



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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2nd August 2026 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Braden Johnson enroute to New Plymouth



International Catholic speaker and content creator Braden Johnson is currently visiting New Zealand, sharing his message of faith, hope, and purpose with students, teachers, parents, and parish communities. Braden, who is known for speaking at Catholic conferences, schools, and youth events around the world, encourages young people to discover their identity in Christ and live lives rooted in faith.

Braden visited several Catholic colleges, including Chanel College, St Catherine's College, Garin College, St. Mary's College and St Patrick's College, where he shared his life story, explaining how he moved from chasing fame to finding fulfilment through a relationship with Jesus. He also presented an evening session in Wellington focused on understanding and supporting today's youth. Braden seen here with Susilo in the picture. Braden is now continuing his New Zealand tour in

the Diocese of Palmerston North, where he will be speaking with students and communities in Palmerston North, Whanganui, Napier, and New Plymouth. His visit offers a valuable opportunity for young people to deepen their faith, reflect on their purpose, and be inspired to live as joyful disciples of Christ.



Alpha Reunion at St. Joseph's Supper Room

On Sunday, 26 July, St. Joseph's Supper Room was filled with warmth, laughter, and fellowship as past Alpha participants, leaders, and parishioners gathered for an Alpha Reunion.

The reunion provided a wonderful opportunity for everyone to reconnect, share their experiences, and reflect on the impact that Alpha has had on their faith journeys. Familiar faces came together once again,

rekindling friendships that were formed through past Alpha sessions and welcoming new parishioners into the conversation.

Beyond the discussions, the reunion was also a time of simple fellowship. Over refreshments and casual conversations, attendees enjoyed catching up, sharing stories, and celebrating the vibrant community that has grown through Alpha. The gathering served as a reminder that Alpha is more than just a course. It is a journey that fosters lasting relationships, encourages spiritual growth, and brings people together in Christ.

We thank everyone who attended and contributed to making the reunion a joyful and fruitful occasion. As we look forward to Alpha 2027, let us continue to pray and support one another as we grow together in faith and community.



Important Dates

Adoration

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

Sunday 2nd August

Adoration
Our Lady Help of
Christians Church
4.00pm

Tuesday, 4th August

An Evening with Braden
St. Joseph's Church
Door Open 6.30pm
Talk Starts 7.00pm

Friday 7th August

CWL Committee
11:00am

First Friday Lunch
After the 12.05pm Mass
at St Joseph's Church
foyer

Friday 7th August

Adoration
Bell Block
Catholic Centre
4.00pm

Friday 7th August

Prayer for Peace
St Joseph's Church
7:00pm

Sunday 16th August

First Holy Communion
St. Pius X School Mass
St Joseph's Church
9.00am

Friday, 21st August

Christian Life Program
St Joseph's Church Hall
6.30pm



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: 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.



Key dates for 2026 Elections

***7 August**—Last day to switch from general roll to Maori roll and vice versa.

***4 October**—Last day to enrol and not have to cast a special vote.

***25 October**—Last day to enrol and be able to cast a special vote.

***26 October**—Voting starts

***7 November**—Final voting day. **Make your voice heard.**



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.



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

CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 7th August – Committee Meeting at 11.00am 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

"SMEG" Knives at New World Supermarkets

If any parishioners shop at New World and aren't collecting the SMEG coupons, would they be kind enough to collect for us 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 Hall Kitchen. Thank you.
Fiona Dravitzki, Hospitality Team.

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

ENTRY \$15 PER PERSON

INCLUDES

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

HOSTED BY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

ANNUAL BINGO FUNDRAISER

COME ALONG & BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

GREAT PRIZES | GREAT COMPANY | GREAT CAUSE

Thank you for supporting a cause that makes a difference.

November 2026 Funding Round | Catholic Charities Foundation

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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/>

MARIAN MOTHERS: The next Marian Mother's Meeting is Thursday 6th August at 7.00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Church 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please come along and join in prayer & a cuppa. Please bring a small sharing plate. Any queries please phone Glenda 021 323 765.



Hope for the World International Conference on Life, Faith and Family - Friday 25 to Sunday 27 September



In Christ we can restore a culture where every life is protected from conception to natural death, and where marriage and the family are again seen as truly good for healthy, flourishing individuals and society. Join us in Auckland to hear inspiring local and international speakers.

