



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth
Te Parihi Katorika Ki Ngamotu

Sunday 26 October 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary time



Important Dates

Sunday 26 October 2025

Year 13 Leavers'
Youth Mass
St Joseph's Church 5.30pm

Saturday 1 November

Anointing Mass
St Joseph's Church
10.30am

Saturday 8 November

Bereavement Liturgy
St Joseph's Church
10.00am

Sunday 9 November

St Joseph's School Led Mass
St Joseph's Church
9.00am

Parishioners will recall that for many months there has been lots of talk and promotion of the Hope and Renewal Summit to be held in Palmerston North. Friday 3 October was the day. New Plymouth was enveloped in fine misty rain as we left. At Midhurst this disappeared and from there it was a fine run to Palmerston North, Awapuni Racecourse, except for those who were caught in roadworks at Turakina with unbelievably long delays. 24 parishioners (mostly pictured above) from the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth attended with Fr Simon and Fr Sobin. The schedule is opposite. 4 Keynote addresses with Fr James Mallon, founder of Divine Renovation and Matt Regitz Director of Coaching Divine Renovation, plus three Breakout Sessions for each participant from a choice of 18 options. It was full on, non stop, but still offered time for prayer and quiet in the Prayer Room with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation. Each parish sat in their own groups. The New Plymouth group had two tables in the front row. Natalie and Barbara because they had been so delayed at Turakina sat with the group from Bulls. This is where we sat for all the group sessions: Mass, the Key note speeches, the testimonies, Prayer with the Holy Spirit and Praise and Worship. The music and Praise and Worship was incredible. The Summit was such opportunity to share with others. The Summit was a powerful experience, and experience filled with the Holy Spirit. (See pages 3,4,5 and 6 for more)



Summit Schedule

Friday, 3 October

- 12:30 PM Registrations Open
- 1:15 PM Powhiri
- 2:15 PM Welcome + Keynote 1 - Fr James Mallon
- 4:20 PM Breakout 1
- 6 PM Dinner
- 7:15 PM Keynote 2 - Matt Regitz
- 8 PM Eucharistic Adoration
- 9 PM End

Saturday, 4 October

- 7 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation available
- 8 AM Mass
- 9:15 AM Morning Tea
- 10:15 AM Keynote 3 - Matt Regitz
- 11:30 AM Breakout 2
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 12:30 PM 'Alpha Youth Connect' with Huw Warmenhoven
- 2 PM Breakout 3
- 3:30 PM Panel Discussion
- 4:25 PM Afternoon Tea + Next Steps
- 5:25 PM Keynote 4 - Fr James Mallon
- 7 PM Dinner
- 8 PM End

GENERAL NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT LITURGY

On Saturday 8 November at 10.00am, at St Joseph's Church, we will remember our loved ones who passed away during 2024.

If you had any family members or friends, who died during 2024, whose burial records we may not have, and you wish to remember them in this liturgy, please contact the Parish Office, and they will be prayed for. Please feel welcome to bring a photo of your loved one and a flower or flowers from your garden. All family members of the deceased and all parishioners are most welcome to join us.

**Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand
St Joseph's Conference, New Plymouth
Charities Registration CC 36598**



OUR COMMUNITY MEAL FOR CHRISTMAS 9 December 2025

Each year when we celebrate our final Tuesday Community meal for the year, we present a gift bag to each of our guests. This is a bag of things that might be useful but contains as well treats and Christmas goodies. We would welcome any of the following items to put in the gift bags. Clearly marked containers to drop the gifts into will be in the church foyers.

Lollies and biscuits
Chocolates
Comb
Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Sunscreen & sun caps
Socks
Nail clippers (large)
Tissues (pocket size)
Deodorant (Men & women)
Soap (bar)
Small bottle of liquid soap
Emergency rain jackets/poncho



And we would also welcome home baking for the Community Meal 9th December.

NOVEMBER -MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, many Masses celebrated in the parish, will be prayed for our dead brothers and sisters who as yet do not enjoy the fullness of God's love and joy.

Our Book of the Deceased and the Remembrance Boxes will be placed in the sanctuary near the altar at St Joseph's church or near the altar at Our Lady Help of Christians church. You can express your love by making a list of your beloved dead and placing it in the Remembrance Box. No money is required to be left.

