



# Parish Newsletter

# Pānui i te Pārihi

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth  
Te Parihi Katorika Ki Ngamotu

Sunday 8 February 2026 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## EXCITING NEWS!

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME RETURNS IN 2026!

Confirmation 2026 welcomes all students in year 11 through year 13. The programme consists of attending Mass, weekly sessions, small group activities, camp, and spiritual growth.

## WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Like all the sacraments, Confirmation is a gift given by God. And, like all of God's gifts, it is designed to help us grow in holiness, and bring us into closer relation with Him through the imparting of grace.

## ENGAGING SESSIONS

This programme features engaging sessions focused on this year's theme, "**Verso L'alto (To the Heights)**," inspired by Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati. It encourages us to pursue greater aspirations with the guidance of Jesus.

As St. John Paul II highlighted, true happiness comes from seeking Jesus, who fulfills our deepest longings.

For information regarding the dates and sessions, please visit [www.catholicparishnp.nz/confirmation-enrollment](http://www.catholicparishnp.nz/confirmation-enrollment)

## HOW TO REGISTER?

To register, just scan the QR code located on the Sacrament of Confirmation poster at your school (feel free to ask your RST teachers), check the Youth Notice Board, look in the parish newsletter, or find the link on our website.

*Susilo Kentjana* **Youth Minister**

REGISTRATION IS NOW

**OPEN**

CONFIRMATION 26

## Important Dates

### ADORATION

Thursday Evening  
Adoration St Joseph's  
Church Thursday 7.00pm

**Illumin8 Youth Group**  
Recommences Sunday  
8 February 6.30pm

**Justice and Peace Group**  
Ngamotu Room St Joseph's  
Parish Office 5.45pm

**Shine Junior Youth Group**  
Recommences Sunday  
15 February  
4.00pm to 5.00pm

**Ash Wednesday**  
18 February  
All Mass times available on  
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**Caritas Lenten Reflection**  
Bell Block Catholic Centre  
Starts Wednesday  
18 February  
7.00pm to 8.00pm

St Joseph's Parish Office  
Ngamotu Room  
5.45pm to 6.45pm  
Mondays during Lent  
Starting 23 February

**St Joseph's School Led Mass**  
Sunday 22 February 9.00am  
St Joseph's Church

**Lenten Seminar on Contemplative Prayer**  
Two sessions start  
Wednesday 25 February  
10.30am and  
Thursday 26 February  
7.15pm

# GENERAL NOTICES

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2026 – PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

If you are considering **Baptism (for children aged seven or older), Reconciliation, or First Communion** for your child this year, we invite you to attend our **Parent Information Evening on March 25th at 6.30pm** in the St Joseph's Church Hall.

During this evening, you will learn how preparation for these sacraments work in our parish and discover ways you can support your child on their faith journey at home and in the parish community.

### Registrations for all these sacraments will open at this meeting.

Because the information provided is essential, **we ask that at least one parent or caregiver attends**. We look forward to welcoming you.

### Important Sacramental Dates

Please note the key dates for children preparing for the Sacraments this year:

- **Older Children's Baptism – Option One Sunday 24 May, 1.30pm – St Joseph's Church**
- **Older Children's Baptism – Option Two Date to be confirmed in Term 4**
- **Reconciliation Friday 31 July, 5.30pm – St Joseph's Church**
- **First Communion – Option One Sunday 23 August – Our Lady Help of Christians Church**
- **First Communion – Option Two Sunday 30 August – St Joseph's Church**

If you have any questions or would like to talk more about your child's faith journey, I'm always happy to help.

