



Parish Newsletter

Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 29 June 2025

Feast of St Peter and St Paul



Dear Parishioners,

A stint on the parish council does not mean a lifetime sentence. A big thank you to the people who have finished their term on the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), Paul Bouterey, Jude Hau and Alex McDougal. The parish is grateful for your energy and work toward the vision. We welcome new members onto the PPC: Ronie Asi, Danny Hall, Rachel Ammundsen, Cushla Coleman, Christopher Francis, Giniya George and Catherine Grogan. Thank you for your willingness to lead our parish family. Continuing members on the PPC are Albert Chow, Chari Cabrera, Mary Elizabeth Hagenson and Kevin Kerr. The PPC met recently with Daniel Ang and again over a zoom meeting in the photo above. The PPC is spending some time getting to know each other and learning about the leadership role of the PPC. We will inform about this role next month. Most members of the PPC are preparing to attend the Hope & Renewal Summit, 3rd and 4th October. Will you consider coming? Have you ever been to a church/parish focused conference before? I would love to see you there. Fr Simon



An evening talk with leaders involved with groups in the parish, looked at the character and implications of servant leadership.

"The Spirit is inviting us to step forward, not just to maintain what we've built, but to reimagine what a renewed Catholic culture, local leadership and apostolic parishes look like for the sake of the Gospel. Christ continues to call people to himself, and so we are challenged to respond to that opportunity with dependence on the Holy Spirit and a willingness to make those changes that can better serve Christ's outreach to all people." Daniel Ang.

Photo above is the group meeting with Daniel Ang

Important Dates

Friday 27 June

School Holiday begin and this will bring some small changes to the Mass timetable. There will be no Masses in the schools between Monday 30 June and Sunday 13 July

Sunday 29 June

Feast of Sts Peter & Paul
Special Collection for Peters Pence on that day
In the Jubilee Year, we acknowledge the Jubilee of Priests and Bishops. We give thanks to the devoted men who have answered God's call to serve His people with faith, love and dedication

Tuesday 1 July

Adoration after 9.10am
Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians

Tuesday 1 July

St Joseph's Church
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 6.00pm
Week 8

Thursday 3 July and every Thursday

St Joseph's Church
Adoration with Reconciliation 7.00pm

Thursday 3 July

Marian Mothers
Our Lady Help of Christians 7.00pm

Friday 4 July

Adoration at Bell Block
Mass Centre 4.00pm

Saturday 5 July

Anointing Mass at
St Joseph's 10.30am

GENERAL NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE VACANCY – Finance Manager: Part-

Time: The Parish Office requires a person to fulfil a finance manager- bookkeeping role in the Parish Office. They will have proficiency in Xero and will attend to payroll, accounts payable, monthly reporting to the Finance Committee and related tasks. This is a permanent part-time position of 15 hours per week – Mon-Fri with some flexibility around core hours. Immediate start. Expressions of interest to Colin Comber, Finance Committee Chairman phone 027 249 2864.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: LAUDATO SI (On care for our common home) was one of the first and most known encyclicals written by Pope Francis early in his pontificate.

Come and learn more about this important message from Pope Francis.

We are meeting each Monday from June 30th at 5:45pm until 6:45 pm in the Ngamotu room in the Parish Office for the next six weeks as we make our way through Laudato Si. All reading materials will be provided. For queries and information please phone Joan 021 110 0775 or email justicceandpeace@catholicparishnp.nz



CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 4 July - Committee Meeting at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church foyer.

CWLFIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 4 July, 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



HELP REQUIRED WITH THE CHURCH FLOWERS: If you enjoy arranging flowers at home, would you please consider putting your name forward to join the roster of flower arrangers at St Joseph's church?

It is not a huge commitment in terms of time as currently it means you would be arranging the flowers four times a year. If you're interested and would like to find out more, please contact Janice (06) 7536 321 or 021 948 587.

Training is available and if you don't have a source of flowers, assistance can also be provided with that.

MARIAN MOTHERS will meet Thursday 3 July at Our Lady Help of Christians Church 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.



ANOINTING MASS will be celebrated Saturday 5 July at St Joseph's Church 10.30am. After Mass there will be a substantial morning tea, which could be lunch if you wish.