If you would like names of deceased to be recorded in the Memorial Book please contact the Parish Office.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: We have the 2026 Columban calendars for sale now in the Parish Office. Still just \$12.00 and we have eftpos. The Columban Calendars have been in catholic homes for over 100 years. This is a lovely tradition to keep for grandchildren. And this could be a little Christmas gift to someone who would appreciate such a calendar.



ANOINTING MASS: The monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at 10.30am next Saturday, 1 November at St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome at this Mass, even if they do not wish to be anointed. There will be morning tea/lunch after Mass.



FROM POPE LEO:

THE NOVEMBER INTENTION

For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in the community, and be open to the beauty of life.



TŪMANAKO
United in Hope • I te Tūmanako o te Kotahitanga

TŪMANAKO The newsletter for the diocese of Palmerston North: **Issue 8 is available.**

For those who wish to have a printed copy they are available in the Church foyers today, but to read online:

View the material in the newsletter online at either 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.

HOPE AND RENEWAL summit

Thoughts and Reflections from our parish participants

Hope and Renewal Summit:

It was an honour to participate and represent our Catholic Schools in the powerful Divine Renovation Summit. It was such a blessed experience! Being a part of this fellowship, moving prayer, worship and formation, brought a renewed sense of Wairua tapu with the spirit of joy and energy. We are all called to build the Mission as Disciples for each other. To revive our Catholic church and to fall in love with Christ over and over again! Mary K.



Discussion at Table 35

Breakout Session Saturday Morning: A Parish That Dreams: Forming and Casting a Vision Track.

Roly Devine and Fr Simon led a session on vision. At the heart of leadership is the ability to provide a vision for the community. A God-inspired vision, that has been prayed for and is in fact a God sized vision. Not diminished by the thoughts of being realistic, rather, the dream of a 'golden age' of an amazing parish - a dream come true.

Once the vision has been established it needs to be communicated, to be sung. Leaders in the parish need to be poets of the vision and carriers of the dream. People are inspired with hope and passion for a vision that they have contributed to the forming of and have come on-board the waka to help steer it towards the destination, the vision. Vision is a unifying dream that leaders in the parish share. Vision combined with action and with the Holy Spirit will produce amazing things.



Fr Simon and Roly leading their Break out session

Hope and Renewal Summit

Two Bell Blockians were among the 500 people who attended the Summit. We came home full of hope, spiritually energised and eager to share what we had experienced with our community, which we did during our Mission Sunday liturgy at Bell Block last Sunday.

We learnt so much from the inspiring speakers and breakout sessions. Two key points were: The Holy Spirit needs to be the driving force in a community, and the Eucharist must be the centrepiece.

We learnt that the key to a thriving parish is hospitality, a really welcoming community, reaching out to everyone, not just people we know but especially people we don't know or don't feel attracted to. We felt our community is doing well but there is plenty of room for improvement.

Another insight was the importance of accepting people where they are at and how important it is to recognise each person's gifts / skills and to encourage them to share their gifts / skills in the community.

On the way home we discussed how we could share these learnings and hopefully encourage these and other insights within our Bell Block community.

Barbara McCracken and Natalie Fernandes



Discussion at Table 36

Hope and Renewal Summit

Some of my take aways from The Hope and Renewal Summit were around the importance of ensuring as a parish community we are welcoming. That is both welcoming to newcomers to our parish and being welcoming to all the different groups that make up our parish community. It is so important that we are intentional about how we create a community that people feel like they fully belong.

One of the quotes from Jacinta Nicholls, whose breakout was titled '**Belong, Believe, Behave,**' was that 'we can't be guests in our own parish. We are actually all hosts.' She spoke on the importance of all members our parish community thinking about how they can be welcoming to each other and to newcomers.

I think it is especially important for us to be welcoming to those that are just beginning to explore the Catholic faith within our parish. K.M.

(With reference to the Breakout Session **Belong, Believe, Behave:** Building Community and Hospitality with Jacinta Nicholls, St Peter Chanel Parish Waimakariri)

Fr Vui was at the Summit and being the Administrator of the Parish of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, he played a key role in Summit organising and planning. Fr Vui was at the lectern in the closing sessions. We had been praying, calling on the Holy Spirit with the Laying On of Hands.

Fr Vui said to the 500 participants “I was being prayed for by others, and I looked up across the room. My eyes rested on Fr Simon, my former parish priest. Fr Simon was surrounded by New Plymouth parishioners praying for him, with their hands on his shoulders. In that I saw an image of a family. An image of a close family praying together. This image captured my heart & stilled me. I felt the very close presence of the Holy Spirit in the room”.



The Laying On of Hands with Fr Simon

My question after two days at the Summit is

“What does The Holy Spirit want me to do?” I pray that I may see the path and hear the call the Holy Spirit has for me. I want to follow. Guide me Holy Spirit. J.H.



Listening to the Keynote address by Matt Regitz

Hope and Renewal Summit What surprised and delighted me about the Hope and Renewal Summit was the joy I felt from being surrounded by committed Catholics wanting to bring their parishes alive. There was a real sense of optimism of what could be achieved within our parishes. The presenters were high calibre and engaging drawing on their own personal experiences. It was great to reconnect with former priests of the New Plymouth parish and make new friends from parishes across the country. It was also moving to celebrate Mass presided by 4 Bishops and dozens of Priests. I would encourage anyone to attend the next summit. Danny

Next Summit: Diocese of Wollongong (NSW) 1 to 3 October 2026.

Hope and Renewal Summit

A few months ago Fr Simon sent an invitation to Principal's and DRS's of our Catholic Schools to join with the Parish attendees at the Hope and Renewal Summit in Palmerston North. After deliberation and acknowledging the importance of our school's connection with the Parish whānau, I registered for the Summit with no expectations of what I would experience.

Wow!

There is no other word for it. The weekend was not just an experience, it was a taonga and I am so very grateful that I accepted Fr Simon's invitation. Our Parish is alive and on the most wonderful journey, being Church on mission and the most exciting part is we are doing it together. The flame of evangelisation has been lit and Christ is moving within us. Come Holy Spirit.

Anna Zsgovits-Mace



More discussion at Table 35

Hope and Renewal Summit: Breakout Sessions

I attended two Breakout sessions (workshops) at the Summit: **Raising Up & Multiplying Leaders: Intentional Leadership Development** (Friday afternoon) and **Building a Culture of Generosity** (Saturday Morning). Both were led by staff and clergy of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Christchurch, and provided tools, ideas and strategies used in that parish, giving outcomes that are part of their path to becoming a missional church. The use of teams and collaborative and shared leadership. Seeing the strengths and skills of others. The development of a culture of invitation. Having a radical trust in God's knowledge and care. These are practical steps that could easily be translated into something we could begin to develop in the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth. I.M.C.



What did Matt Regitz say to make us smile and laugh like this?



Palmerston North 2025 Fr James, Mary Elizabeth and Karen

Hope and Renewal Summit

Fr. James Mallon is the PP of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Dartmouth in Nova Scotia. He is also the founder of **Divine Renovation (DR) Ministry** and his book **From a Maintenance to a Missional Parish** is a must-read. *(We have a copy we can lend in the Parish Office).*

Karen and Mary-Elizabeth's first encounter with Fr James was at the Divine Renovation Conference in Sydney in Feb 2023, where they were truly inspired, and have directed much of their learning from Fr James and DR into their respective ministry work in our parish.

Karen and Mary-Elizabeth were super excited to meet up again with Fr James at the Summit. He is such a talented, enigmatic leader, relational, down to earth and good fun. He talks about how we are on the adventure of mission, together we experience hope and new life through the gospel and through love for others. No one has all the gifts: if we want to move quickly, we go alone, but if we want to go far, we go together. ME.



Sydney 2022 Karen, Mary Elizabeth, Fr James and Jude



The extraordinary musicians who had provided music for Praise and Worship and all singing throughout the two days.

Hope and Renewal Summit

At the Hope and Renewal Summit 2025, I had the privilege of serving as the Hospitality and Volunteers Coordinator alongside 62 brothers and sisters from across Aotearoa.

Growing up in a Catholic family, I was taught that the journey of faith involved three steps: first, to **believe** – in God, in Jesus, and in the Holy Spirit; second, to **behave** – as belief required certain behaviours (do this, but don't do that); and lastly, to **belong** – faith provides a sense of belonging to family, a faith community, and even to God himself. However, my perspective has changed. I have learned, as highlighted by Divine Renovation, that transforming parishes from maintenance mode to mission-focused communities involves adopting a new culture where people first feel they **belong** to a welcoming community. From there, they are encouraged to **believe** in their faith, and finally, they are inspired to **behave** in ways that reflect their new life in Christ.

During the summit, I was fortunate to put this concept into action. We created an inviting environment where attendees felt welcomed and that they belonged. We greeted people as they arrived in the car park and throughout the day, guiding them through the venue, which was quite a maze. At the end of the day, we sent them off with a smile, and the next day, we arrived bright and early to welcome them again. As a parting gift, we handed out chocolate favours with warm smiles, hoping that this welcoming experience would inspire them to carry the same spirit back to their home parishes.

Having previously experienced feelings of being unwelcome at Mass, before I came to New Plymouth I understand the discomfort the lack of welcome can cause. Drawing from my personal experiences and those at the Hope and Renewal Summit 2025, I am eager to see our parish become a welcoming community.

What I gained from the Summit is the clarity that we are heading in the right direction as we transition from maintenance to mission. There is still work to be done to breathe life into our parish vision and implement our mission plan.

I look forward to seeing where God leads us in 2026.
Susilo



At Mass for the volunteers and Bishops before the Summit

Sincere congratulations to Emily Sit and the Palmerston North team and all the volunteers on a fantastically well organised and smooth running event. Well done. All photos used with permission, with special thanks to Emma Dodsworth | Gavin Abraham Diocese of Palmerston North for their generous contribution.

On Friday night, first night of the Summit Fr Simon Story, of this parish presented a testimony. A narrative of a part of his priestly journey. I was surprised to see Fr Simon on the stage in front of more than 500 participants and clergy. This wasn't in the schedule (only the key note speeches were) and in all the pre Summit discussions a testimony from Fr Simon hadn't been mentioned. But from that surprise, for me this was the highlight of the Summit. This was our Fr Simon, our priest who works so closely with us and for us, talking about what he heard and saw and felt. Our Fr Simon whom we might think we know. It was honest, it was sincere, it was moving. But more than that, it was hopeful and it was encouraging. A courageous reflection that made my heart stop, a reflection that made me smile in gratitude. It was laying out a path for the future, a future, where we just need the impetus to take one tiny little step to begin the journey.

Father Simon said....

"When I was training for priesthood and close to ordination, I spent some time in Napier with an older priest who was preparing to leave ministry as I was preparing to enter it. Tim Hannigan, one of the last Irish priests in NZ had become a firm friend and mentor to me. Well after he had departed this life, I had been a priest for maybe 10 years, I remember returning to his grave for a chat - to ask him what was to become of me. I was struggling and I asked for his help, his prayers. I felt lost, I was depressed, racked with anxiety, I guessed I had probably misread my priestly calling - I didn't realise it was so crushing. There I was in a cemetery; I was in Ezekiel's valley of dry bones. At a loss for what could be done in a parish, I figured that life in a monastery might be my best option to run to, or I could just leave.

Parish life was doing me in. The slow exit of families, young people, and even senior parishioners, from the life of the parish was a painful reality. The ongoing absence of so many people on a Sunday, who were there only a few years ago. The sacraments of initiation that were celebrated, baptism, first communion, confirmation, was the beginning and the ending of most family's participation in the life of the parish. I clearly remember a classmate from St John's college turning up in Hastings, to have a child baptised. He and his family presenting themselves felt like a reconnection for me. After the baptism, they never returned. In fact, I became conscious that no other classmates were in the parish either. I wondered what had happened that they all had no interest in the parish family. Couples preparing for marriage, would after the wedding, disappear. Time I invested with children and families in schools was great, however this would end with the entire family graduating from the school and from the parish, never to make contact again. This led me to despair for the future. This would occur over and over and over.

I was frustrated, hurt and angry, discouraged, depressed and at a loss for what could be done.

And then, one day, I heard a message that was to change my priestly ministry and give me hope.

At a national assembly of NZ priests in Christchurch in 2018, I heard about the incredible changes that can come about through a mission-oriented parish, focusing in on evangelisation, the Holy Spirit and leadership. This is what I needed to hear! I felt that dim flame of hope within me flicker. I knew I needed some joy in priestly work, some passion and hope for a future that was worth working towards. Focusing in on these things and the living Jesus among us, and on how to place people on the doorstep of a meeting with the Holy Spirit, with a high chance of igniting discipleship in Jesus Christ, has been life changing for me. As a friend once told me, there is no greater joy than seeing people come into a relationship with Jesus Christ in the parish. I too have experienced this.

Over the past few years, I have been part of a team of parishioners who have seen whole families arrive at the parish, ask to be baptised and want to be engaged in the life of the parish and in due course be sent out into the world themselves. As a priest that experience is so significant, it has brought me so much joy, and joy to everyone else in the parish who sees it happening!