**Karen Maclean-Young Family Minister**

Email: [youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz)

## GROWING INTO MY RETIREMENT Message from Tom

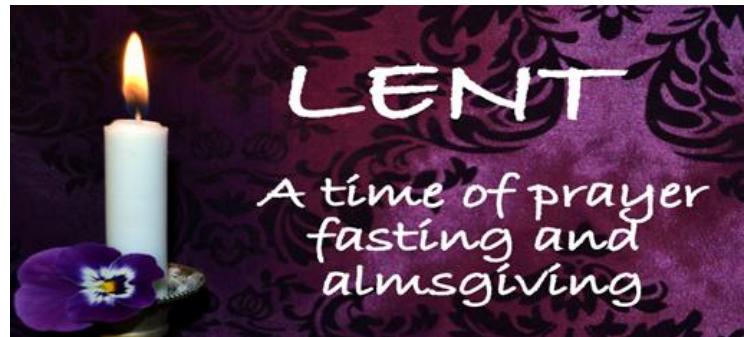
Dear Everyone,

I have decided in consultation with Fr Simon and the Clergy Trust Fund to take 3 days off each week, Tuesday midday until Friday midday.

Once a month, if I am needed, I will come in on Thursday to help with school and college Masses. This means Wednesday and Thursday will be sacred days to me, no work, no ministry. I choose to work on Monday, so Frs Simon and Sabin do not have to work that day if they don't want to.

I am happy to clarify this if anyone has a desire to understand my choice further.

God Bless. Tom



## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: 18th February 2026

**St Joseph's Church: 8.00am**

**St Joseph's Church 12.05pm**

**Our Lady Help of Christians 9.10am**

**Our Lady Help of Christians: 5.30pm**

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:** We will not be celebrating our usual evening distribution of ashes at St Joseph's Church. Please come to one of the Masses.

**CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION EVENINGS :** The Lenten season provides an opportunity each year to deepen our understanding of our faith reflecting the Gospels. During Lent we are called both to turn away from those things that encumber our faith journey and to turn towards God. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to open ourselves to changes that God wants to make in us so that we can truly flourish. The Lenten Reflection series can offer this, through the psalms, Gospel readings, discussion, reflection and quiet time. Offered at:

Bell Block Catholic Centre, 138 Parklands Ave, Bell Block 7.00pm to 8.00pm, each Wednesday during Lent, starting Wednesday 18 February.

St Joseph's Parish Office, Ngamotu Room, 5.45pm to 6.45pm Mondays during Lent starting Monday 23 February.

The Lenten Reflection Booklet for the series is available in the Parish Office of at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/ways-to-give>. The Booklet focuses on how Caritas is empowering people in needy countries to live more fulfilling lives.

**CATHOLIC BISHOPS' LENTEN APPEAL:** As we focus on the three pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, we connect with God and look to serve others. It is a time we renew our relationship with God and consider practical ways we can be bearers of God's love to those around us. During Lent, the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand call on us to provide for the needs of the poor and vulnerable through the work of Caritas. Every donation to the Bishops' Lenten Appeal helps to fund the life-changing work of Caritas around the world.

Caritas is there in times of disaster and emergency. You can donate to the Bishops' Lenten Appeal through the Caritas website at [www.caritas.org.nz/lent](http://www.caritas.org.nz/lent) or by using the envelopes available next week.

# LENT WEBINAR SERIES 2026

*Whakarongo ki te reo, whakahokia te karanga  
Hear the voice, answer the call*

Journey through Lent with New Zealand's Catholic Bishops and others of the faith as they guide us in prayer and reflection on each Sunday's Gospel.

**Wednesdays 7:30pm to 8:30pm  
From Ashes to Hope**

25 Feb The Temptation / Led by the Spirit  
4 Mar The Transfiguration / "Listen to Him"  
11 Mar The Woman at the Well / "I am He"  
18 Mar The Man Born Blind / "Now I see"  
25 Mar The Raising of Lazarus / "Lazarus, come out"  
1 Apr The Passion / "I will strike the shepherd"

 Scan the QR code to register  
or use one of the contacts below

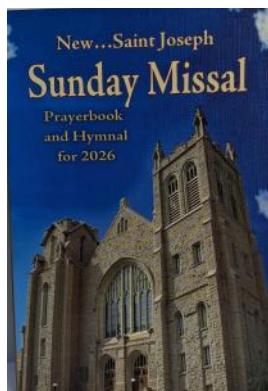
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Replays available



 **Caritas**  
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

**PALMS FOR ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:** We are collecting the 2025 palms to burn for ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you want to bring in your 2025 palms, they can be left in the baskets in the church foyers or in the Parish Office.

**SUNDAY MISSALS :** We have for sale in the Parish Office the Year A Sunday Missal. This missal contains all the Sunday readings plus the Order of the Mass. This missal is very useful for those who take Communion to the sick or for lectors (readers) in preparing for Mass because this Missal provides the full Order of the Mass allowing you to follow the liturgy closely and make responses even without the use of the screen. Just \$16. Come and have a look at a copy in the Parish Office.



We also have a limited supply of Columban Calendars left for sale in the Parish Office, so if you don't have your calendar yet, please contact the office. Just \$12.00

## JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:

In this, Pope Leo's jubilee year of St Francis, he prays that "In this time plagued by conflict and division, we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ."



The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth Justice and Peace group invite you to join us this year as we strive to do what we can to bring about the peace Pope Leo talks about. **EVERYONE** is welcome to join us.

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 9th** at 5:45pm until 6:45pm at the Ngamotu Room in the Parish Office. Come to the back door of the office building. For any enquiries or if anyone needs transport to join us, please contact Joan 021 1100775

**ROSTERS:** We are beginning to make the rosters for the next period, March/April/May. 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](mailto:helen4sun@hotmail.com) for Our Lady Help of Christians

## LECTORS (READERS) ROSTER ST JOSEPH'S

**CHURCH:** We would welcome parishioners who wish to join this roster. Lectors proclaim (read) either the first or second reading and also can be responsible for the Prayers of the Faithful and for the opening welcome. We can offer full training and practice times. This is a wonderful Ministry and if you would like to take part or would like further information please contact the Parish Office (06) 757 3682.



**2026 DATE TO BE ADVISED**

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the February hikoi. We are working to secure a new date and will advise you as soon as one has been confirmed. However, we are still taking expressions of interest. Please see contact details below.

**EMAIL:**  
[BISHOP-PA@PNDIOCESE.ORG.NZ](mailto:BISHOP-PA@PNDIOCESE.ORG.NZ)  
WITH YOUR NAME, PARISH, AND  
PHONE NUMBER.



## 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**



**LITURGICAL POSTURE:** The Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North is embarking on a discussion about liturgical posture, with a focus on the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. We know that as Catholics we pray with our bodies. If we are standing or kneeling, sitting or bowing, seeing, hearing or touching, all of these actions have significance in our prayer, particularly at Mass.

Bishop John is inviting every parish to take part in a diocesan-wide process of reflection on the significance of our bodily posture during the liturgy – particularly during the Eucharistic Prayer. The Council of Priests of the diocese has asked Bishop John to decide how we, as a diocese, might adopt a common posture, and our participation in these discussions is an important part of that discernment.

Bishop John's presentation on this topic can be watched on You Tube using this link (press control also if necessary)  
<https://cathnewsnz.com/2025/12/09/palmerston-north-diocese-to-discuss-liturgical-posture/>

The transcript of the You Tube video is available in the electronic newsletter.

As outlined in the message, Bishop John is inviting every parish and every parishioner ,to take part in a diocesan-wide process of reflection on the significance of our bodily posture during the liturgy. Following these discussions, Bishop John is asking for feedback from individuals or parish groups to assist him in reaching a well-informed and pastorally sensitive final decision for the diocese.

Feedback can be sent to [bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz), or in writing to Bishop's Office, P O Box 5279, Terrace End, Palmerston North 4441, by Wednesday, 18 February 2026.

Bishop Peter Cullinane produced this document "Faithfulness to the Roman Missal" September 2025. It may be useful as we discuss and reflect on Liturgical Posture.

