



Parish Newsletter

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Sunday 8 June 2025
PENECOST SUNDAY



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HOPE AND RENEWAL summit

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Featuring:



Fr. James Mallon
Founder,
Divine Renovation Ministry



Important Dates

Friday 6 June

Adoration 4.00pm
Bell Block Catholic Centre

Sunday 8 June

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 8 June

St John Bosco School
Led Mass at
Our Lady Help of
Christians 10.30am

Tuesday 10 June

Adoration after 9.10am
Mass at Our Lady Help of
Christians

Tuesday 10 June

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

Sunday 15 June

St Joseph's 9.00am
Confirmation Mass

Sunday 15 June

Hope & Renewal Summit
Closing day for early bird
specials

Wednesday 18 June

Parish Mission Night
Daniel Ang
St Joseph's Church
6.30pm refreshments
7.00pm evening begins
Concluding at 8.30pm

ALPHA RETREAT

Evening of Friday 13 and
afternoon of Saturday
14 June No Alpha in the
hall 12 June

QUIET YOUR HEART

Music with Kadisha
St Joseph's Monday
11.00am to 11.30am
Our Lady Help of Chris-
tians Friday 9.30am to
10.00am

If you missed OPEN HOUSE in our parish in 2024, here is an opportunity to attend the Hope and Renewal Summit 3 & 4 October, in Palmerston North. Fr James Mallon, founder of the Divine Renovation Ministry will be a keynote speaker. Fr Mallon is author of *Divine Renovation: From A Maintenance To A Missional Parish*, an engaging guide for parishes seeking to cultivate vibrant and dynamic faith communities centered on missionary discipleship.

Fr. James Mallon reminds us that parish renewal is a shared mission. We need one another – just as the blind man was brought to Jesus by his friends, we too must come together for the Church to be renewed. Early bird special ends 15 June and groups of four or more get \$10.00 per ticket discount. Scan the QR code to find out more, or go to the website hoperenewalsummit.com

GENERAL NOTICES

PARISH MISSION NIGHT: PARISH MISSION NIGHT: St Joseph's Church Wednesday 18 June 6.30pm

Daniel Ang, Director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation and a leader at the forefront of strategic and cultural renewal in the church, has been invited to be in our parish speaking to various groups 17/18 June. Daniel has led national workshops and presentations on parish renewal, delivered training on leadership development and evangelisation in dioceses across Australia. On Wednesday 18 June, refreshments at 6.30pm with a 7.00pm start time, he will speak to parishioners in St Joseph's Church, encouraging everyday Catholics to live and share their faith.



JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: The next meeting of the Justice and Peace group is Monday 9 June 2025 at 5.45pm in the Ngamotu room of the Parish Office. Everyone is welcome to come to this meeting. Please use the back door.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

We are praying a nine week Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Tuesday 6.00pm at St Joseph's church.



STAFF NEWS



On Tuesday of this week, we had a staff lunch to formally farewell Teresa Hurley, our financial officer. Although Teresa nominally left in March, she has generously continued to work, paying the creditors, invoicing the debtors and making sure the staff were paid, while a replacement financial officer was sought. Thank you Teresa, we will miss you. At the same lunch we were able to welcome Tania Bell to the team, as Tania takes over Teresa's role. Tania is a parishioner who has children at Francis Douglas Memorial College and at St Joseph's School. Welcome Tania. Both Tania and Teresa are photographed above, with another newcomer Deacon Noel. Deacon Noel is from the Philippines and is staying in the parish for two weeks. While Deacon Noel looks at New Zealand parish life, he has spent some time in the parishes at Stratford and Pahiata. Please make Deacon Noel welcome as he will be at parish events over the next two weeks.

FRIDAY REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

ANOIDING MASS will be celebrated Saturday 7 June at St Joseph's Church 10.30am. After Mass, there will be a substantial morning tea, which could be lunch if you wish. Everyone is welcome to be part of this Mass, even if they are not being anointed

PENTECOST SUNDAY: 8 June we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to wear your red or yellow or orange clothes that day, we could let the church ring with colour.

PENTECOST SUNDAY PRAYER MINISTRY:

On Pentecost Sunday after the morning Masses, we will have people available in the church for prayer ministry. After the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's and the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, members of the Prayer Ministry Team, in pairs, will be there, to pray with you and for you, as an individual, or a couple or a family. If you would like to take this opportunity please just stay after Mass. Pentecost Sunday is an ideal day to let the Holy Spirit speak to us through this Ministry.

ALPHA UPDATE: Thursday 5 June, was week 6 of Alpha and the topic was How and Why Should I read the Bible?. Some ALPHA snippets from this week. *"The Bible is inspired by God and Jesus thought that God's word was essential to sustain life. We read the Bible because God speaks to us through the pages of Scripture".*

"Reading the Bible generates life. It produces change, it heals hurts, it builds character, it transforms the circumstances, it imparts joy, it overcomes adversity, it defeats temptation, it infuses hope, it releases power, and it cleanses the mind."

We are looking forward to the retreat, Friday 13 June and Saturday 14 June. The Retreat is a key point in the Alpha experience and we pray for the success of this weekend. We pray for all in the Alpha Programme. Come Holy Spirit Come.