PETER'S PENCE SPECIAL COLLECTION: 29th June we will be making the annual Peters Pence Collection. This collection made on or near the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, is a way in which each of us can give, expressing the sense of belonging to the Church, and our love and trust in the Holy Father. It is a tangible sign of communion with Him, as Peter's Successor, and also of attention to the needs of the disadvantaged, for whom the Pope always cares.

The collection is to support the Holy Father in his ministry and his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace and spread Christian charity.

Those who donate by Planned Giving will have numbered Peter's Pence donation envelopes to use. There are spare envelopes in the church foyers. Parishioners can also donate on line using Peter's Pence as a reference. Our bank account number is 020 630 0288002 03 and the bank account name is The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth. Or just bring cash to Mass, Sunday 29 June for the collection after Communion.

ST JOSEPH'S SCOUT GROUP NEW PLYMOUTH: A

Catholic Scout leader is wanting help to obtain a scarf and name badge of this former scout group in our parish. This is part of a project to record the history of Catholic-sponsored scout groups in NZ. Sewn on the scarf would have been the badge used by Catholic scout groups – see image alongside. If you can help, please contact Edmund le Grelle at edmund@legrelle.co.nz Ph 021 2619 369.



ST ANTHONY CHOIR led by members of St Joseph's Church Pasifika community invites anyone wanting to join the choir group to please come to the practices on the following dates/time. 5 July, 12 July, 19 July 1.00pm to 2.45pm at St Joseph's Church as we prepare for 5.30pm Mass on 20th July 2025. Anyone and everyone is welcome, please come and join us. Please contact Adrian adrianifidow@gmail.com if you would like further details.



St Anthony Choir after Mass last Sunday

THANK YOU FROM THE 50th ANNIVERSARY JUBILARIANS:

This is an effort to thank all of you who helped to make our 50th Jubilee week wonderful and surprising. We know for some of you 50 years seems daunting, and for others seems a breeze. For us it has been challenging, exhilarating, humbling and even excruciating at times. Thanks for being part of helping us to gather those times into a great thanksgiving celebration. I personally would like to thank all those who contributed directly to the Women's Emergency Shelter and/or Caritas or gave me cash to share between them. \$7,375.00 was given directly in cash for both the Emergency Shelter and Caritas. A further \$960.00 was given to the Women's Emergency Shelter and \$1,085.00 to Caritas. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your faithfulness. That empowers ours. Brian Vale, Brian Walsh and Tom



There is no Youth Group or Shine this Sunday 29 June as it is the school holidays. There is Youth Mass however at 5.30pm

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme (HDSS) Training Day: We are excited to introduce the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme to the Diocese of Palmerston North as a response to the Synodal discernment. Welcome and inclusion is a big theme in our discernment, and we are responding.



We are the first church in New Zealand to have this scheme and we welcome you to come and learn about it at the Diocesan Centre on July 1. If you are someone who experiences living with a disability; work, advocate or have a family member or friend experiencing disability; or are passionate about radical inclusion in our church, we'd love to have you join us! Register at <https://forms.gle/VF62XT0UEVesJtmt7>

ALPHA REPORT:



It was the final night of our 9 week Alpha programme on Thursday 26 June. Our photo above, goes right back to Week One, 1st May, with everyone sitting at the meal table, in conversation over food, meeting group members and volunteers for the first time.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE celebrated their 62nd birthday, 19 June at Cobb and Co. The cake was cut by Freda and Liz both life members of New Plymouth CWL. A special tribute was made to the deceased members of the League, who had served and helped to make CWL a great organisation which has worked for Catholic women in New Plymouth for 62 years.



HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2026



Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School will be back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over Aotearoa New Zealand. Join us at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 2nd-11th 2026!

Registrations open on July 6th at 1pm and sell out fast. Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register!



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Patrick Dravitski, St Leger Manning Reeves, Fr Fergus Reeves, Joan Newell, Lu Jun Nan and Rev Bill Casey.

