



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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31 May 2026 Feast of the Holy Trinity

Visit of Bishop John Panamthottathil to the New Plymouth Syro-Malabar Community

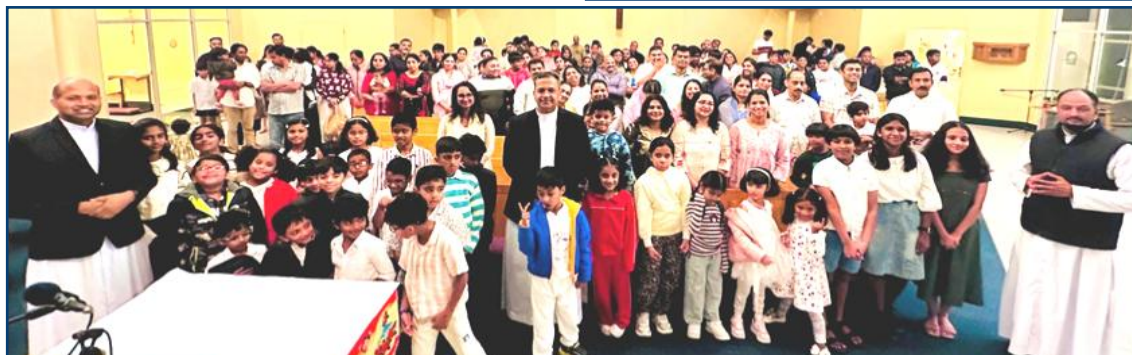
The Syro-Malabar Catholic community in New Plymouth was recently blessed with the visit of Bishop John Panamthottathil, who is currently touring Syro-Malabar communities across New Zealand. His visit was a moment of great spiritual significance and joy for the local faithful. He was appointed as the second bishop of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy at Thomas the Apostle in Melbourne by Pope Francis in 2023.

The Holy Mass was solemnly celebrated by Bishop John, concelebrated by Fr. Sobin and Fr. Vijoy, drawing a large gathering of parishioners and well-wishers on Monday, 25th May. The liturgy was especially meaningful as it coincided with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday, adding a deeper sense of reflection on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the unity of the Church.

Following the Eucharistic celebration, the community came together for a vibrant cultural programme, showcasing talents wherein the performances reflected the rich heritage and traditions of the Syro-Malabar Church and added to the festive spirit of the occasion.

The celebrations concluded with a shared dinner, giving everyone an opportunity to connect, celebrate, and extend their warm welcome to Bishop John. The entire event was a grand and memorable occasion, strengthening the bonds within the community and renewing their faith. Bishop John's visit was truly a blessing, and his presence left a lasting impression on all who attended.

Bishop John Panamthottathil celebrating Mass and connecting with the Syro-Malabar community in faith and unity.



Important Dates

Adoration

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Tuesday after 9.10am
Mass

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

June 1st 2026

Monday Morning
Gospel Reading Group:
No Connect Group on
Monday 1st June 2026
due to King's Birthday
Weekend.

June 4th 2026

Thursday 7.00pm-
8.00pm
Marian Mothers at Our
Lady Help of
Christians Church

June 5th 2026

Monday Morning
Women's Catholic
League
COMMITTEE MEETING
10.30am St Joseph's
Church foyer
FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH
after the

June 7th 2026

Sunday 10:30am
School Led Mass
Our Lady Help of
Christians

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

A Time for Gratitude and a time to say thank you to Shirley Knuckey for all those years of service and as she steps down from her position, please come and thank God for the gift of Shirley on **7th June at 5:30pm Mass**.

A **Huge Thankyou** to Shirley for all the years of service that you have given, and to the musical knowledge you have shared with all. We will miss seeing you behind the keys, but hope you can still enjoy the music fully from the pews! Enjoy retirement! It is very well deserved! - **Music Ministry**.

CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 5th June - Committee Meeting at 10.30am in St Joseph's Church foyer.



CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 5th June, 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

St Vincent De Paul Community Meals requires a cook for the third Tuesday (to make pudding) and one for the fourth Tuesday (to make a pasta bake eg: mac & cheese) each month. Please contact Liz for more information. 0226430252, Email: eogooch@gmail.com.



Monday Morning Gospel Reading Group: No Connect Group on Monday 1st June 2026 due to King's Birthday Weekend.