The Alpha Team prior to the Week 4 meeting. The Hospitality Team aren't in this photo as they were busy in the kitchen.

From 30 May to 1 June, we ran Confirmation Camp 2025 at Francis Douglas Memorial College, attended by 60 out of 67 candidates and 20 Junior Leaders. The weekend focused on understanding the Holy Spirit and culminated in a Mass emphasising its role in spiritual lives. Activities included messy games for bonding and an impactful evening of Adoration and reconciliation, during which many received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bishop John concluded with a family Mass attended by 250 people, showcasing the Holy Spirit's presence throughout the camp.

CONFIRMATION CAMP - FAMILY MASS



CONFIRMATION MASS 2025

The Confirmation Mass is scheduled to take place at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday, 15 June 2025, at 9:00 am, with Bishop John concelebrating the Mass.

Join us for this beautiful Mass, followed by a celebration of Confirmation in the hall.

PURPOSE

whakauranga



World Youth Day 2027 | Expressions of Interest: The diocese is taking expressions of interest for those young people who are thinking about attending World Youth Day (WYD) in Seoul, South Korea in 2027.

The theme of this next WYD is "Take courage! I have overcome the world." Pope Leo will be there.

Pilgrims for this WYD need to be older than 18 to travel with the NZ group. We anticipate an early August 2027 time frame, but we are still waiting to hear officially.

This expression doesn't lock anyone in to going, but it means we have a group of people to communicate with going forward. Check out the official promo video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgtBKDW8iq0> or contact Susilo at youth@catholicparishnp.nz

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

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY, 8 JUNE 2025 **NO YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY, 15 JUNE 2025**



IT'S CONFIRMATION DAY!

All young people are warmly invited to partake in the festivities!



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
 Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
 Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
 Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
 Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.
Amen.

The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!
CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 1- POPE FRANCIS

	YOUCAT SPONSORSHIP FOR CONFIRMATION 2025 Each year, we present a YOUCAT on the night of the candidates' confirmation.
	Donation forms and envelopes are available in the foyers of St. Joseph's Church and Our Lady Help of Christians Church for anyone interested in sponsoring a YOUCAT for a candidate for \$45.
	Donations can be made at the Parish Office during weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm or by placing the envelope in the secure letterbox at the Office door. You can also include it in the collection plate during Sunday services. For online banking details, please email us.

TAX RECEIPTS: Printed tax receipts are in the church foyers. These can be used to claim a 30% tax rebate from the IRD. It would be great if they were collected before we begin the posting process.



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We pray for our deceased family and friends: Marie Anderson, Tony Carman, Imedla Saggars, Tony Western, Bob Stevens, Anne Leuthard, Judy Scott, Brian Hunger, Zeta and Leo Carter, Michael Juffermans, Pauline Goodin, Malcolm Cotter, David Fleming and James McKernan

June

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

9 MON	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
10 TUES	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
11 WED	8.00am 9.10am	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church
12 THU	8.00am 9.50am 2.20pm	St Joseph's Church Sacred Heart Girls College Francis Douglas Memorial College
13 FRI	8.00am 12.05pm 9.00am	St Joseph's Church St Joseph's Church St Pius X School (In Philomena Hall)
14 SAT	8.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians St Patrick's Okato
15 SUN	9.00am 10.30am 5.30pm	St Joseph's Church Confirmation Mass Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm to 5.15pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. And during Thursday Adoration at St Joseph's Church 7.00pm. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests, by initially phoning the Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 7.40am, 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:

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



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

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP

FOR PRESCHOOLERS: Music, play and morning tea. Our Lady Help of Christians Church foyer from 9.00am each Monday during school term time. For more information please contact Tess 027 583 7732.

QUIET YOUR HEART: Music with Kadisha.

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

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

15 June 2025 Feast of the Holy Trinity

1ST READING: Proverbs 8.22-31

PSALM: 8

2ND READING: Romans 5.1-5

GOSPEL: John 16.12-15

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.



Catholic Parish of New Plymouth



PURPOSE

whakaturanga



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

year 11 - 13

20
25

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



Each year, on the night
of their confirmation,
we present a YOUCAT.

WHAT IS THE YOUCAT?

The YouCat is the short
title for the Youth
Catechism of the Catholic
Church. This is a summary
of the Christian faith for
anyone who wants to
learn more about what
Catholics believe. It is not
just for young people but
for anyone who wants to
explore the Christian faith.

YOUCAT SPONSORSHIP

YOUTH CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOW MUCH?

The cost of one YOUCAT is \$45

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE YOUCAT?

You have the option to choose from online
banking, cash, or EFTPOS.

INTERNET BANKING

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02-0630-0288002-03

PARTICULARS: Your Name

CODE: YOUCAT

REFERENCE: Youth

If you want a tax receipt for this donation, please
email office@catholicparishnp.nz to advise that you
are making a donation and to give your full name and
contact details.

CASH

Pick up an envelope from the Church Foyer or Office, fill
in the details and place it with your cash donation inside
the envelope. This can be dropped at the parish office
between 9 am and 4 pm on weekdays or placed in the
collection basket at Mass.

EFTPOS

Come to the parish office
between 9 am and 4 pm
on weekdays. Fill in your
details for the tax receipt.

Thank
You!

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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nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz

