



Parish Newsletter

Pānui i te Pārihi

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5th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CONFIRMATION DAY



On Sunday, 28 June 2026, 66 young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Joseph's Church, with two more to be confirmed in July. They prepared through seven sessions and a camp this term. The ceremony seals the Holy Spirit and the gifts received at Baptism, marking a significant step in their spiritual journey.

CONFIRMATION LEADERS 2026



Our confirmation programme thrived thanks to our dedicated leaders. This year, 31 leaders actively participated, showing great enthusiasm.

I truly appreciate their commitment, as they attended all meetings and training sessions, supported the programme weekly, and supported each other.

Thank you to the parents of our confirmands for encouraging their participation in the Sacrament of Confirmation and for your involvement in the sessions and camp. Your food donations were appreciated.

A special thanks to Sacred Heart Girls' College for hosting the Confirmation Leaders Training Weekend, Francis Douglas Memorial College for accommodating our camp, the Syro-Malabar Community for providing the AV system, and the Parish Hospitality Team for their assistance during the celebration.

I am grateful to all parishioners who prayed for and donated a Youcat to our confirmands; your generosity has greatly impacted their faith journey.

Let's continue to support and pray for our 68 confirmands as their journey begins. Thank you all!

May the words of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati inspire these young people: **"To live without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for truth, that is not living but existing." Do not settle for merely existing. Live fully. Dream boldly. Love generously. Follow Christ courageously. And always keep moving TO THE HEIGHTS!**



Written by:
Susilo KENTJANA
Youth Minister - CPNP

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

Friday 3rd July

Adoration
Bell Block
Mass Centre
4:00pm

Saturday 4th July Anointing Mass

St Joseph's Church
10.30am

First Sunday 5th July Adoration

Our Lady Help of Christians Church
3:00-4:00pm

Sunday 5th July

Potluck Farewell Family Dinner for Susilo
St. Joseph Church after 5:30pm Mass

Saturday 4th July

School Holidays Begin
End of 2nd School Term
No Masses at Schools
(Details on Pg 4)

Monday 6th July

Justice and Peace Group
Reading of Dilexi Ti
Parish Office
5:45-6:45pm

Friday 31st July

First Reconciliation Celebration at St. Joseph's Church
5:30pm
(Details on Pg 3)

GENERAL NOTICES

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: Join us as we read Dilexi Ti which means 'I have loved you.' The draft was written by Pope Francis and completed by Pope Leo.



5:45–6:45pm on Monday July 6th in the Ngamotu room. Please come in to the back door of the parish office. For any enquiries, please email the Justice and Peace group justiceandpeace@catholicparishnp.nz or phone or text Joan 021 1100775

Dilexi Te – join with others to read Pope Francis' draft that has been completed by Pope Leo.

“Dilexi te means ‘I have loved you’.”

It serves as a theological and practical guide for Catholics, and for all people of good will.

Meetings on **July** 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th for readings – Monday nights; 5:30 – 6:30 pm Ngāmotu Room. Please bring your usual reading device. For those without one, the material will be displayed on a screen. Kindly enter through the back door of the office.

Please visit [Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi te of the Holy Father Leo XIV on Love for the Poor \(4 October 2025\)](#)

SCAM ALERT: Emails Impersonating Priests and Parishes

There has been an increase in targeted scam emails appearing to come from priests, parish staff, or familiar parish contacts, and some have resulted in serious privacy breaches. **Please treat any unexpected or unusual email request with caution**, especially if it asks for personal information, contact details, payments, gift cards, or urgent action.

Before responding, check the sender's email address carefully and, if unsure, phone the person or Parish Office 06 757 3682. **Do not reply, click links, open attachments, or send any information** until you have confirmed the email is genuine.

If you believe a scam email has been received or personal information may have been shared, please contact Richard our Parish Privacy Officer in the Parish Office.

Musicians Needed for the Parish

Are you a singer? or an Organist/Pianist? We welcome you to consider joining the Music Ministry, serving the parish through Music. We have groups from primary age through to adult, so parishioners of all ages are welcome! Music groups help provide growth, while supporting Masses and events across the parish throughout the year. We have regular, friendly, welcoming rehearsals, which are a wonderful way to connect with others while sharing your musical gift. Interested? Please contact Ameila, Music Coordinator.

musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz

Susilo has been a cherished part of St. Joseph's Parish, sharing time, talents, and a spirit of service with our community and has been a friend, guide and teacher to our youth. We are grateful for the many ways Susilo has enriched parish life and brought people together. As Susilo moves on, we offer our heartfelt thanks, prayers, and blessings for the future.

JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK FAREWELL FAMILY DINNER FOR SUSILO in celebrating Susilo's contribution to our parish community.

Date: Sunday, 5th July 2026

Time: After 5:30pm Mass at St. Joseph's Church

Venue: St Joseph's Church Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME

LYFE Group: Growing Deeper. Living Fuller.
Thursdays | 7:30–8:15pm | | Online via Zoom

We warmly welcome all parishioners and all who have recently completed Alpha to join our **LYFE Group**, a relaxed and beginner-friendly Bible study line via zoom.

This is a space to explore a deeper, more meaningful life with God in a way that's simple, practical, and grounded in everyday life. No prior knowledge needed – just come as you are.

Our series reflect on the value of prayer, silence, listening, and slowing down to help us recognise God's presence in our daily lives.

This series is transformative in helping us slow down in our busy lives, full of distraction, and find the stillness of God.

Keen to join us? We'd love to hear from you. Contact us for the Zoom link: Roly & Sarah Devine

Phone 021 925 911 Email sarahdevine43@gmail.com

BINGO

SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST 2026 - STARTS AT 01:30 PM

St Joseph's Church Hall – 151 Devon St, New Plymouth

ENTRY \$15
which includes 10 cards, afternoon tea and raffles.

Come along to
The Catholic Women's League annual Bingo Fundraiser.
Funds raised will support

ALZHEIMER'S

Through a wide spectrum of services, providing vital support and services to patients and their families as they navigate life's challenges.





2026 Alpha End Session Celebration

The evening of 25 June felt like the kind of night people remember – not because it was grand or formal, but because it was warm, human, and full of the small moments that make community feel real. It was the final gathering of the Alpha session, and as people arrived, you could sense that familiar blend of excitement, gratitude, and the bittersweet feeling of something good coming to an end.

The hospitality team had transformed the space into a celebration of cultures and stories. A potluck dinner stretched across the tables, each dish carrying a piece of someone's home, someone's heritage, someone's heart. It wasn't just a meal; it was a reminder of how sharing faith and food that simple can create a sense of belonging.

Then came a quieter, more reflective moment. Danny stood up to share the vision for Alpha's future, speaking about the plans and hopes for 2027. His words carried a sense of direction and purpose, reminding everyone that Alpha isn't just a programme – it's a journey. A place where questions are welcomed, where faith is explored without pressure, and where people can wrestle with life's biggest ideas in a safe and open space. Alpha has always been about creating room for honest conversations about faith, and his message made it clear that this mission will continue to grow and reach even more people in the years ahead.

Duncan stepped forward as the host and MC, bringing his natural humour and energy to the games. He had people cheering, guessing, racing, and laughing in ways that made the whole room feel alive. Prizes were handed out to the winners, but the real prize was the joy that spread across the room – the kind that comes from people letting their guard down and simply enjoying each other.

There was a sense of gratitude in the air: gratitude for the volunteers who made the night possible, for the hospitality team who brought cultures to the table, to all the participants who took their time to prepare the food, for Duncan's lively hosting, for Danny's inspiring vision, and for every person who showed up with curiosity and openness. It wasn't just the end of a session. It was a celebration of community, of shared stories, of faith explored together, and of the hopeful road that lies ahead. All Heads up for Alpha 2027.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US

YOUTH MASS
SUNDAY, 26 JULY 2026
5:30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Youth Mass
CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEW PLYMOUTH

JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK FAREWELL FAMILY DINNER FOR SUSILO

DETAILS >>>

POTLUCK
Farewell Family Dinner

Join us in celebrating Susilo's contributions to the parish over the past three years.

St. Joseph's Church Hall
Sunday, 5 July 2026
6:45pm to 8:45pm
Kindly bring food to share.

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE HOLIDAYS! THAT MEANS THE YOUTH GROUP WILL BE TAKING A BREAK.

ENJOY YOUR BREAK!