FROM POPE LEO: JUNE INTENTION

For the values of sports.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



Communion to those who are temporarily unable to attend Mass

Any family member or friend is encouraged to approach the priest to get a pyx and a blessing to take communion to those who cant attend for now.

Thinking about Funerals?

Are you considering what kind of funeral you would like or your family will organizes for you.

Welcome to a discussion time with Fr. Tom to ask questions on how to have a Catholic send off that suits yours and family needs.

Please join us on 8th June, Monday, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Parish Office.

ALPHA – Week Five (21 May) focused on “*Why and How Do I Pray?*”, highlighting the key truth that **prayer is central to Christianity because it is rooted in a relationship with God**.

Discussions invited guests to reflect on personal experiences of prayer, different ways of praying, and its place in daily life – especially in times of anxiety. Guests are discovering they are not alone in their questions or search for meaning.



Week Five reminded us that Alpha is about creating space – for conversation, for encounter, and for faith to grow naturally overtime. We are looking forward to the retreat, Sunday 7th June. The Retreat is a key point in the Alpha experience and we pray for the success of this weekend. **Come Holy Spirit Come.**



MARIAN MOTHERS The next Marian Mother's Meeting is Thursday 4th June 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.



Appointment of Richard Doyle as Strategic Leader (Interim)

We are pleased to welcome Richard Doyle into the role of **Strategic Leader for the parish** while Giniya (Strategic Leader) is on maternity leave.

Richard has been carefully recruited to support and strengthen our parish's strategic direction during this season. He brings with him a wealth of experience in leadership, organisational development, and mission-focused planning, and will work alongside our leadership team to ensure continuity and momentum in our key priorities.



In this interim role, Richard will focus on guiding the parish's vision, helping to align the parish activities with long-term goals. His collaborative and thoughtful approach will emphasise on building healthy teams and fostering a culture of clarity, purpose, and growth. We are grateful that Richard has stepped into this role at this time, and we look forward to the insight that he will bring over the coming months.

We congratulate Giniya and Tijo on the birth of their son and pray as she takes this important time with her family. We look forward to welcoming her back in due course.



The Family Group Movement

Have you asked yourself “How do I get to know some of the people I see in the church?”

What is a Family Group?

The Passionist Family Group Movement aims to build Christian community through the development of extended families. Family Groups are open to everyone. Our focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other.

Family Groups have been in the parish for 35 years and we are developing a new group and expanding the existing groups.

Changing faces into names and names into Family

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You are Invited to join a Family Group:

A new group is starting for young families and there are currently 5 other groups who welcome new members. If you are interested contact Linda 0273546171. Email: paulandlinda.d@gmail.com or Parish Office.



This is an early Family Group picnicking at Lucy's Gully

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

**YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 7 JUNE**

**OVERFED
YET
STARVING**

COME AND LEARN
WAYS OF HOW YOU
CAN BE SATISFIED
BY THE
EXTRAORDINARY!



**YOUTH
GROUP
DATES IN TERM 2**

**3 MAY
17 MAY
7 JUNE
21 JUNE
5 JULY**

**NEXT
YOUTH GROUP
SUN, 14 JUNE**

**NEXT WEEKEND IS
CONFIRMATION
CAMP, SO WE NEED
TO HAVE A BREAK
AGAIN.**

**WE WILL BE BACK
WITH OUR LAST
SERIES ON SUNDAY,
21 JUNE.**

NO YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY

**CONFIRMATION
programme**



JOIN US

**CONFIRMATION MASS
SUNDAY, 28 JUNE 2026
9:00 AM
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**



SHINE
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

ILLUMINS
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

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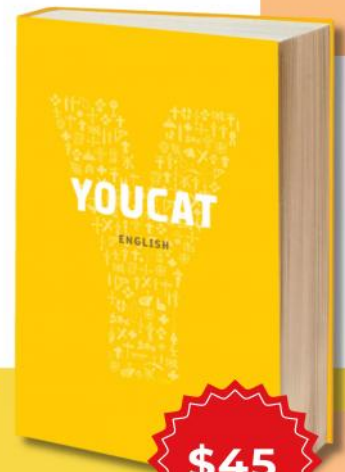
YOUCAT SPONSORSHIP
(YOUTH CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH)

FAITH INVESTMENT

HELP SHAPE THE FAITH OF OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES BY SPONSORING THEM WITH THE YOUCAT (YOUTH CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH)!