#### **FAITHFULNESS TO THE ROMAN MISSAL**

Some comments about the posture of standing during the Eucharistic Prayer in the Diocese of Palmerston North show an understandable lack of historical awareness, and only a partial understanding of the relevant rubric in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (43).

Since 2002, The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) has allowed kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer, recognising that this custom had developed in some countries. Until then, the GIRM acknowledged only standing. The practice of standing echoed (and in many countries still echoes) the Church's earliest tradition. For example:

It is good for us to remember both that we have fallen in sin and that we have risen by the grace of Christ. We therefore kneel on six days for prayer, as a sign of our fallen state. But on the Lord's day we do not kneel, as a sign of the resurrection through which by the grace of Christ we have been freed from sin and from death. This custom had its origin in apostolic times as the blessed Iranaeus bishop and martyr of Lyons says in his book De Paschate, in which he reminds us that we are not to kneel during Pentecost since it is of the same importance as the Lord's day". (Pseudo-Justin, Quaestiones ad Orthodoxos, q.115)

Since there are some persons who kneel on the Lord's Day and in the days of Pentecost; in order that all things may be observed in like manner in every church, the holy synod has decreed that all should at those times offer up their prayers to God standing. (Council of Nicea, AD 325)

The 50 days that are celebrated after the resurrection of the Lord are already the image not of labour but of peace and joy; because during this time the fast is relaxed and we pray standing, which is the image of the resurrection (St Augustine, Letter 55 to Januarius, 15:28).

In other words, there are underlying doctrinal reasons for each of the various postures. The posture of standing symbolises our having been raised up - redeemed.

The New Zealand bishops, at their meeting in May 2001, had agreed to promote "intensive liturgical catechesis" in their dioceses. Such catechesis was carried out in the Diocese of Palmerston North, based on sources that were also agreed upon by the NZCBC. This led to the widespread acceptance of the practice of standing for the Eucharistic Prayer. Priests were asked not to require standing of those who preferred to kneel; we used the methods of adult education, enabling people's informed decisions, not decree.

The position of the DPN was being allowed for in the way the rubric agreed to by the bishops and confirmed by the Holy See stipulated that those who are standing, for whatever good reason, should kneel or make a profound bow at the consecration.

There is, of course, a paramount and on-going need to encourage reverence in all our liturgies. But it would be unfortunate if this were to be based on a misunderstanding regarding the role of kneeling. Kneeling is indeed the most appropriate posture for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as we do in devotions such as Benediction and in private prayer. However, liturgy is more than a form of devotion, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is not the main purpose of Mass.

The meaning of each part of the celebration is what determines the appropriate posture, not our own personal preferences. The GIRM explicitly requires that “gestures and postures be conducive to ... making clear the full meaning of each of the celebration’s different parts” (see n.42). So, the question becomes: what posture best respects the “full meaning” of the Eucharistic Prayer?

Let the Eucharistic Prayers speak for themselves. Two of the Eucharistic Prayers we use bring the Church’s early tradition into the present day:

In Eucharistic Prayer II, addressing the Father, we profess that we have been “made worthy to stand in Your presence and serve You.” Being able to stand in God’s presence is the extraordinary privilege that has been merited for us by Christ. In the Eucharistic Prayer we are making that profession of faith. And that is the profession of faith that has become smothered by the mistranslation of the Latin, where it replaces “stand in Your presence” with “be in Your presence.”

Eucharistic Prayer I also describes the congregation as “standing around” (the altar). A further mis-translation reduces this to “gathered here.” I am taking seriously the GIRM’s requirement that “the meaning of the Latin text is to be fully and faithfully rendered” (GIRM 392). And I am taking seriously the need for what we do at Mass to correspond to what we say we are doing – according to a full and faithful translation of the Latin text.

All the Eucharistic Prayers express in their structure the meaning of this part of the Mass, leading up to its climax in the doxology with its “great Amen.” We have been raised up through our union with the risen Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to give the Father “all honour and glory.” We are not still waiting to be redeemed.

