



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 9 March 2025
First Sunday of Lent



Five days of transformative experiences for our youth.

In January 2025, 21 of our youth attended the Life Teen Summer Camp 2025, hosted at St. Paul's in Hamilton, which welcomed a total of 250 teenagers. This marked the largest camp in their history.

At Life Teen Summer Camp, our teens learned more about Jesus through Sacraments, Worship, inspiring talks by international speakers, and fun, interactive games.

This year's theme, SANCTUARY, invited teens into the church's sanctuary to experience God's presence. It emphasised the power they gain from receiving the Eucharist, transforming them into living tabernacles.



**THANK YOU
TO OUR GENEROUS
DONORS AND DEVOTED
PRAYER WARRIORS**

I want to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for making our teens' experience at camp truly life-changing.

Your financial and spiritual support for our teens, along with your unwavering prayers

has made a significant impact. You have contributed to shaping the faith of our young people in the parish. Therefore, once again, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you. Thank you so very much.

Please turn to page 2 to read the GLORY STORIES and view some photos taken during the camp.

Written by Susilo KENTJANA



Important Dates

Monday 10 March
Lenten Faith Formation
7.30pm in St Joseph's Church Hall

Tuesday 11 March
Adoration 9.35am
Our Lady Help of Christians

Thursday 13 March
7.00pm Adoration
St Joseph's Church with Reconciliation

Thursday 13th March And Thursdays of Lent
Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme
Bell Block Mass Centre 7.00pm
St Joseph's Office 5.45pm

Friday 14 March and Fridays of Lent
Stations of the Cross
OLHC 5.30pm
St Joseph's 7.00pm

Sunday 16 March
S Pius X School Led Mass at St Joseph's Church 9.00am

EMPOWERING PARENTS SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PARENT INFORMATION

Thursday 3 April 6.30pm
St Joseph's Church Hall

PARISH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

To include items in the newsletter, email your material by TUESDAY 3.00pm to office@catholicparishnp.nz. Late submissions will be considered for the next issue. Parish and diocese news will be prioritised.

Glorious Stories

One of our teenagers shares a testimony about how God worked at camp, along with insights from parents who witnessed the transformation in their children after returning from Summer Camp.

RUTH HAGENSON

The highlights of my camp experience included meeting new people who are just like me, engaging in praise and worship, and participating in the cultural mass. During adoration, I felt God's love so personally, as if He was right there with me, kneeling beside me. One key phrase I took away from camp was, "love the sinner, hate the sin." I had an amazing time at camp; I formed friendships that will last a lifetime, connected with people I typically wouldn't have interacted with, and had profound encounters with God.



TERRY AND ROCHELLE JOYCE

I AM GRATEFUL FOR LIFE TEEN

Life Teen is a camp like no other! Our oldest children have been attending Life Teen for the past 3 years.

Life Teen gives our youth the opportunity to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

To have Jesus at the center of our teens' lives, I believe, helps them navigate those tricky teen years where life can be tough at times. When our teens accept Jesus as their Savior and develop a deeper relationship with Him, it's life-changing for them. Life Teen gives this opportunity to our youth. This warms my heart so much because, if you've got Jesus, you've got life! That's not something we as parents can make happen; it's a personal choice that only our teens can make. As a parent, Life Teen is an amazing tool in helping our teens navigate their individual journey through life as God intended. I believe this is due to the organization of Life Teen.

Within the 5 days away, they have many rich experiences organized, providing something for everyone, e.g., fun team-building activities, local and international speakers, cultural dinner and Mass, daily Mass, adoration, worship, Q&A sessions, and lastly, the amazing staff and youth leaders. Trust me, we hear all the stories on their return!

The first year they returned from camp, it was obvious the Holy Spirit was moving within each of my children.

They had this glow about them, shining from the inside out! Year after year, I see this every time I pick them up.

However, I was not expecting or prepared for what happened at pickup this year! Something remarkable happened to one of my children at camp. Not only could I see him/her glow (my husband also saw and felt it too), but I could feel something so very, very strong—something that I've never felt or experienced before. I'm struggling for the words to describe this feeling, as no words can describe the feeling or energy projecting from him/her. The best way I can describe "this feeling" is that it was a heavy (but not burdensome) sense of peace and calm wrapped in love and joy. He/she was projecting this feeling/energy for about 10 days after Life Teen Camp. It was incredible! Something I'll never forget! A few weeks after camp, in his/her own time, he/she shared the encounter they had at Life Teen with us, and boy, am I excited to watch his/her journey and to see what God has in store for him/her!

If you're thinking about Life Teen, do it! I encourage all teens to give Life Teen a shot! You won't regret it!