HOW TO DONATE:

- Fill out a "YOUCAT" donation form. Place the cash inside the envelope, seal it, and drop it in the collection basket during Sunday Mass.
- Alternatively, you can visit the Parish Office on weekdays from 9am to 4pm to pay by Eftpos or drop off the envelope.
- For online banking details, please email [youth@catholicparishnp.nz]



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PURPOSE

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Deceased members of the Julian Family, Jim and Kath Riordan, Roseanne and James Mckernan, John Leuthard, Mrs. Abbot, Emily Kennedy, Imelda Siggers, Tony Western, Bob Stevens, Anne Leuthard, Jusy Scott, Marie Gilliland and Pauline Goodin.

JUNE

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 7th JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI

1

MON

8:30am St Joseph's Church

2

TUE

8:00am St Joseph's Church
9:00am St Josephs School Hall Calvert Road
9:10am Our Lady Help of Christians
12:05pm St Joseph's Church

3

WED

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

4

THU

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

5

FRI

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

6

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)

7

SUN

9:00am St Joseph's Church
10:30am Our Lady Help of Christians (School Led Mass)
10:30am Bell Block Catholic Centre
5:30pm St Joseph's Church (Junior Youth Mass)

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 1st June 8.10am (King's Birthday) and Tuesday at 7.40am and Saturday 8.10am in the Parish Office 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: Every Sunday during 9.00am Mass in the church foyer.

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



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Corpus Christi 7 June 2026

1ST READING: Deuteronomy 8.2-3, 14-16

PSALM: 147

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 10.16-17

GOSPEL: John 6.51-52



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



For updates on parish, diocese,
and national events.



But I'm already very busy!

Jesus did not ask us to welcome strangers and love each other, but not to worry about this if we are busy. Family Group life is gospel life and we should never be too busy to live that way. Apart from that, if you are too busy you are going to miss out on a lot of fun.

What if I've already got enough friends?

Well, maybe a group needs you! And if you do have many friends, you don't have to lose them to belong to a Family Group.

Have you ever thought what it is like for the people who are not like you and don't have many friends? What if we could create a network where everybody knew at least 10 families well? Wouldn't that be a great way for you to contribute to the parish community?

What about the benefits to the Parish?

Family Groups promote community in the parish through the active involvement of parishioners. Experience shows many people become more actively involved in parish life as a result of belonging to a Passionist Family Group.

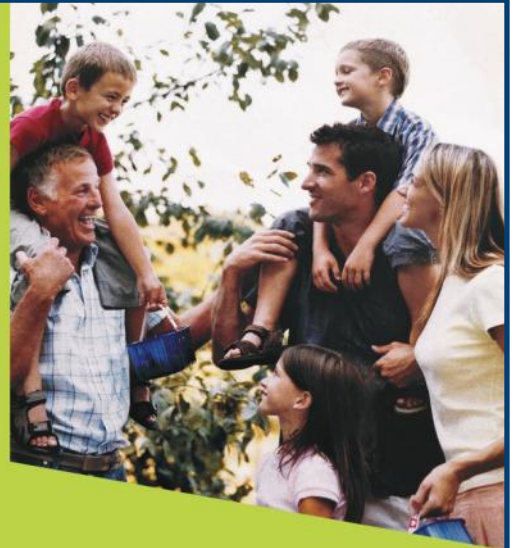
History of the Passionist Family Group Movement

The Family Groups began in 1972 as an inspiration of Father Peter McGrath in the tiny parish of St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills, an outer suburb of Sydney. Being a Passionist, Peter guided the Movement with a down-to-earth, practical and friendship based spirituality. Peter used to describe it as "a matter of the heart". As the parish grew in numbers, Peter and others set about preserving the original community spirit when people knew each other by name and shared each others joys and struggles. Other parishes wanted this same spirit and a Movement developed across Australia.

Passionist Family Groups began in Aotearoa in June 1988 through the work of Fr Brian Traynor CP and Lynn and Rob Hill from Paeroa parish and as happened in Australia, the Movement spread far and wide. Today, effective and committed leaders across each diocese still work with Fr Brian, the Advisor.