Term 2 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

No Youth Group on Sundays 12 and 19 July
YOUTH GROUP IS BACK ON SUNDAY 26 JULY

ILLUMIN8

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK ON

SUNDAY, 26 JULY 2026
6:30PM - 8:30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

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

ILLUMIN8

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

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 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: Rose Brophy, Leoney Davis, Frank Davis, David Ogier, Molly Ogier, Bill Ogier, Joan Foley, Martin Lynch, John Wisnewski, Connie Pepper, Helen Meads, Leo Zimmerman, Pat Holmes, Richard Archer, Wolfgang Schrafer, Sr. Liquori, Rosemary Mullin, Hugh + Gertude Mullin and Judy Scott.

JULY

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MON

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 12th JULY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am St Joseph's Church

7

TUE

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

8

WED

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

9

THU

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

10

FRI

8:30am St Joseph's Church (Matariki)

11

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)

12

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 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

There will be no Little Angels Music and Play Group for pre-schoolers during the school holidays July 6th, 13th, and 20th July. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz



SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 July 2026

1ST READING: Isiah 55.10-11

PSALM: 65

2ND READING: Romans 8.18-23

GOSPEL: Mathew 13.1-23 or 13.1-9



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

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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.



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



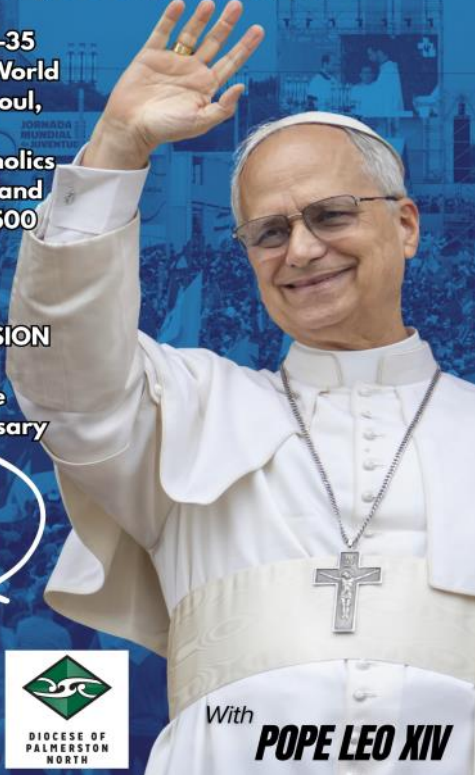
WORLD YOUTH DAY

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**

Pilgrimage with Mary, Queen of Peace



"Thank you for having responded to my call"

Pilgrimage to Rome, Loreto, Medjugorje, Assisi and Orvieto

(accompanied by Fr. James Walsh as spiritual guide)

September 6th - 16th, 2026

Our pilgrimage begins and ends in **Rome** where you can explore the Eternal City. In **Loreto**, we will visit the Holy House of the Annunciation, reflecting on the mystery of the Incarnation. From there, we journey to **Medjugorje** celebrating Our Lady's birthday and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. In **Assisi**, we will be walking in the footsteps of Saint Francis in this **Jubilee Year**, commemorating the 800th anniversary of his death. Our last stop is in **Orvieto**, celebrating Holy Mass in the church of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena.

Estimated Cost of Pilgrimage: \$1460

(excluding airfares which are the responsibility of pilgrims, according to individual needs and preferences)

- Includes:
- transportation (charter bus + overnight ferry with a cabin)
 - accommodation with meals throughout the **11-day pilgrimage**.
 - basic health insurance

NB: The earliest possible return departure from Rome is 17 September, with optional extensions to other pilgrimage sites in Italy or Europe, e.g. San Giovanni Rotondo (Saint Padre Pio)



For more information & registration contact

Jana +64 (0)21 081 77837 (WhatsApp) | Email: nz4medjugorje@gmail.com

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>



WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 June - 5 July 2026

Sea Sunday | Sunday 12 July 2026

On Sea Sunday, 12 July, we pray for seafarers, fishers, their families, and all who support them. As an island nation, Aotearoa New Zealand depends greatly on those who work at sea, often in difficult, dangerous and lonely conditions.

May we remember these often unseen workers with gratitude, and pray for their safety, dignity and wellbeing.

Resources for this day can be found at <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2026/06/sea-sunday-12-july-2026/>

PRAYER FOR THE 6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Holy Father
Who watches over every person
Watch over me too when I am elderly.
You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.
You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines,
You will never forget me!

