April. For courses offered, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables

Upcoming Webinar

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College will hold its second webinar on the WYD2027 Webinar Series, titled "Courage: A call for young people to be bold and confident in their faith", with Bishop Michael Gielen as speaker. This will be on Tuesday, 05 May 2026, 5-6pm via Zoom. Find out more and register at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

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>

Foster Parents Needed

OPEN HOME FOUNDATION
TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Find out more about foster care with Open Home Foundation

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
A weekend, a week or longer term

Contact our Foster Parent Recruiter Jo Berrington-Hince
Jo.Berrington-Hince@ohf.org.nz or 021 404 236

www.ohf.org.nz A Christian Community Response

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>

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/1FAIpQLScfUWcTPgzkxtwIH86NPEhHqvd2scpc1nkj_4WjzGrbx4WKQ/viewform

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>

Vatican II Deep Dive – Online Formation

After the first Diocesan Hubs in Palmerston North and Hastings, the conversation continues online through Vatican II Deep Dive.

In April we will reflect on selected passages from *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, exploring how the Church's teaching on the liturgy shapes our understanding of worship and parish life.

Sessions:

Wednesday 15 April, 7:00–8:45pm

Wednesday 29 April, 7:00–8:45pm

Join us online. To register: bit.ly/deepdiveapr26

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>



Prayer Retreat for Women
3 days, 2 nights

"At the root of prayer is a relationship of love."
St Teresa of Avila

Fri 15 May 6pm - Sun 17 May 3pm
Magnificat Retreat Centre | Featherston

Limited Spaces | Bookings essential
Earlybird \$275pp | Standard \$320pp
includes accommodation & meals

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

DIocese of PALMERSTON NORTH

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>

REBUILD MY CHURCH

From Stones to Souls with Dr. Mary Healy

Christ's call to St Francis — "Go and rebuild my house"
— was a call to renew hearts, not just walls.

Before heading to the Australian CHARIS Conference, Dr Mary Healy comes to Hamilton to help us listen more attentively to God's voice and our role in building a living Church.



THREE EVENINGS | 9, 10, 11 June | 7pm

- The Power of God's Word
- The Holy Spirit Brings Life
- For Such a Time as This

CLERGY WORKSHOP | 10 June | 10.30am - 2.30pm

- Awakening the Gifts of the Faithful

LEADERS WORKSHOP | 11 June | 9am - 3pm

- Whole-Hearted Leadership
- Leading in the Anointing of the Holy Spirit
- Empowering Others

Dr Mary Healy

Professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit

9, 10, 11 JUNE 2026

CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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14 - 16 AUGUST 2026

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ROBERT FALZON

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AUTHOR 'Importance of a present dad'

ALL MEN WELCOME

FRIDAY PM TO SUNDAY MIDDAY
MEALS & ACCOMMODATION INCLUDED

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Greg Sullivan 021 437 747

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<https://menforchrist.wufoo.com/forms/joshua-40th-anniversary-celebration-rotorua>



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Chevalier Cyril John

CHARIS INTERNATIONAL INTERCESSION COMMISSION



Cyril will be in NZ
for two days.

Teaching and Training on
Prophetic Intercession

Date 11th and 12th May 2026

Times Monday 11th: 6 pm to 9 pm
Tuesday 12th: 10 am to 9:30 pm

Venue Christ the King Church
Mt Roskill
Auckland

Amazing opportunity for all.



For enquiries contact Vanessa Nathan
021 143 3703 or email
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Registration \$20.00

TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD
JOHN 16:33



WORLD YOUTH DAY

3 - 8 AUGUST 2027
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

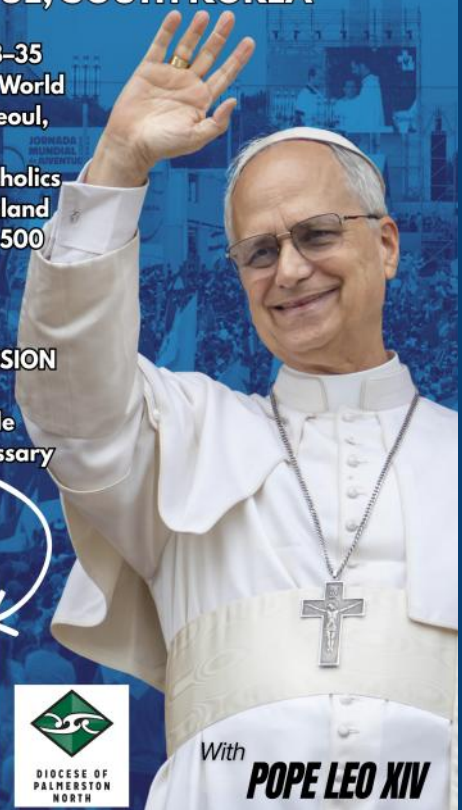
Young adults aged 18-35
are invited to attend World
Youth Day 2027 in Seoul,
South Korea, where
millions of young Catholics
will gather. New Zealand
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young people.

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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
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Better Later Life Action Plan

2025 to 2028



Please join the Minister for Seniors, Hon Casey Costello to discuss the Better Later Life Action Plan – Tuesday 5 May

The Minister for Seniors, Hon Casey Costello is visiting communities across Aotearoa New Zealand to discuss the new Action Plan for the Government's Better Later Life Strategy.

At this event, you'll hear how the Government is working to support older people, respond to cost-of-living pressures, strengthen aged care, and help people stay independent and connected as they age.

You'll also have the chance to meet local organisations and services that support wellbeing in your community.

There will be time for kōrero, questions, and informal networking. Please share this invitation with your networks. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date: Tuesday 5 May

Time: 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Venue: The Plymouth International Hotel, 220 Courtenay Street, New Plymouth

Hosted by GreyPower New Plymouth

Open to all. No RSVP required