Find out more and register here: <https://fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2026/>. Register before Thursday 20 August to enter draw to win a beautiful statue of the Holy Family.

Enquiries to Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz



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

ROADWORKS: We have been advised that the closure of Devon Street and Robe Street will continue until the end of August. Robe Street will not be accessible from Powderham Street.

This will affect parking, and access to parking in those areas for those attending Mass at St Joseph's.

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 Tumanako o te Kotahitanga

ILLUMIN8 YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 2ND AUG

HOPE We lift each other up	FAITH We grow together	FRIENDS We belong together	FUN We laugh together	PURPOSE We live for something bigger
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SHINE - JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 4 TO 8 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM St. Joseph's Church Hall During the School Term Contact KAREN youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp	YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 9 TO 13 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM St. Joseph's Church Hall During the School Term Contact SUSILO youth@catholicparishnp
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COME AS YOU ARE. LEAVE INSPIRED. SEE YOU THERE!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS 2026

	31 JULY	First Reconciliation Celebration at St Joseph's Church 5:30 pm	
	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	

+ WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS

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



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Rev Fergus Reeves, Xavier Chamany, Gwen Wills, Jill Drombski, Mary Rosalene Brophy, Joan Gaines, Eugeniusz Chylek, and Lorraine Murray.

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 9th AUGUST SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am St Joseph's Church

**4
TUE**

**8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians
12:05pm St Joseph's Church**

**5
WED**

**8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians**

**6
THU**

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

**7
FRI**

**8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:00am St. Pius X School (Philomena Hall)
12:05pm St Joseph's Church**

**8
SAT**

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

**9
SUN**

**9:00am St Joseph's Church
10:30am Our Lady Help of Christians
10:30am Nga Pekanga (Cnr Bayly St and Princess St Waitara)
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



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

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 August 2026

1ST READING: 1 Kings 19.9, 11-13

PSALM: 85

2ND READING: Romans 9.1-5

GOSPEL: Mathew 14.22-33

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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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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



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

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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.

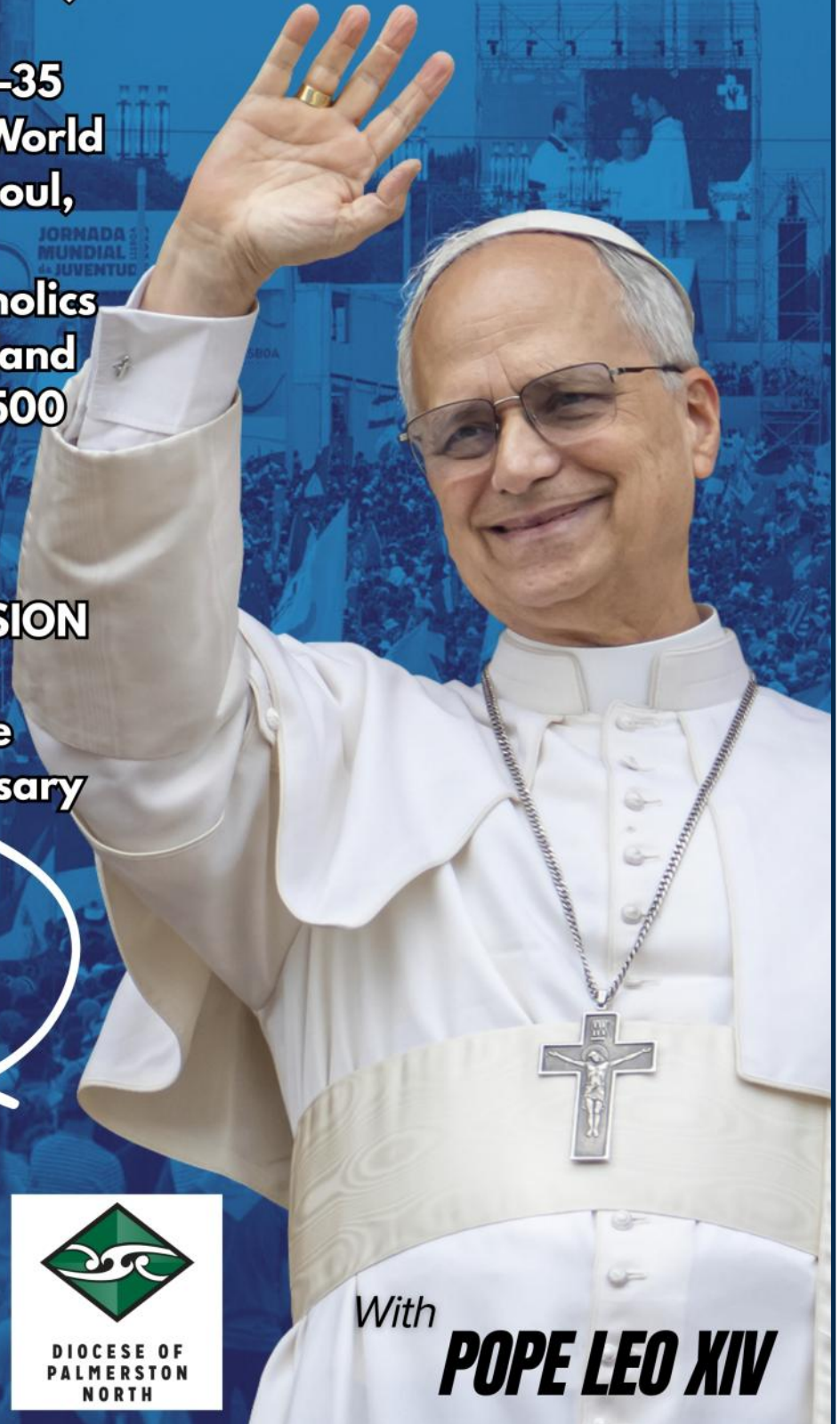
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DIOCESE OF
PALMERSTON
NORTH