Together they provide active support, resources and spiritual formation to continue developing healthy leadership models within the Movement. Passionist Family Groups are continuing to encourage, support and guide small group community, a recognised need in the modern church. They bring a sense of fun and friendship to Christian life - a dimension too often missing in parish life.

Will you join in?



Passionist Family Group Movement

For More Information Contact

"Matters of the Heart"



www.passionistfamily.org.nz



The Family Group Movement

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What are the Aims of the Family Group Movement?

The Movement has a down-to-earth spirituality. We want people to feel welcomed in their parish and to have a true sense of belonging. We want members to accept and appreciate each other, to support each other in times of need and in this way assist people to live their faith in a truly practical way.

Is it Social or Religious?

Jesus would have found this a strange distinction, but some people still ask the question. He called his followers to love one another and that's what people do in Passionist Family Groups. Many people believe that faith is 'caught' rather than 'taught' and there is a lot of 'faith catching' in Family Groups.

Do I have to be holy?

Holiness is most obvious in the practical ways we respond to human need. Being a member of a Family Group enables you to experience true holiness, by creating an environment where people can be themselves and respond to each others' everyday needs.

Who will be in my Family Group?

A Family Group is made up of about 10 – 12 families. Many of these will be couples or single adults. Everyone is welcome to join. Family Groups are for all.

What happens in a Family Group?

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What can I give to a Family Group?

Yourself! You can give your heart, your time, your friendship.

How committed do I have to be?

A Family Group is just like a family; the members create a sense of responsibility for one another. As with all aspects of life, you reap what you sow. You will get from Family Groups what you put into Family Groups.

What if I'm not Catholic or I am single or divorced?

The Passionist Family Group motto is "A Family for All". Family Groups provide an extended family for anyone who wishes to belong, whatever their faith tradition or whether they are married, single or divorced. Everyone is welcome to join.





ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

LAUDATO SI'

"Praise be to you, my Lord."

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord." These are the words that open Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi's beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* was released in June 2015. Five years later, in 2020, Pope Francis invited all Catholics and people of good will to celebrate its fifth anniversary by protecting families and future generations through action to care for our common home. Here are themes that Pope Francis highlighted in *Laudato Si'* which require our urgent response today.

- **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion – to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- **Care for God's Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.
- **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- **Technological and economic development must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.**
- **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- **Hope and Joy.** "Injustice is not invincible" (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God's vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

1. **Become more aware of our connectedness.** Care for one another and creation includes understanding that “everything is connected” (no. 91) and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?

Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference. For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.

1. **Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace.** For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.
2. **Support local efforts to solve environmental problems.** Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.
3. Contact your members of Congress to share Pope Francis’ message and urge action to address climate change.

Prayer

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak, and care for this world in
which we live.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.

Excerpted from “A Christian prayer in union with creation,” in
Laudato Si’, no. 246

For More Information

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice (www.usccb.org/environment)

Catholic Climate Covenant (www.catholicclimatecovenant.org)

“THE EUCHARIST IS MY HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN”



ST CARLO ACUTIS

Relic Visit & Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition



*Join us for moments of prayer, Mass,
Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic,
the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition,
school and parish pilgrimages.*

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit | Palmerston North

WEDNESDAY 10TH – SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD
JOHN 16:33