Grant that I may not fear my weakness:
Help me learn to love it
Just as You love it.
Help me learn to listen to it
Just as You listen to it.
Help me embrace it
Just as You have chosen it -
You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division,
So that we may live these years
united in You.
You will never forget us!
Amen.

Provided by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly | Sunday 26 July 2026

This year the Church marks the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly with the theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15). Parishes are invited to make this promise visible through prayer, Eucharist, visits and simple gestures of care.

Communities are encouraged to celebrate grandparents and elderly parishioners at Mass, offer a blessing or prayer of thanksgiving, and reach out personally to those who are housebound, living alone, in care homes, or without regular visitors. Young people and families are especially encouraged to visit, listen, pray, and share time with older members of the community.

Resources are available from the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life: <https://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/2026/messaggio-di-papa-leone-xiv-per-la-vi-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonn.html>

Mission Hub: From Welcome to Discipleship

Why Hospitality, Relationship, and Community Matter for Parish Renewal

What helps people move from simply attending church to becoming missionary disciples?

Join us online as Jacinta Nicholls shares practical insights from St Peter Chanel Parish, Waimakariri on creating communities where people belong, grow in faith, and encounter Christ.

Ideal for parish leaders, hospitality teams, ministry leaders and anyone passionate about parish renewal. Monday 13 July | 7.00pm–8.30pm (NZT). Online. [Register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/18Jyn5w1QbKyyMB-WvDYCA#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/18Jyn5w1QbKyyMB-WvDYCA#/registration)

MISSION HUB NZ
FROM WELCOME TO DISCIPLESHIP
Why hospitality, relationship and community matter in parish mission

JACINTA NICHOLLS
ST PETER CHANEL - WAIMAKARIRI

MONDAY 13 JULY
7.00PM - 8.30PM
www.missionhubnz.com

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.

RSVP: Mary Eastham – maeastham23@gmail.com (for catering purposes).

Common Grace Aotearoa presents

Thriving in this land: Treaty, climate and economic justice

Session 1: The Treaty - 19 August, 7pm to 9pm
Session 2: The Climate - 26 August, 7pm to 9pm
Session 3: The Cost of Living - 9 September, 7pm to 9pm

Te Rau Aroha - Catholic Diocesan Centre 33 Amesbury Street
For catering purposes, RSVP to Mary Eastham,
maeastham23@gmail.com | 021 903 984

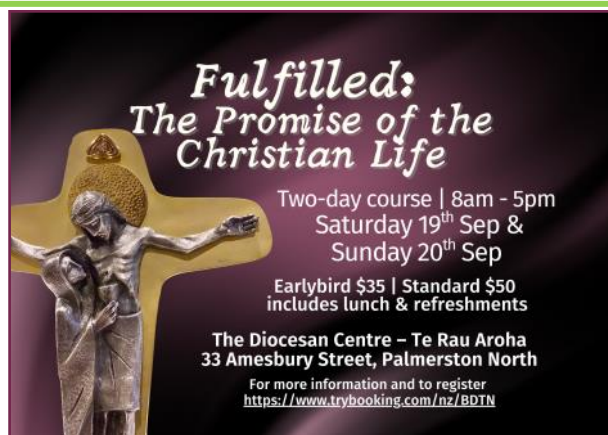
Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life

What does it mean to live the Christian life fully?

Join us for a two-day course exploring the beauty of God's plan for the human person through St John Paul II's Theology of the Body and the Apostles' Creed. Discover how our faith speaks to our deepest desires, relationships, identity and call to holiness.

Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September, 8.00am–5.00pm. Diocesan Centre – Te Rau Aroha, 33 Amesbury Street, Palmerston North.

Earlybird: \$35 | Standard: \$50. Lunch and refreshments included.



Collection of St. Peter's Pence | A Gesture to Support the Pope in His Mission

Sunday June 29 is the annual Peter's Pence collection. 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. You are encouraged to consider how you can contribute through your local community or online at www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

KNOWN & CALLED: A Women's Discernment Retreat

What is God calling you to in this season of your life?

Join the MGL Sisters for Known & Called, a weekend retreat for women seeking space to pray, reflect and listen more deeply to God's voice. Discernment is not only about religious vocation. This retreat is an opportunity to explore God's call in every part of life, including relationships, work, mission, family life and the unique way He is inviting you to follow Him.