With

POPE LEO XIV



WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

**The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 - 2 August 2026**

Māori Education Collection – Sunday, 23 August 2026

Māori Education is an investment in a vibrant, and faith-filled New Zealand. Your support is an investment in the future of our young people and our nation.

Successful educational outcomes for young Māori enrich our communities and benefit all New Zealanders. We are privileged to have the country's only two Catholic Māori boarding schools within our Diocese: Hato Pāora College and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. Through the dedication and commitment of their staff, these schools continue to provide outstanding care, education, and faith formation for their students.

We also acknowledge with gratitude the many generous parishioners, grandparents, and benefactors who quietly assist families facing difficulties in meeting school attendance dues. Your kindness and support make a real difference and are deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to Catholic Māori education.

Specially marked envelopes are available in the church foyer. Alternatively, donations may be made by direct credit to the parish bank account 020 630 0288002 03 and the bank account name is The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth. Please include your name as the payee and use 'Māori Ed' as the reference.

Webinar on Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding its 4th session for the WYD Seoul 2027 webinar series. Join us for this session, Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise with the Auckland Diocese NET Team. This will be on Tuesday, 1st of September 2026, 5:00-6:00pm on Zoom online platform. Register through www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026 Fee discounts apply.

Dovecotes for Women NZ

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is delighted to announce the launch of Dovecotes for Women NZ, a new initiative designed to support women in parish communities throughout New Zealand.

Dovecotes are small parish-based groups where women from all walks of life can come together in friendship, prayer, and faith. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these groups offer a welcoming space for women to bond, encourage one another, and grow more deeply in their relationship with God.

For more information contact dovenational.leader@gmail.com or visit www.dove.org.nz

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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 Discernment Retreat for Women

Young women aged 18–35 are invited to join the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters for a weekend of encounter, prayer and learning to recognise God's voice.

Whether you are discerning a particular vocation or simply seeking greater clarity about God's call in your life, this retreat offers space to step away, pray and listen.

Friday 28 to Sunday 30 August 2026, Palmerston North.

