



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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26th July 2026 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Important Dates

Adoration

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

No Masses

Tuesday 28th and
Wednesday 29th as
priests are away – so
there will be
Liturgy of the Word
with Communion
(Details on Pg4)

Friday 31st July

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

Saturday 1st August Anointing Mass

St Joseph's Church
10.30am

Sunday 2nd August

Adoration
Our Lady Help of
Christians Church
4.00pm

Friday 7th August

CWL Committee
10:30am
First Friday Lunch after
the 12.05pm Mass at St
Joseph's Church foyer

Friday 7th August

Adoration
Bell Block
Catholic Centre
4.00pm

BRADEN JOHNSON VISITS NEW PLYMOUTH 4TH AUGUST 2026

Speaking honestly to young people and the wider parish community about relationships, social media and faith.

On 4th August, Braden Johnson will be in New Plymouth for a powerful and deeply personal presentation addressing the realities young people face today. Drawing from his own experiences, he will speak candidly about relationships, social media, the pressures confronting young people, and what it means to live the Catholic faith with authenticity and purpose.

He will also encourage parents, families, and the wider parish community to support young people in developing a deeper friendship with Jesus, particularly through the Eucharist, and to respond together to Christ's call to mission. **All are Welcome.**



Tuesday, 4th August 2026



**Talk starts 7:00pm
Mingle with Braden
from 6:30pm in the
church foyer**



St. Joseph's Church

Jesus in the Eucharist

FRIENDSHIP. MISSION. HOPE.

CALLED TO CHRIST. SENT TO MISSION.



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: "Thriving in this land."

On Sunday after Mass, a group of parishioners took advantage of the opportunity to learn about and reflect on the situation that many New Zealanders are facing with the Cost of Living. This included a message from the Catholic Archbishop of Wellington, Paul Martin SM. We gained a greater understanding of how we are called to live in this world as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our next Session, "The Treaty" will be on Sunday afternoon **August 16th**, St. Joseph's Hall Supper Room at 12:30pm. There will be plenty of room for YOU.



Dilexi Te readings continue this **Monday evening** in the Ngamotu room of the Parish office from 5:45 until 6:45. All welcome.

Invitation We have been invited to join with other Christian Churches to hear Common Grace's invitation to **"Leave No Voice Uncounted" in the 2026 general election**

Tuesday July 28th 7pm until 8:30pm at Te Manu Hononga, the Sir Paul Reeves Centre, St Mary's Parsh 37 Vivien Street.

The Justice and Peace group will be there and you are very welcome to join us. Please email justiceandpeace@catholicparishnp.nz

Or phone or text Joan 0211100775 to register.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE.

Pope Leo has asked us all to keep praying for peace in our world. There are so many places and so many people in the world suffering so terribly through the effects of war. We will come together to pray for those people and for an end to the wars that are causing so much destruction and misery.

You are all invited to join the Justice and Peace group and St Anthony of Padua Choir to pray for peace in our world.

Friday evening August 7th at 7pm at St Joseph's Church. Followed by a cup of tea or coffee

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

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

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

ENTRY
\$15
PER PERSON
INCLUDES

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

Funds raised will help support people living with dementia, their families, and caregivers through advocacy, education, and vital community services.

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.

CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 7th August – Committee Meeting at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church foyer.

CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 7th August, 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

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.

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.



TŪMANAKO
United in Hope - I te Tūmanako o te Kotahitanga



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

ROSTERS: We are beginning to make the Ministry rosters for the next roster round, September/October/November. If you have any special requests please contact your roster co-ordinator or the Parish Office for St Joseph's, or Helen Chitty helen4sun@hotmail.com for Our Lady Help of Christians

"SMEG" Knives at New World Supermarkets

If any parishioners shop at New World and aren't collecting the SMEG, would you like to collect and drop into the container at O.L.H.C. or St Joseph's Office. These will be used to get some knives for St Joseph's Kitchen. Thank you.

Fiona Dravitzki, Hospitality Team.

GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKLETS are available in the church foyers. 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 available for all. Look for the pink cover. Please just take a copy.



VOICE FOR LIFE:

Central Taranaki Branch AGM Monday 27 July 1.00pm.

Immaculate Conception Church Conference Room, Miranda Street, Stratford

Guest Speaker: Gina Sunderland. For all enquiries contact Maureen 027 605 6537

July Edition

2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US

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

Youth Mass
CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEW PLYMOUTH

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YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!!

SEE YOU ALL!

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

SOCIAL NIGHT
EVENT
26th JULY
6:30PM TO 8:30PM
BRING A FRIEND!

Dear young people,
with the help of the Holy Spirit, you can become missionaries of Christ in the world. Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you.

Pope Leo XIV

FOLLOW US

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

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

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

RECONCILIATION

Celebration

Please keep the children preparing for First Reconciliation in your prayers. May this sacred moment deepen their relationship with God's loving mercy and grace.

Friday
31st July

St. Joseph's
Church

5:30pm

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Thomas Healion, Fr. John Healion, Darcy Old, Joan Gaines, Marie Hickey and Bill Murray.

JULY
27
MON

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 2nd AUGUST FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am St Joseph's Church

28
TUE

8:00am St Joseph's Church (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
12:05pm St Joseph's Church (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)

29
WED

8:00am St Joseph's Church (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)

30
THU

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

31
FRI

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

AUG
1
SAT

8:30am St Joseph's Church
10:30am St. Joseph's Church (Anointing Mass)
5:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians (Vigil Mass)
6:00pm St Patrick's Church Okato (Vigil Mass)

2
SUN

9:00am St Joseph's Church
10:30am Our Lady Help of Christians
10:30am Bell Block Mass 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 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 tomorrow, 27th July. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 August 2026

1ST READING: Isiah 55.1-3

PSALM: 145

2ND READING: Roman 8.35, 37-39

GOSPEL: Mathew 14.13-21

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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
St. Maximilian Kolbe

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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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 **RECONCILIATION** *Celebration*



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Friday
31st July



St. Joseph's
Church



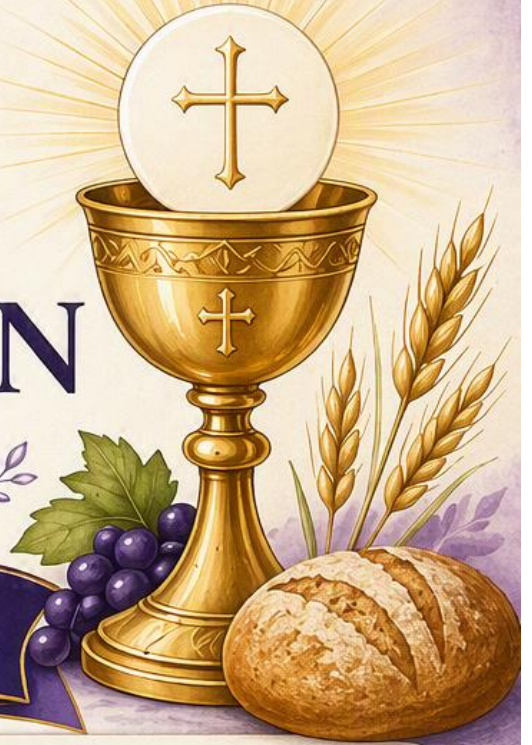
5:30pm



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



*Jesus, Bread of Life,
nourish us in faith,
hope and love.*



WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 - 19 July 2026

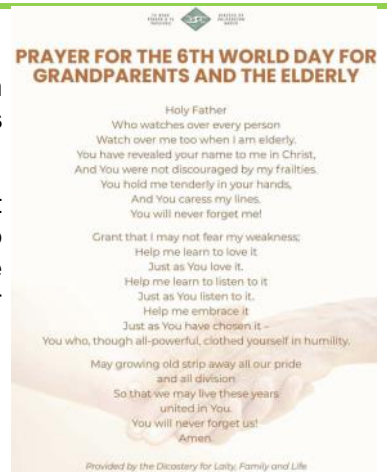
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly | Sunday 26 July 2026

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>



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/>

Job Vacancy: Catholic Parish of Whanganui

The Catholic Parish of Whanganui is seeking a highly organised and pastoral Parish Secretary/Administrator to support the Parish Priest and wider parish community. This is a key, front-facing role at the heart of parish life, combining office administration, computer work, financial support, and the coordination of people and activities. We offer a supportive, inclusive workplace with flexibility, training, and the chance to make a genuine difference. If you are seeking work with purpose, we encourage you to apply.

Please send your CV and a brief cover letter outlining your suitability for this role, as well as your connection with or understanding of the Catholic Church, to Mike O'Sullivan at mike@nzsurveyor.co.nz. Applications close on Friday 31 July 2026.

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.

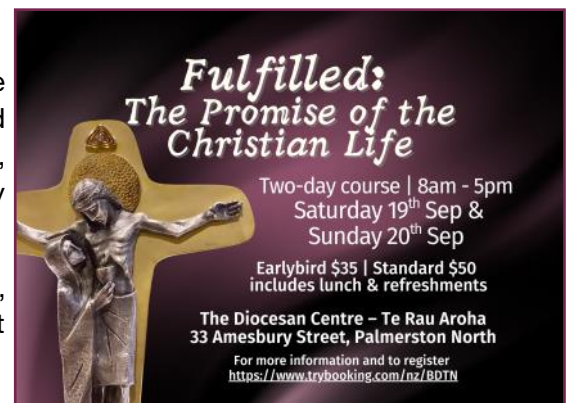
Friday 28 – Sunday 30 August 2026, Palmerston North. Further details and registration information coming soon.



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.

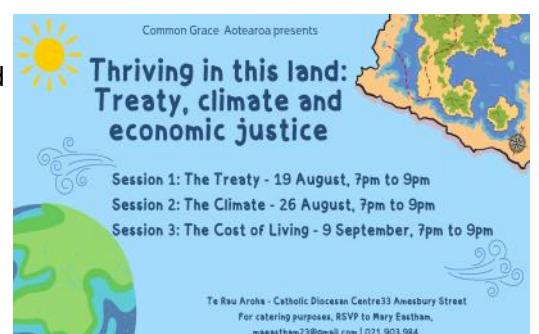
It will be a full day of faith, friendship, energy and encounter, created to help young people discover the fullness of life found in Christ. Please consider the young people in your family, parish or community who may appreciate a personal invitation.

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.



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>

WYD 2027 Webinar Series | The Youth are Called to Grow in Hope

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College will have its third session on the WYD 2027 webinar series on July 7, 2026, 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. In this session, Hope: Rooted in the Resurrection of Christ, the Youth are Called to Grow in Hope, Prof Renee Kohler-Ryan will inspire our rangatahi to live as witnesses of hope in today's world. For more information, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026. Student discount applies.