Fr Simon delivering his testimony

A missional parish model has simply transformed my priestly ministry, and I believe the life of our parish. Making disciples of Jesus Christ, going fishing, putting out into the deep, has brought me a passion and excitement and peace I didn't know of before."

For more photos and videos of the Summit, visit Tūmanako <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/> "The Church is Alive": Attendees Reflect on the Hope and Renewal Summit" (article) and Reliving the Hope and Renewal Summit (Video)

Visit also [Divine Renovation Australasia's Facebook page](#) & the [New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference Facebook page](#).



Your invitation to

**Sacred Heart Girls' College, New Plymouth
Alumni Association Event
10am – 12pm Saturday 1 November**

To celebrate the launch of the College's new Alumni Association, we are delighted to welcome former students and staff members on **Saturday 1 November** for a liturgy, tour of the school and Elizabeth House, morning tea plus the chance to learn more about the Alumni Association from its leaders.

When: 10am – midday, Saturday 1 November 2025 (All Saints' Day)

What: A liturgy will be held in the Mary Phelan Chapel, followed by school tours with current students and manaakitanga with a delicious morning tea provided by the PTFA. It will be a great chance to catch-up with former classmates and enjoy a special walk down-memory-lane!

How: RSVP at your **earliest convenience** please and **by Wednesday 22 October** at the latest.

- Simply email: alumnishgc@gmail.com
- Attendance is \$20 per person with funds going to the SHGC PTFA
- Upon receipt of your RSVP, you will be sent bank account details for your payment. Thank you in advance.

Anyone who is a former student or staff from Sacred Heart Girls' College, Manawa Tapu, New Plymouth is very welcome to attend and are automatically Alumni. Please spread the word, and we look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP DATE NOW Monday 27 October so there's still time to register.

**MASS MONDAY 27 OCTOBER CELEBRATING
OUR MOTHER MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN:**

You all are invited to Mass celebrated in Malayalam language, Monday 27 October at 5.45pm, St Joseph's Church. October, the month of the Holy Rosary, holds a special place in the hearts of the Catholic community. The Syro-Malabar community honours the Mother of God on 27 October with Mass followed by Holy Rosary and procession.



NEW TO THE PARISH?

Nau Mai Haere Mai– Welcome

If you would like to formally become a member of the parish (and receive the newsletter emailed each week) please fill out the Registration form which is available in the church foyers, in the Parish Office or on our website www.catholicparishnp.nz

For more details please just visit us in the Parish Office or phone 757 3682. We look forward to welcoming you.



We pray for our deceased family and friends: John Leuthard, Loretta Hunt, Pat Barker, Bill Murray and John Roylance.

YOUTH GROUP

WE MEET ON SUNDAYS DURING THE SCHOOL TERM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL.

SHINE

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 4 TO 8
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

ILLUMINO

YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 9-13
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

NO YOUTH GROUP
THIS SUNDAY, 26 OCT 2025

27.10.2025

LABOUR

Weekend

NO YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY 26.10.2025

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE OR VISIT OUR ILLUMINO INSTAGRAM PAGE OR PARISH WEBSITE.

YOUTH GROUP
NEXT SUNDAY, 2 NOV 2025

CLOUD

A LIFE NIGHT ON ALL SAINTS' DAY

DRESS CODE WEAR SOMETHING WHITE

2ND NOVEMBER 2025 | 6:30PM

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO REASON FOR YOU TO SAY NO! JUST JOKING!

Putting jokes aside, this retreat is all about helping you end 2025 on a great note. You'll get to hang out with new friends from two youth groups in the diocese and strengthen the connections within our Illumin8 crew.

We'll dive into what it really means to have a 'childlike faith'.

Get ready for an awesome and fun time. Plus, there's a fun surprise waiting for you!

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2025

The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: **Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!**
CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 1- POPE FRANCIS

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SUPPORT OUR YOUTH TO GO TO CAMP AND RETREAT

DEAR PARISHIONERS

OUR YOUTH ARE ALL SET TO GO ON A RETREAT IN NOVEMBER 2025 AND A LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP IN JANUARY 2026. TO HELP MAKE THIS MORE AFFORDABLE FOR FAMILIES, WE'RE PUTTING TOGETHER THREE FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

FOR CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING, YOU CAN BUY THEM AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR AFTER MASS, WHERE YOU WILL FIND THEM AVAILABLE IN CHOCOLATE BOXES.