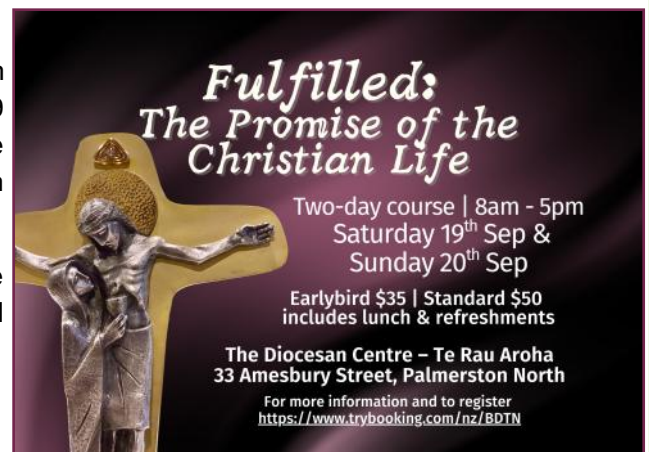
For more information and registration, visit: www.trybooking.com/nz/BEIS



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.

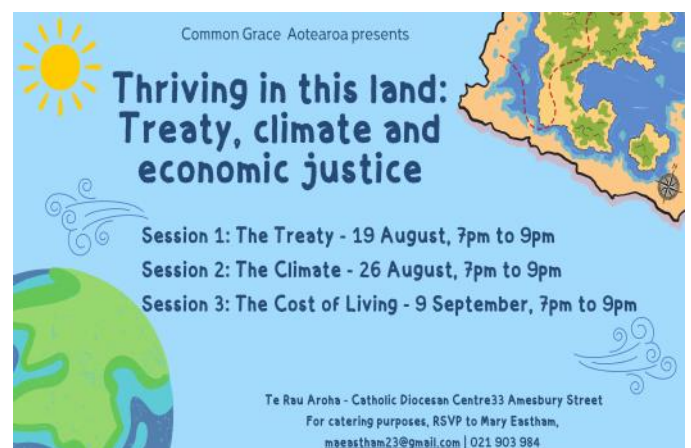
The cost is \$35 early bird or \$50 standard, including course materials, lunch and refreshments. For further information and registration, visit www.trybooking.com/nz/BDTN



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.



St Joseph's School Ōpunakē Celebrates 125 Years

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē is preparing to celebrate its 125th Jubilee on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October. Past pupils, staff, parishioners and friends of the school are warmly invited to take part in the celebrations. More information for the weekend can be found at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/20235?embed>. Register your interest at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExfRtaNPCn5v-XKQRYX7JfAE/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses.

All are welcome to help celebrate this significant milestone in the life of St Joseph's School Ōpunakē.

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē *125th Jubilee* Thursday 22 + Friday 23 October 2026



The Schedule

Thursday 22 October 2026

JUBILEE MASS

9.30am @ Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Whitcombe Road, Ōpunakē



Friday 23 October 2026

AG DAY GALA

9.30am - 2pm @ St Joseph's School Ōpunakē, Whitcombe Road, Ōpunakē



JUBILEE DINNER

6.30pm @ Sinclair Events Centre, 156 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē



Buy dinner tickets at [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)



Register your interest at www.stjo.school.nz

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

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

All are welcome.

WHO IS THIS FOR?	WHAT WILL BE COVERED?
- Parish Priest - Parish Leadership teams - Alpha teams - Anyone interested in running Alpha - Anyone who would like to know more about Alpha	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.

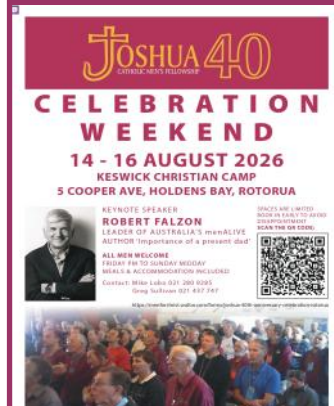
Just like at Alpha, all are welcome.

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

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>



JOSHUA 40
CELEBRATION WEEKEND
14 - 16 AUGUST 2026
KESWICK CHRISTIAN CAMP
5 COOPER AVE, HOLDENS BAY, ROTORUA

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ROBERT FALZON
LEADER OF AUSTRALIA'S MENALIVE
AUTHOR 'Importance of a present dad'

ALL MEN WELCOME
FRIDAY PM TO SUNDAY MIDDAY
MEALS & ACCOMMODATIONS INCLUDED
Contact Mike Lobb 021 260 8085
Group Textbook 021 437 747

BOOKS ARE LIMITED
BOOKS IN HAND TO ORDER
ONLINE ONLY
SCAN THE QR CODE

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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>



Areté



CENTRE FOR MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP

FOUNDATIONS OF MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP



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/>

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