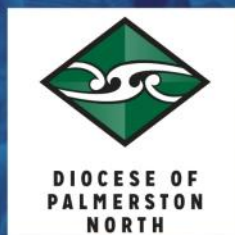
WORLD YOUTH DAY

3 - 8 AUGUST 2027
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

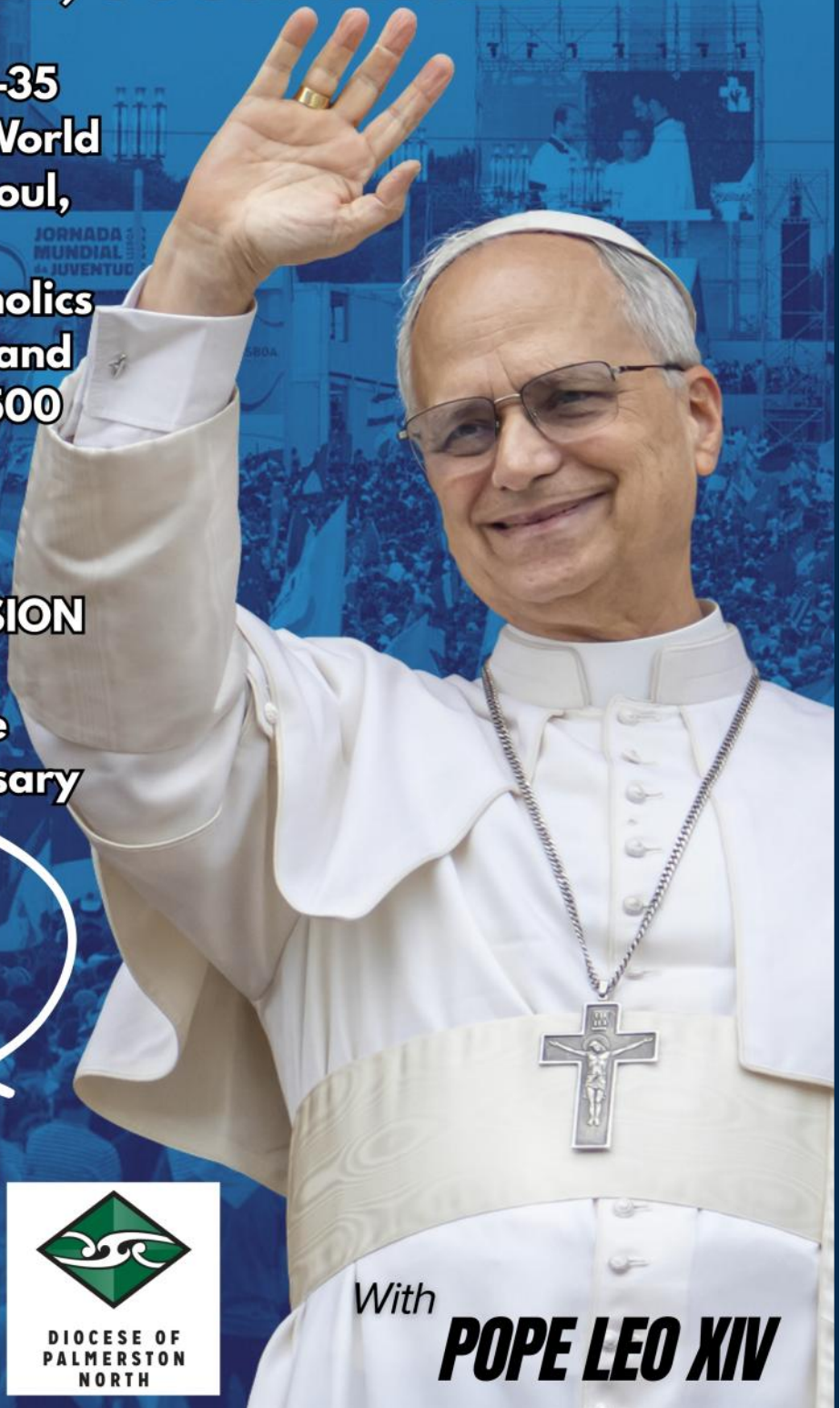
Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to attend World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, where millions of young Catholics will gather. New Zealand bishops aim to bring 500 young people.

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

SCAN ME



With **POPE LEO XIV**



MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT | 26 – 28 June A relaxed weekend of prayer, honest conversation and space to listen. You'll have time to ask real questions, meet other men discerning their vocation and encounter God without pressure.

WHEN: 5.00pm Friday 26 June to 3.00pm Sunday 28 June. **WHERE:** Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Contact Fr Trung to register: pettrung89@gmail.com

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

A relaxed weekend of prayer, honest conversation and space to listen. You'll have time to ask real questions, meet other men discerning their vocation and encounter God without pressure.



THIS RETREAT IS FOR YOU IF...