JOIN US FOR OUR BAKE SALE AND CAR WASH, AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING SOME CASH! YOUR SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL TO MAKING THIS RETREAT AND CAMP A REALITY FOR OUR YOUTH!

thanks
for your
support

SUSILO
-YOUTH MINISTER-

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH TO GO TO CAMP AND RETREAT

BAKE

Sale

SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM
OLHC AT 10:30 AM

Car Wash

\$20

SAT, 15 NOV; FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM
AT ST. JOSEPH'S CAR PARK

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OCT

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

27
MON

8.30am St Joseph's Church (Labour Day)

28
TUES

8.00am St Joseph's Church
9.10am Our Lady Help of Christians Church
12.05pm St Joseph's Church

29
WED

8.00am St Joseph's Church
9.10am Our Lady Help of Christians

30
THU

8.00am St Joseph's Church
No Mass at Mary's Chapel Sacred Heart Girls College today
No Mass at Francis Douglas Memorial College

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FRI

8.00am St Joseph's Church
12.05pm St Joseph's Church

NOV

1
SAT

8.30am St Joseph's Church
10.30am Anointing Mass
5.30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church (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 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 Adoration at St Joseph's Church 7.00pm, if a priest is available. 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 Tuesday and Friday 7.40am. Monday Labour Day & Saturday 8.10am in the Parish Office, via the back door of the Office.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Our Lady Help of Christians Church:

No Children's Liturgy at Our Lady Help of Christians this Sunday (26/10)

St Joseph's Church: Each Sunday at 9.00am Mass in the church foyer unless it is a school led Mass.

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS

at Our Lady Help of Christians. Music, play and morning tea. 9.00am during the school term. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz

QUIET YOUR HEART ~ Music with Kadisha

St Joseph's Not this Monday as it's Labour Day. Our Lady Help of Christians Quiet Your Heart on Friday is discontinued at the moment.

See electronic newsletter for Kadisha's latest concerts.



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

2 November 2025 All Souls Day

1ST READING: Lamentations 3.17-26

PSALM: 103

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 15.51-57

GOSPEL: Matthew 11.25-30

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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

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BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE
138 Parklands Ave
Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO
36 Cumming St
Okato

WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 October to 1 November 2025

Diocesan Art Trail

In this Year of Jubilee, and to celebrate the Jubilee of Artists that occurred in February, parishes across the Diocese of Palmerston North have been showcasing their sacred artwork for all to enjoy. Visit www.pndiocese.org.nz/ArtTrail to view the list of participating parishes and read some information on the various artworks you can admire around the diocese.

NOSTRA AETATE WEBINAR:

Celebrating 60 years of the Church's call to dialogue with people of all faiths. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations will commemorate Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II document promulgated on 28 October 1965, and outline contemporary approaches to religious dialogue in Aotearoa New Zealand today. Tuesday, 28 October 2025, 7-8pm. Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NA-NZ-2025>

CATHOLIC KIWI PODCAST:

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a new podcast series, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. The first episodes have been released, with new episodes scheduled as part of season 1 leading up to Christmas. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.



NOPS Review and Feedback

As part of the National Office for Professional Standards' commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all, they are carrying out a review of key safeguarding documents.

They are currently reviewing the 'Safeguarding Policy: Working Together for a Safe Church' and the 'Code of Conduct for Employees & Volunteers in Ministry in the Catholic Church'.

They welcome and encourage everyone to submit feedback through their reviews page: <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/reviews/> with submissions open until 31 October 2025.

Stay Informed on National Safeguarding efforts

The National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) is now publishing a quarterly newsletter with updates, resources, and information about the Church's safeguarding efforts. Read the latest issue at <https://mailchi.mp/nops/an-update-on->

TO ALL OLD GIRLS OF SACRED HEART COLLEGE WHANGANUI AND PAST PUPILS OF SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH (TARANAKI BRANCH)

A Pot-luck luncheon will be held at the Stratford Parish Centre, next to the Church on Sunday 16th November 2025 starting at midday.

For all those interested, please bring an item for Foodbank instead of a gift this year.

Any enquires please phone Linda Whittington on 0274535891 or Colleen Moore on 0272307589, and a phone call would be appreciated if you can make it. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.



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**YOU ARE MY GOD. MY FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS.
PSALMS 34:14**



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Webinar with the members of the NZCBCIR

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Zoom Link:

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For more information, contact Colin at c.macleod@ncrs.org.nz



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