It is not ideal that our congregations adopt two different postures. This comes back to the lack of on-going catechesis and the arrival of people who presumably have not had much formal liturgy education. A unified posture symbolises the unity of the body of Christ. Unity would be restored either by adopting the posture proper to devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, or by adopting the posture that expresses the full meaning of this part of the liturgy.

Just as Pope John Paul II had issued an Apostolic Letter in 1988 calling for liturgy formation based on the GIRM and on the underlying principles on which the Second Vatican Council based its liturgical renewal, so too, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter (*Desiderio desideravi*) in 2022, calling for a renewed liturgy formation for all – priests and people. Such formation was to be “for” the liturgy (by making the work of academics and the Council more accessible to everyone), and formation “by” the liturgy, (which involves doing in the liturgy what the liturgy, faithfully translated, says we are doing.)

*The first English edition of the Missal after the Council still had the correct translation. It was changed by the USA Bishop’s Conference to reflect the current custom of kneeling (the rubric being a “descriptive” rubric, not a “prescriptive” one.) Australia and New Zealand followed suit. But it was never intended to replace on-going liturgy formation, and the NZ edition allowed for this.*

**BE STILL & KNOW THAT I AM GOD**  
**LENTE SEMINAR ON CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**  
**And Ignatian Spirituality Conducted by Fr Alan Roberts**

During the season of Lent, a four week seminar on contemplative prayer will be held each **Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. and Thursday at 7.15 p.m.**, conducted by Fr Alan Roberts. The seminar covers topics such as managing silence in prayer & praying with scripture. It will also include an introduction to Ignatian Spirituality. You choose just one of the sessions. At the conclusion of the seminar the offer will be made of working through the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius in daily life.

Fr Roberts is now resident in New Plymouth. He has been involved in Ignatian Spirituality and encouraging deeper forms of prayer since 1977. He spent 5 years as spiritual director (2012-17) at our national seminary. Some of his writings on contemplative prayer can be found on [www.pukekaraka.com](http://www.pukekaraka.com).

The programme will be as follows:

**Wednesday: February 25 and March 4, 11, 19 at 10.30 a.m.**

**Thursday: February 26 and March 5, 12, 18 at 7.15 p.m.**

Please register if attending: [office@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:office@catholicparishnp.nz) or ph: (06) 757 3682 and indicate preferred session.

**Venue: St Joseph’s Church: Powderham St.**

# 2026 RCIA CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS

RCIA is the normative way adults enter the Catholic Church, restored after Vatican II as the ordinary process of initiation. The journey involves stages of discernment, learning, and liturgical rites leading to Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter.

Our parish RCIA journey is underway, with 17 catechumens and candidates walking alongside their sponsors. As they prepare for the Rite of Election later this month, please keep them in your prayers and extend a warm welcome when you see them at our Sunday Masses.



**Amanda Bollond**



**Emma Lauilhe**



**Tom Reid**



**Gemma & Mike Motten**



**Kathryn & Whetu Newman**



**Hannah & Daniel Lett**



**Alinda Ryan**



**Katie & Brad Scott**



**Troy Standish**



**Paora Tamati**



**Pollyanna Paese**



15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 11AM-2PM  
120 BROOKLANDS RD

WHITE ELEPHANT, RAFFLE,  
BOUNCY CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, FOOD STALLS,  
CAKE STALL, DUNK THE SENIORS, ARTS & CRAFTS,  
FUN GAMES, MYSTERY BOTTLE, ACTIVITIES, BOOKS,  
BEAUTY CORNER, CANDY FLOSS & MUCH MORE!

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

### RITE OF ELECTION: Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names | Save the Date

Bishop John invites all members of the Diocese of Palmerston North to this important event. Sunday, 22 Feb 2026, 12:30pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

We encourage all our parishioners to support our candidates at the Cathedral.

Please RSVP to Donna Brown, Sacraments & Evangelisation Coordinator, by Friday 13 February 2026.