<div>June</div> <div>30</div> <div>MON</div>			<div>WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE</div> <div>FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH</div>	
	8.00am	St Joseph's Church		
<div>July</div> <div>1</div> <div>TUES</div>				
	8.00am	St Joseph's Church		
	9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church		
	12.05pm	St Joseph's Church		
<div>2</div> <div>WED</div>				
	8.00am	St Joseph's Church		
	9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church		
<div>3</div> <div>THU</div>				
	8.00am	St Joseph's Church		
	9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church		
		No Mass at Francis Douglas College: School Holidays		
<div>4</div> <div>FRI</div>				
	8.00am	St Joseph's Church		
	12.05pm	St Joseph's Church		
<div>5</div> <div>SAT</div>				
	8.30am	St Joseph's Church		
	10.30am	Anointing Mass		
	5.30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians Church		
	6.00pm	St Patrick's Okato		
<div>6</div> <div>SUN</div>				
	9.00am	St Joseph's Church		
	10.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church		
	10.30am	Bell Block Catholic Centre		
	5.30pm	St Joseph's Church		

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

6 July 2025 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1ST READING: Isaiah 66.10-14

PSALM: 66

2ND READING: Galatians 6.14-18

GOSPEL: Luke 10.1-12, 17-20

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and national events.



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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 Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday Friday 7.40am, and Saturday at 8.10am in the Parish Office. Please come to the back door.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:



Our Lady Help of Christians Church:

There is no Children's Liturgy Sunday 6th and 13th July at Our Lady Help of Christians as it is the school holidays.

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

LITTLE ANGELS: There is no Little Angels Music and Play Group for pre-schoolers during the school holidays June 30th and July 7th. For Term 3 please contact Tess 027 583 7732.



QUIET YOUR HEART ~ Music with Kadisha

St Joseph's Monday 11.00am to 11.30am & Our Lady Help of Christians Friday 9.30 to 10.00am

If you would like to hear Kadisha's new release on You Tube *Stay*, this link will take you there. [Kadisha's new release STAY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiKdle0J-Dc) or use this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiKdle0J-Dc>

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

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

WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES for The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Jubilee of Youth | 2 August 2025

The Jubilee Year of the Church is in full swing, celebrating a calendar of jubilees that occurs every 25 years. From July 28 to August 3, the focus will be on the Jubilee of Youth. On August 2nd, our regional youth ministers have organized a Jubilee of Youth event in the diocese. It will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palmerston North, starting mid-morning on Saturday and concluding with a rave on Saturday night. If you need to stay overnight, accommodations are available. Registration links will be available next week. For now, mark your calendars and ensure you and your friends join us to celebrate youth and faith!

Enrol at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College

Study anywhere, at your own pace, with the support from qualified lecturers, with Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College online courses. Semester 2 starts July 21. To see courses offered in Semester 2, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/distance

Billings Ovulation Method | Natural Fertility Seminar

The Billings Ovulation Method is a Fertility Awareness Method that helps couples prevent or achieve pregnancy and track reproductive health and general well-being during the menstrual cycle. When used correctly, it is highly effective.

This seminar is designed for health professionals and those wishing to become accredited Billings Teachers. It will also benefit individuals wanting to use the Method and those involved in pre-marriage programmes.

12 – 13 July, Hillsborough, Auckland. For more information and to register: www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar. Registrations close 1 July.

St Joseph's Hawera School and Parish | 150 Years Jubilee

Labour weekend: Friday 24 and Saturday 25 October 2025. Visit www.stjoeshawera150celebration.co.nz to register and see the event calendar.

Upcoming Webinar in June

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is having its third webinar this year titled “Pastoral Ministry among Māori and Pasifika in the Third Millennium” with Rev Hemi Ropata, a deacon from the Society of Mary who is currently in Rome completing the final stages of his formation before his ordination to priesthood this year. This webinar is on Wednesday, 25 June 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

Bethlehem University Prayer to Our Lady of Palestine

Our Lady of Palestine,
Mother of Jesus,
We turn to you
with hope and trust.
You walked this land
with faith and courage.
Bring healing and
justice to the Holy Land.

Look with kindness on
Bethlehem University,
Bless our students,
faculty, staff, and
graduates.
Guide us in hope to
bring about peace
with justice,
to be signs of God's love
in Palestine and beyond.

Our Lady, Queen of Palestine,
pray for us. Amen.



Come and celebrate with Pope Leo XIV



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

To register your expression of interest go to
www.tinyurl.com/WYDPN27

or contact
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