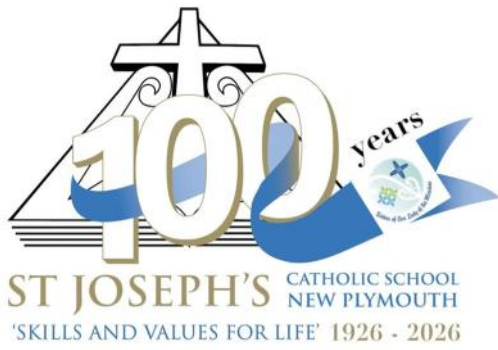
- You've wondered - even briefly - whether God is calling you
- You want space to pray and think without distraction
- You're curious about what the life of a priest actually looks like
- You have the courage to ask the question

FRIDAY 26 JUNE 5PM - SUNDAY 28 JUNE 3PM
MAGNIFICAT RETREAT CENTRE | FEATHERSTON



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PALMERSTON
NORTH

DISCOVER MORE AND EMAIL FR TRUNG TODAY
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We are delighted to be approaching a special milestone in the life of St Joseph's Catholic School, and we warmly invite past students, staff, and families to join us in this joyful celebration of this Mission Sister's historic and iconic school. This will be a meaningful time to come together in fellowship, to reconnect, and to give thanks for the spiritual purpose and history of the school, and the many memories and blessings shared within our school community.

Please mark your calendars for Friday 23 October, Saturday 24 October, and Sunday 25 October.

We kindly ask you to complete the "Register Your Interest" form here:

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeUuzs83RR.../viewform...>

As our planning continues and we gain a clearer idea of numbers attending, further details will be shared here. In the spirit of community, please feel free to pass this invitation on to others who have been part of St Joseph's Catholic School, so we can gather as widely as possible.

In the meantime, we invite you to stay connected by following our Facebook page, where you can see the life and spirit of our school as it continues today.

We look forward to welcoming you back, renewing connections, and celebrating together as a faith-filled whānau.

For further updates, the following is the official

Centenary Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718>



WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

For the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
25– 31 May 2026

St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition | 23 April – 13 June

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition – 40 panels of Eucharistic miracles from around the world, researched and catalogued by St Carlo Acutis as a testament to the living presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Having travelled our Diocese parish by parish since April, the exhibition has now arrived in Palmerston North.

The exhibition is open daily at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit until Saturday 13th June 2026. On this Trinity Sunday – when we celebrate the God who loved the world so much he gave his only Son – come and let Carlo's work draw you deeper into that love. Come this weekend or any day over the coming fortnight. All are welcome.



**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
Palmerston North**

RELIC VISIT PROGRAMME

WED 10 JUNE	5:30pm Welcome Mass <i>Please join us for the Exhibition and light refreshments</i> 7pm - 9pm Adoration & Relic Veneration
THU 11 JUNE	Relic Visit to Schools <i>New Plymouth & Whanganui</i> 5:30pm Mass <i>Cathedral</i> 7pm - 9pm Adoration & Relic Veneration
FRI 12 JUNE	Schools Relic Visit & Pilgrimage <i>Exhibition viewing & refreshments for members</i> 5:30pm Mass <i>Cathedral</i> 7pm - 9pm Adoration & Relic Veneration
SAT 13 JUNE	Talks Programme 10am <i>Prayer, Blessed Carlo Acutis & Eucharistic devotion</i> Relic Veneration & Exhibition until 2pm <i>Howaia Taharua - St Mary's Catholic Church</i> 4:30pm Adoration & Relic Veneration 5:30pm Mass

ST CARLO ACUTIS
Relic Visit & Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition
WEDNESDAY 10TH - SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

St Carlo Acutis arrives at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, 10th–13th June 2026 – the Relic Mission brings Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of the relic, and talks.
Details at www.pndiocese.org.nz/StCarlo

Enrolment for micro-credential Management of Church Organisations

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolment for the micro-credential on Management of Church Organisations. This is an online course over 6 weeks. Class starts on July 20, 2026. For more information, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/churchmanagement

Job Vacancy: Youth Minister – Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth is seeking a vibrant and faith-filled Youth Minister to lead and grow youth engagement in the parish.

This role involves running youth groups and events, leading the Confirmation programme, building strong relationships with local Catholic colleges, and encouraging young people to take an active part in parish life.

For the full position description contact sl@catholicparishnp.nz.
Applications have been extended to Tuesday 16 June.



**VACANCY -
YOUTH MINISTER**
for the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

INSPIRED TO SHAPE THE NOW AND FUTURE OF FAITH?
We are seeking a vibrant, faith-filled, and energetic Youth Minister to lead, inspire, and grow our young community.