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PALMERSTON  
NORTH

### RITE OF ELECTION

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2026 @ 12:30PM  
CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
197 BROADWAY AVE, PALMERSTON NORTH

Bishop John Adams invites all members of the Diocese of Palmerston North to this important event.  
RSVP by 13 February 2026 to Donna Brown.  
Sacraments & Evangelisation Coordinator, [pastoral@pncathedral.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@pncathedral.org.nz)

February Edition

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

#### YOUTH GROUP SUN, 8 FEB

##### EYES ON THE HORIZON

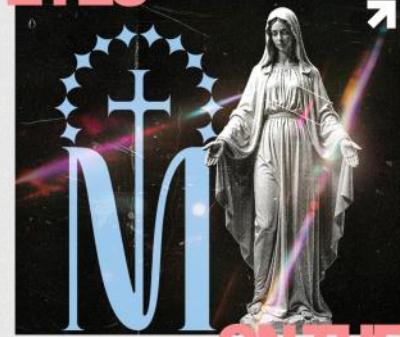
A LIFE NIGHT ON HOPE  
DEFINED

In this first series, we begin by exploring hope and distinguishing between natural and supernatural hope, encouraging us to embrace the great things God has in store by focusing on a higher horizon.

LOOKING FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU AT YOUTH  
GROUP!

#1  
EYES

SUNDAY  
8 FEB  
2026



6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

ON THE  
HORIZON

St. Joseph's Church Hall

#### NEXT YOUTH GROUP SUN 15 FEB

Obedience to God is the only path to the happiness and fulfillment we hope for and inspires us to place our trust completely in Him.

MORNING BY  
MORNING

A LIFE NIGHT ON HOPE  
THROUGH OBEDIENCE



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.nz](mailto:youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz)

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.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz)

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



Are you 18 years  
old or older and  
interested?  
Scan the QR code  
for details on WYD  
2027!

SCAN ME



or email Susilo at  
[youth@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz)

With POPE LEO XIV



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Shirley Scott, Pat Scott, Keith Roebuck, Beth Maclean, Aida Zamora and Judith Schultze.

**FEB****09**  
MON**10**  
TUES**11**  
WED**12**  
THU**13**  
FRI**14**  
SAT**15**  
SUN

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

## THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8.00am	St Joseph's Church
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
12.05pm	St Joseph's Church (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
9.00pm	Francis Douglas Memorial College are Celebrating their Dedication Mass
	No Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians 12 February
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
12.05pm	St Joseph's Church
8.30am	St Joseph's Church
5.30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians Church (Vigil Mass)
6.00pm	St Patrick's Church Okato (Vigil Mass)
9.00am	St Joseph's Church
10.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
10.30am	Bell Block Catholic Center (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
5.30pm	St Joseph's Church

### SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

15 February 2026 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1ST READING:** Sirach 15.15-20

**PSALM:** 119

**2ND READING:** 1 Corinthians 2.6-10

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5.17-37



### 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, phone the Parish Office (06) 757 3682.

**MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** Before morning Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Friday 7.40am & Saturday 8.10am in the Parish Office. 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 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** at Our Lady Help of Christians. Music, play and morning tea at 9.00am starting Monday 16 February. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz



**QUIET YOUR HEART:** Connect with God, weekly with music by Kadisha. Mondays 11.00am to 11.30am at St Joseph's Church, starting Monday 9 February.

### 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

### EUCARISTIC ADORATION

### CONTACT US

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Office Hours – 9.00am to 4.00pm weekdays  
**Emergency Phone – 027 224 2100**

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For updates on parish, diocese, and national events.



Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

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### MUSIC COORDINATOR Amelia

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### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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## A LENTEN RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Feat.: \*\*Father Hemi Ropata\*\*

Venue: \*\*Forest Lakes Camp, Otaki\*\*

Dates: \*\*20th-22nd February\*\*



Cost: \$150 per person; all meals included.  
Limited to 45 participants.