Friday 28 – Sunday 30 August 2026, Palmerston North. Further details and registration information coming soon.

Fully Alive Youth Fest with Braden Johnson

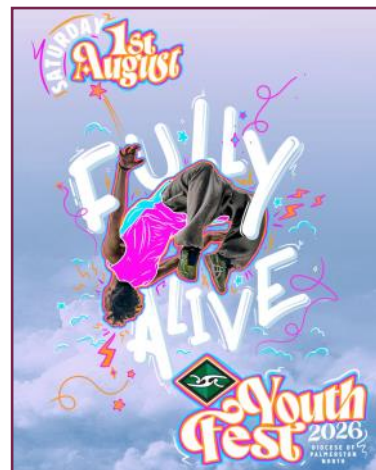
Young people from across the Diocese of Palmerston North are invited to **Fully Alive Youth Fest** on **Saturday 1 August 2026** at **St Peter's College, Palmerston North.**

Featuring international Catholic speaker and evangelist Braden Johnson, the festival will be a day of faith, friendship, prayer, worship and fun, helping young people discover the life God created them to live.

Parents, grandparents, godparents and parishioners, who are the young people in your family, parish or community whom you could personally invite and encourage to come?

Register now: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/BECK>

Made for more. Fully alive.



DELARGEY AWARDS 2026

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargey Awards, which recognise significant and outstanding ministry with young people. In addition to identifying key contributors to youth ministry, the awards provide a chance to highlight the Church's outreach to teens and young adults. The awards are named for Cardinal Reginald Delargey, former Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop of Auckland. Nominations close on July 31. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/Delargey2026>

WYD 2027 Webinar Series | The Youth are Called to Grow in Hope

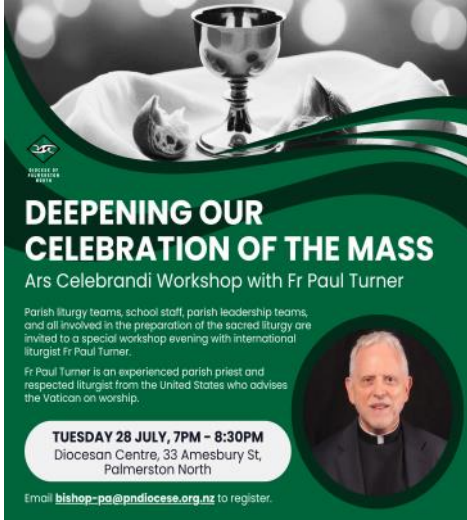
Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College will have its third session on the WYD 2027 webinar series on July 7, 2026, 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. In this session, Hope: Rooted in the Resurrection of Christ, the Youth are Called to Grow in Hope, Prof Renee Kohler-Ryan will inspire our rangatahi to live as witnesses of hope in today's world. For more information, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026. Student discount applies.

Ars Celebrandi Workshop with Fr Paul Turner

Parish liturgy teams, school staff, parish leadership teams, and all involved in the preparation of the sacred liturgy are invited to a special workshop evening with international liturgist Fr Paul Turner. Fr Paul Turner is an experienced parish priest and respected liturgist from the United States who advises the Vatican on worship.

We're invited to deepen our love for the liturgy at the Ars Celebrandi Workshop with Fr Paul Turner. Drawing on Desiderio Desideravi, this workshop will enrich how we understand and celebrate Mass. All involved in liturgy are encouraged to attend.

Tuesday 28 July, 7 – 8:30pm | Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury St, Palmerston North. Please email bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz to register.



DEEPENING OUR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS
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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.

Topics include:

- **17 June, 7pm:** Why Alpha? Why do Catholic parishes need Alpha
- **22 July, 7pm:** What is Alpha and who is it for
- **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

Alpha

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?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish Priest• Parish Leadership teams• Alpha teams• Anyone interested in running Alpha• Anyone who would like to know more about Alpha	17th JUNE 7PM Why Alpha. Why do Catholic Parishes need Alpha
	22nd JULY 7PM What is Alpha and who is it for.
	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
CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ROBERT FALZON
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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
and First Holy Communion



WATCH THIS SPACE FOR DETAILS

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

