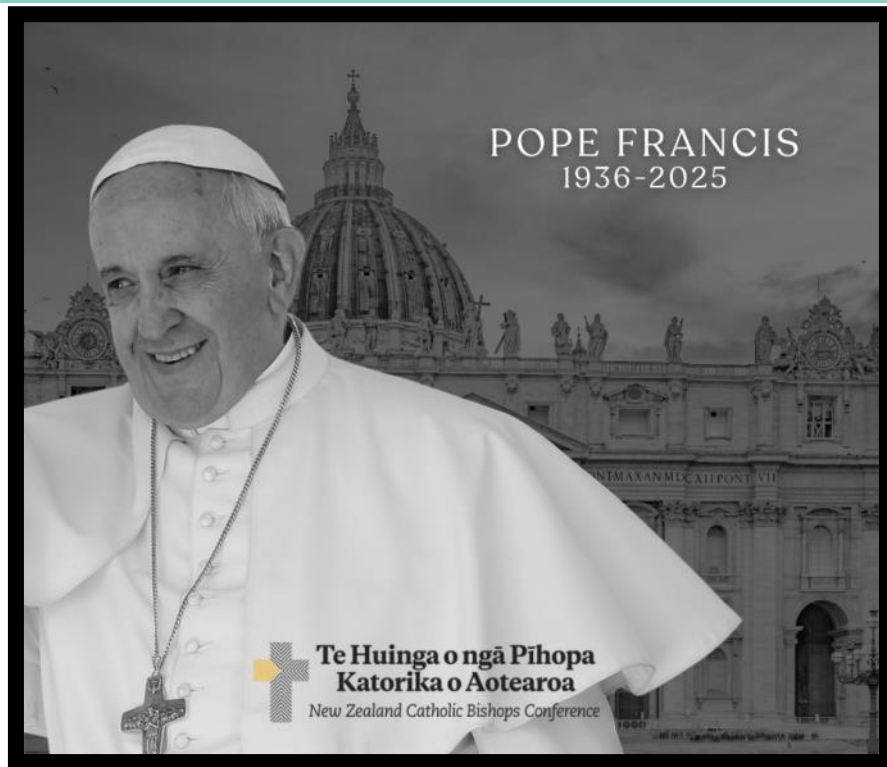




Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 27 April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



Dear Members of the Palmerston North Diocesan Community

You will be aware by now of the news of the death of Pope Francis. Please join with me as we begin the traditional nine days of mourning for him - praying for the repose of his soul. I hope you will agree that Pope Francis engendered a tremendous amount of personal affection amongst the Roman Catholic population during his time as the Bishop of Rome. Even among those who found his preparedness to speak freely unnerving, few can fail to recognise the beauty of his writing and the courage of his apostolic work. I believe that the breadth of admiration for Francis was as a direct result of his genuine care for those who suffer. Francis was unafraid to engage with those on the margins of society, hence his death has rightly been greeted with universal sorrow.

I had the chance to meet with Pope Francis in Rome last year when I attended 'bishop's school' in September. I was struck by his joyful countenance and the intensity with which he engaged with people, all this while clearly suffering from ill health himself. When it came time for me to have a short conversation with him, I told him that I brought good wishes from the people of Palmerston North, New Zealand. He responded with a broad smile and by making a whistling sound acknowledging the vast distance between Rome and New Zealand, although, at that moment, his thoughts and prayers were with us here in this country.

How might we respond now as a Catholic community to the death of Pope Francis? Liturgically his name will no longer appear in the Canon of the Mass as "...Francis our Pope...", but we ought to pray, as we do for all our deceased, for the repose of his soul. Let's also contemplate the gifts he shared with the Church and even the controversies his 'free speaking' temperament sometimes provoked.

Of course, we now begin to pray in earnest for a new pope to become the next Successor of Peter. As Catholics we not only give thanks for the particular personality of the Bishop of Rome, but we also trust that the Holy Spirit will keep intact that line of succession that keeps us in touch with St Peter, the first Pope of the Church, to whom Jesus himself entrusted the 'keys of the kingdom'.

+ John Adams Bishop of Palmerston North

Important Dates

Friday 25 April 2025
ANZAC DAY

Sunday 27 April
Divine Mercy Devotion
Our Lady Help of
Christians 2.30pm

Thursday 1 May
Alpha@6 begins at
St Joseph's Church hall
For registration see inside

Friday 2 May
Adoration 4.00pm
Bell Block Catholic Centre

Friday 2nd May
Registration for Older Children's Baptism Registration
First Communion/First Reconciliation closes

Saturday 3 May
Anointing Mass 10.30am
(new time)
St Joseph's Church
Morning tea afterwards

Sunday 4 May
Adoration 3.00pm
Our Lady Help of Christians

Sunday 11 May
Golden Jubilee Mass and celebration
For Mon Brian Walsh and Frs Brian Vale and Tom Lawn 2.00pm St Joseph's Church followed by a function in the hall.