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CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEW PLYMOUTH
TE PARIRI KATORIKA KI NGAMOTU

Billings Life Seminar

Billings Life NZ will host a two-day Natural Fertility Awareness seminar in Whanganui on June 19 and 20. The event is designed for couples using or considering the Billings Ovulation Method, health professionals or others wanting to learn more about the method, and people interested in becoming accredited Billings teachers. Find out more and register at www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar



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Billings Ovulation Method™ Natural Fertility Awareness Seminar
Whanganui Friday 19th & Saturday 20th June 2026

Billings Ovulation Method™ is a Fertility Awareness Method used by couples to prevent or achieve pregnancy and monitor general & reproductive well-being. It does not depend on regular cycles, thermometers, kits or devices. It is highly effective if used correctly.

Attendance will benefit health professionals, natural health practitioners, interested in women's health & fertility, those wishing to become accredited Billings Teachers, those using or considering the Method, & women keen to understand and track the menstrual cycle phases.

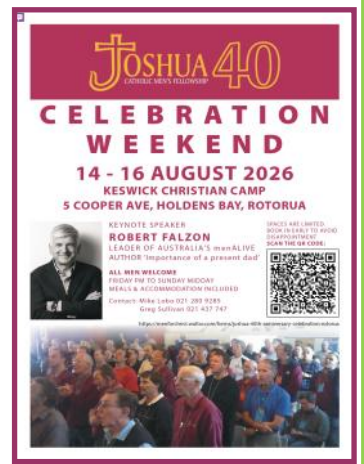
The "Billings Ovulation Method™ Natural Fertility Awareness" activity has been endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP) and has been approved for up to 20 CPD credits for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes. Credits are by action of the College only.

To register or for further details, Phone 0800 693 378
Email: info@billingslife.org.nz
www.billingslife.org.nz

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
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Rebuild My Church | Dr Mary Healy



REBUILD MY CHURCH
From Stones to Souls with Dr. Mary Healy

Christ's call to St Francis — "Go and rebuild my house"
— was a call to renew hearts, not just walls.

Before heading to the Australian CHARIS Conference, Dr Mary Healy comes to Hamilton to help us listen more attentively to God's voice and our role in building a living Church.

THREE EVENINGS | 9, 10, 11 June | 7pm

- The Power of God's Word
- The Holy Spirit Brings Life
- For Such a Time as This

CLERGY WORKSHOP | 10 June | 10:30am - 2:30pm

- Awakening the Gifts of the Faithful

LEADERS WORKSHOP | 11 June | 9am - 3pm

- Whole-Hearted Leadership
- Leading in the Anointing of the Holy Spirit
- Empowering Others

Dr Mary Healy 9, 10, 11 JUNE 2026
Professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit
CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HAMILTON

www.cdh.org.nz/events Scan to register: 

In June, internationally renowned Catholic theologian Dr Mary Healy will be in Hamilton for a three-day formation series, (June 9–11) exploring the power of God's Word, the life of the Holy Spirit, and our call to live our faith today.

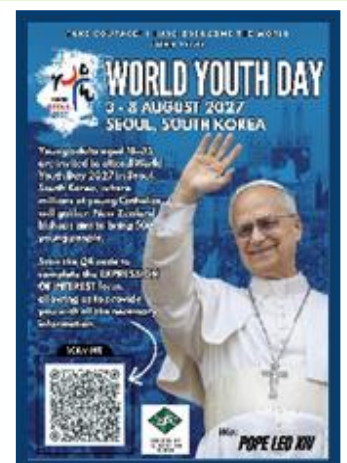
Known around the world for her engaging teaching on Scripture and the Holy Spirit, Dr Healy helps people hear God's voice more clearly and grow in confidence in the gifts He gives for the building up of the Church. Full details and registration are available at

<https://www.eventzilla.net/e/rebuild-my-church--dr-mary-healy-2138676397>

World Youth Day 2027 | Seoul, South Korea

Young adults aged 18 – 35 are invited to attend WYD27, where millions of young Catholics will gather. The NZ bishops aim to bring 500 young people. Fill out the expression of interest form at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfUWcTPgzkxxtwIH86NPEhHqvdt2scpc1nkj_4WjzGrbx4WKQ/viewform




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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. Pope Francis will bring 500 young people.

Scan the QR code to complete the EXPRESSION OF INTEREST form, all going to be made available for the registration.

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