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>



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

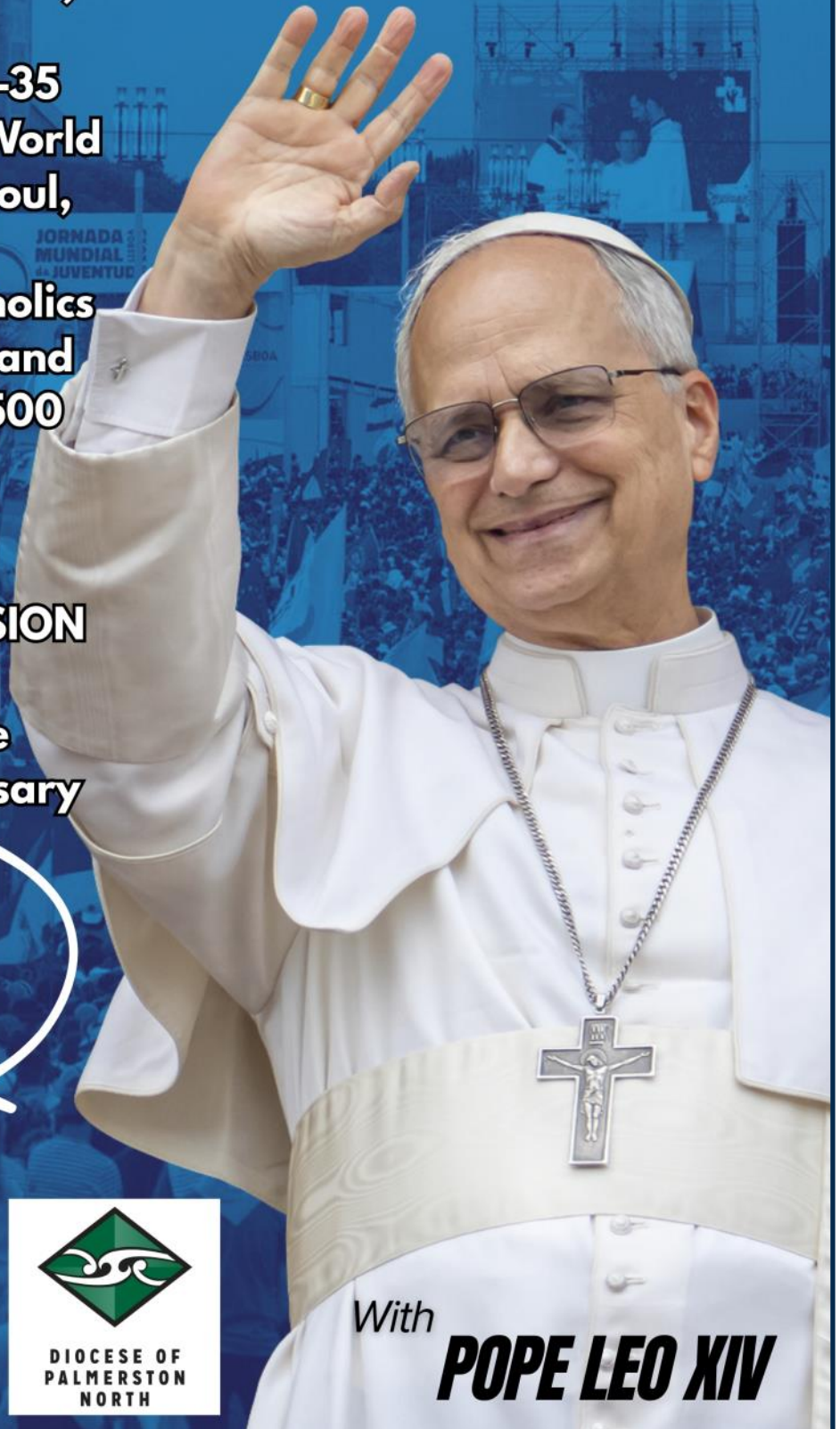
Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to attend World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, where millions of young Catholics will gather. New Zealand bishops aim to bring 500 young people.