Monday 12 May
7.00pm to 8.00pm
Where I feel the Spirit is leading us as peacemakers, with Fr Brian Vale
Our Lady Help of Christians Church Fitzroy

GENERAL NOTICES

ANOINTING MASS: The monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at 10.30am next Saturday 3 May at St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome. Note the earlier starting time of 10.30am. Morning tea will follow the Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET is a devotion that was revealed by God to St Faustina in Cracow, Poland in the 1930s. During the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, St Faustina's countryman, the devotion was given a special place in the life of the church when he designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION: The Divine Mercy devotion will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church Sunday 27 April at 2.30pm. There will be Rosary and Exposition followed by the Chaplet at 3.00pm. The Veneration of the Image will follow, finishing at approx. 3.15pm. Reconciliation will be available during this time. Please come and learn about this devotion. Everyone is most welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR OLDER CHILDREN BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION:

The closing dates for registration for these programmes is Friday 2 May. Please go to the parish web site www.catholicparishnp.nz to register. This is most important if you wish your child to be part of the Older Children's Baptism Programme, as the celebration of Baptism will be May 25th, only 4 weeks away. For further information please contact Karen, at youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz or phone the Parish Office 06 757 3682.



MARIAN MOTHERS will meet Thursday 1 May at Our Lady Help of Christians 24 Clinton Street, Fitzroy, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please come along and join in prayer and a cuppa. Please bring a small sharing plate. Any queries, please phone Glenda 021 323 765.



TAX RECEIPTS: Where we have been able all tax receipts were emailed to donors and where we didn't have an email address the tax receipts have been printed. These are in the church foyers. If you have any queries about your tax receipt, or the way it was delivered, please contact the Parish Office 06757 3682. Or if you need assistance in claiming your rebate for your donations again please contact the Parish Office.

We thank all those who give so generously to the parish.

CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 2 May - Committee Meeting at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church foyer.

CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 2 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. Visit www.cwl.org.nz to see nationwide work.



A warm and joyous welcome to Lisa, Alexandria, Larissa, Tom, Aaron, Craig, Hayden, Brent, Lee-Ann, Maxime, Melda, Rico and Laurie who were Baptised or Received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. There will be further baptisms of RCIA catechumens at Our Lady Help of Christians Sunday 10.30am Mass 4 May.

Alpha will commence on Thursday, 1 May 2025 from 6 pm to 8 pm St Joseph's Church Hall

Explore
Life
Faith
Meaning



To register, scan here



Got questions about life?
TRY ALPHA!

www.catholicparishnp.nz/alpha/
alphateam@catholicparishnp.nz

ALPHA IS FOR EVERYONE
PLEASE PRAY
ASKING THE HOLY SPIRIT
WHO YOU COULD
INVITE TO
ALPHA

Fr Brian Vale, Columban Missionary Priest, born and raised in New Plymouth, educated at Francis Douglas Memorial College, is celebrating 50 years of Ordination this year in May as mentioned below. Fr Brian invites parishioners to his reflection "Where I feel the Spirit is leading us as peacemakers", at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 12 May 2025 7.00pm to 8.00pm, Supper to follow until 8.30pm.



GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS AND CELEBRATION:

Sunday 11 May 2.00pm we will join together at Mass at St Joseph's Church New Plymouth to celebrate the 50th Jubilee, the Golden Jubilee, of the Ordination of:

Monsignor Brian Walsh ordained 10 May 1975 Stratford

Tom Lawn ordained 11 May 1975 at Pungarehu

Fr Brian Vale ordained 17 May 1975 at New Plymouth

Everyone is invited and will be most welcome to be part of the celebration of Mass and 50 years of priesthood with Mons Brian, Fr Brian and Tom and then the gathering to follow in St Joseph's Church hall .

Everyone is welcome to be part of this afternoon.

Dear Everyone

Regarding my 50th Anniversary of Priesthood, in place of gifts for me, that is if you had intended to give one, I would ask you to



instead support these two charities that I believe in.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

and Te Whare o te Ngākau Pono mō ngā Wāhine. (House of Integrity for Women) the YMCA Women's shelter in Taranaki

If you can do this by online banking, you will be provided with a tax receipt directly from the organisation. If online giving is not possible for you, I will happily give your cash to the above two organisations equally.

Thanks for the support; financial, friendship, encouragement and spiritual. Its been a great ride, a bit bumpy at times, but mostly gentle and occasionally exciting. God bless Tom

Online banking donation details for

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

Bank account 03 0518 0211 216

please enter your name and address for receipt

The YMCA Women's shelter in Taranaki

YMCA Taranaki Inc

TSB Bank –Account Number: 15-3953-0477872-00

Reference: Catholic and your name

Please include "Catholic" as the reference so your donation can be properly identified.

<p>WE GATHER ON SUNDAYS DURING THE SCHOOL TERM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL.</p>	<p>JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 4 TO 8 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm</p>
	<p>SENIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 9 -13 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm</p>

SOCIAL NIGHT

BOWLING NIGHT

SUNDAY, 4 MAY
6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

GATHER AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL FOR A QUICK BITE BEFORE HEADING TO BOWLARAMA FOR SOME BOWLING FUN.

BRING \$15 ALONG WITH SOCKS.

YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025

RETREAT

FRIDAY, 28 NOV 2025 - SUNDAY, 30 NOV 2025

In Term 4, we will be going on a retreat titled **GROWING YOUNG - A Life Teen Retreat on Childlike Faith.**

During this retreat, we are encouraged to reconnect with our youthful days.

Mark your Calendar

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

year 11 - 13

2025

Be STRONG and COURAGEOUS; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9

I am delighted to share that this year, the Confirmation Programme 2025 features 69 candidates from FDMC, SHGC, NP Boys' High, NP Girls' High, Spotswood College, and Inglewood High School.

Our first session will take place on Monday, 28 April 2025, from 7 pm to 9 pm at St Joseph's Church Hall. If you are participating in the programme, please come at 6:45 pm to sign in and for your parents to go with you.

Let us keep these 69 candidates and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

Susilo KENTJANA

We pray for our deceased family members & friends:

Pope Francis, Sam Jones, Aileen Lord, Alejandro Calzada Pintor and Reg Schou.

We pray for Mary Nallon who for many years had the role of sacristan at St Joseph's Church. Mary died last week aged 104 years.

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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MON

8.00am St Joseph's Church

29
TUES

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

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WED

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

MAY

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THU

8.00am St Joseph's Church
9.50am Sacred Heart Girls College
2.20pm Francis Douglas Memorial College

2
FRI

8.00am St Joseph's Church
9.00am St Pius X School
12.05pm St Joseph's Church

3
SAT

8.30am St Joseph's Church
10.30am Anointing Mass (Note earlier time)
5.30pm Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.00pm St Patrick's Church Okato

4
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. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests, by initially phoning the Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday, 7.40am and Friday (ANZAC DAY) Saturday at 8.10am.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Our Lady Help of Christians Church:

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



St Joseph's Church: Each Sunday at 9.00am Mass in the church foyer.

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Music, play and morning tea. Our Lady Help of Christians Church foyer from 9.00am each Monday during term time. Enquiries please contact Tess 027 583 7732.

QUIET YOUR HEART: Music with Kadisha.

Each Monday at St Joseph's Church - 11.00am to 11.30am. Each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church - 9.30am to 10.00am except 25 April Anzac Day.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

3rd Sunday of Easter 4th May 2025

1ST READING: Acts 5.28-32, 40b-41

PSALM: 30

2ND READING: Revelation 5.11-14



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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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

VISITING WRITER SPEAKING TOUR

A first hand account from Gaza.

Dr Yousef Aljamal

NATIONAL TOUR
OF AOTEAROA

NGĀMOTU
NEW PLYMOUTH

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY
6.00 – 8.00 pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL
151 DEVON STREET WEST
NEW PLYMOUTH

LIGHT REFRESHMENT 6.00 – 6.30 pm



PALESTINE
SOLIDARITY
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PALESTINE
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NETWORK
AOTEAROA

Yousef Aljamal recounts the daily experience of life and death, resistance and hope, of the two million people imprisoned under Israeli siege, starvation, carpet bombing and ethnic cleansing.

Journalist, storyteller and anthologist of *If I must die*, the writings of famous poet Refaat Alareer, Yousef has unique first-hand experience of the stark realities of Gaza.

PALESTINIAN VOICES FROM THE OCCUPATION

23-25 May 2025 ▪ Auckland

Divine Mercy CONFERENCE

'Rise Let us be on our Way'



Keynote speaker:
Fr Chris Alar MIC

Registrations essential

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