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

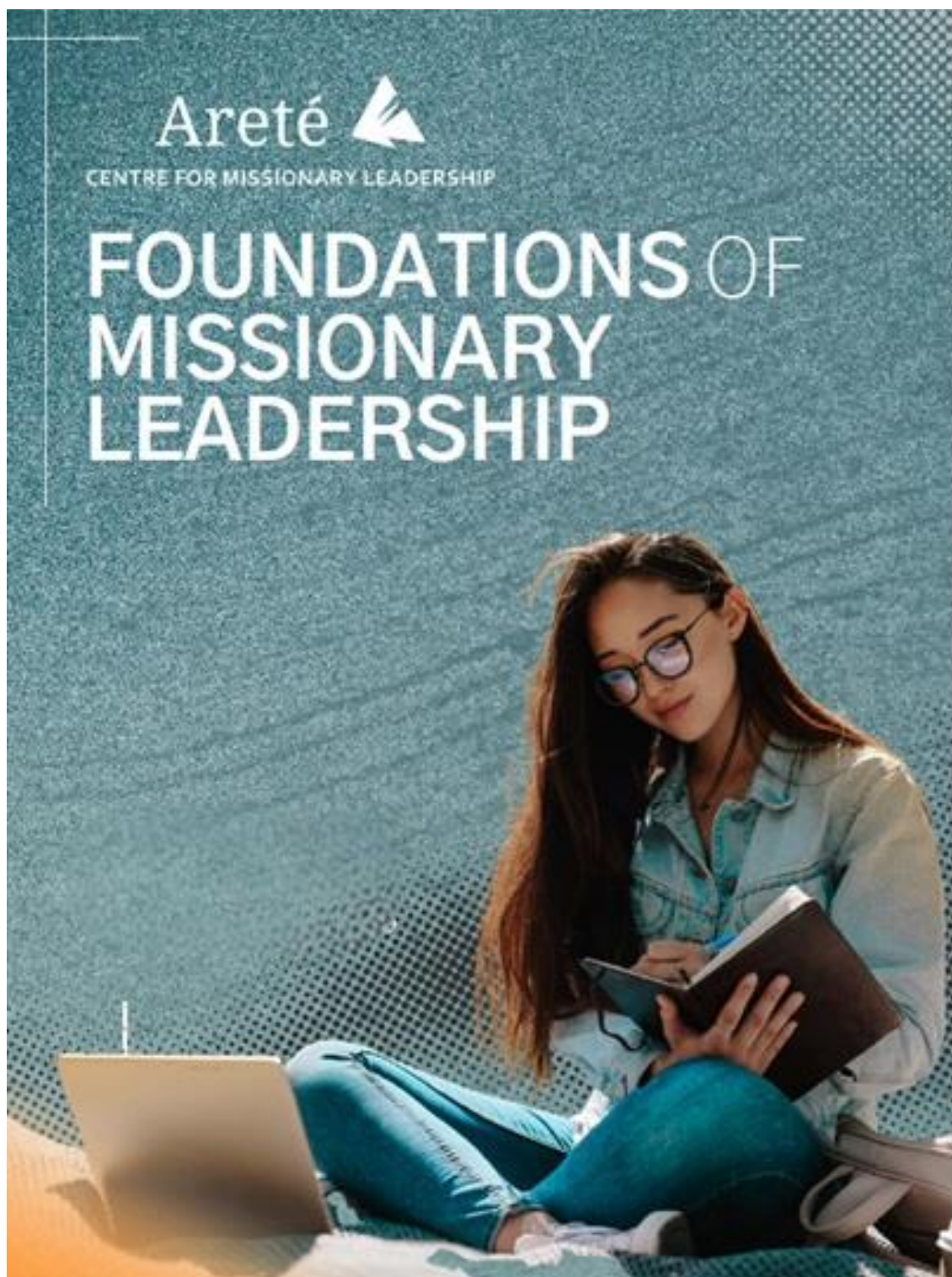
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PALMERSTON
NORTH



With
POPE LEO XIV



The **Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership** is dedicated to forming and equipping lay people for effective leadership and mission within the Catholic Church. Through its flagship *Foundations of Missionary Leadership* program, the Centre offers a unique blend of theological, spiritual, personal, and practical formation, combining online learning with immersive retreats. Grounded in the principles of **Encounter, Formation, and Mission**, Arété empowers participants to deepen their relationship with Christ, develop their gifts, and confidently serve the Church and wider community as missionary disciples and leaders. For Further Details please visit <https://www.aretecentre.org/>

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

Alpha

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

All are welcome.



WHO IS THIS FOR?

- ✓ Parish Priest
- ✓ Parish Leadership teams
- ✓ Alpha teams
- ✓ Anyone interested in running Alpha
- ✓ Anyone who would like to know more about Alpha

**Just like at Alpha,
all are welcome.**



WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

**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.**



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

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
could look like in their parish



DIOCESE OF
PALMERSTON
NORTH

WITH
BRADEN
JOHNSON



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, FAMILIES AND THE WHOLE PARISH COMMUNITY.



COME AND MEET BRADEN

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
CONFIDENCE TO LIVE THEIR CALL TO MISSION.

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST | 6:30PM - 9:00PM

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
106 POWERSHAM ST