Blessings,
Rochelle Joyce





E te Ariki, Lord Jesus, as we start our Lenten journey this year, help us to open our hearts and minds to hear Your voice in new ways. Reveal to us what we need to proclaim the Good News & stand as Your Witness always. E te Ariki. Whakarongo mai ra ki a matou.

A TIME OF FASTING:

Go without, so you can give to Caritas. Every gold coin counts. 500 \$1 coins can provide a water tank.

A TIME OF PRAYER: Rosary in the Park: Join us as we walk in the park praying the rosary. We meet at the kiosk, Pukekura Park each Thursday at 10.30am .

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EACH FRIDAY IN LENT:

Our Lady Help of Christians 5.30pm
St Joseph's Church 7.00pm. Led by the Syro Malabar Community in Malayalam language.
Or spend time in front of each Station by yourself, meditating and praying.

CARITAS LENT REFLECTION PROGRAMME: The Lenten season provides an opportunity each year to deepen our understanding of our faith by reflecting on the Gospels. During Lent we are called to turn away from the things that encumber our faith journey and to turn towards God. Lent is an opportunity to renew ourselves and our relationship with God. If you are looking for something to deepen your participation in Lent try the Caritas reflection programme with Caritas at St Joseph's and Our Lady Help of Christians.

ST JOSEPH'S: Join the Parish Social Justice Group to grow in appreciation of the Gospels of Lent. Thursdays in Lent 5.45pm to 6.30pm starting 6 March, in the Parish Office, Ngamotu Room. Please use the back door.

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE: 138 Parklands Ave Bell Block. Thursdays in Lent 7.00pm to 8.00pm starting 6 March. Contact Barbara, ph 755 2088 so a booklet will be available for you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKS starting the First Sunday of Lent, are available in the foyer. Green Cover. Use this booklet to pray and reflect on the Sunday readings and the Gospels during Lent.

FOOD FOR FAITH LENT: To prepare for Lent by receiving daily readings, podcasts and prayer requests with Fr John O'Connor sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz NZ Lent Encouragements that are only a few minutes long.

FOOD FOR FAITH CONVERSATIONS: Wednesday 12 March at 10.00am at Stumble Inn 198 Mangorei Road NP. Come along and have a coffee or tea and faith sharing with your fellow parishioners. Just look for the orange F.F.F sign on a table.



A TIME TO GIVE: CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL:

The Caritas theme for Lent 2025 is "Restoring hope: Your compassion in action/ Kia puawai te Tumanako". As we focus on almsgiving during Lent, we connect with God and look to serve others. 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 Bishop's Lent Appeal helps fund Caritas' life-changing development work and emergency response, around the world.

Caritas encourages supporters to donate online, through the website or through direct deposit. For donation information and details visit Caritas.org.nz Donating by the website is quite simple. Or simply call the Caritas team on 0800 22 10 22 to donate using your credit or debit card.

If you wish to give by cash in a Caritas envelope, these are available in the foyer. Just put the donation in the envelope on the plate and we will forward the donation to Caritas. Every gold coin makes a difference to someone who has so little materially.

A LENTEN FAITH FORMATION SERIES: Last Monday we began our video sessions on "Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits," led by Dan Burke.

In Session #2: Dan Burke challenges us to see that it is possible to attain in, with and through Christ, the peace that surpasses all understanding. Wholeheartedly believing in Scriptures, a life of prayer and thanksgiving with supplication, love, custody and discipline of heart and mind, living in the Truth, are some of the ingredients and weapons needed in this quest for peace; in this quest for freedom in Christ. He introduces to us the wisdom of St Ignatius wherein not all the thoughts in our head are ours and to be aware, awake and to understand this reality of an external influence "bad spirits". He encourages us that as Catholics and Disciples of Christ, we have everything we need through faith in Scriptures, Sacraments, teachings of the Church and the wisdom of Saints, to find peace in God who is always drawing us to Him with infinite tenderness. Jesus gave His life so that we may have life, life in its fullness. He came to set the captives free.



Looking forward to see you on Monday for another exciting adventure and know that our team are praying for you to be abundantly blessed by this series.

Questions? Contact Jaime at jzle012@gmail.com or Christina jp2padua2020@gmail.com Or leave your number with the parish office and we will ring you. If you didn't come to Week 1, you can still come along to week 2.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

VACANCY: Parish Strategic Leader (Fulltime)

Strategic, organised, driven, relational and passionate – is this you?

Do you have people management experience and have worked in an organisation with both operational and strategic responsibilities?

Does building relationships and collaborating with others around shared goals sound like you?

The Strategic Leader will be joining the vibrant New Plymouth Catholic Parish team, supporting and growing our Parish faith journey – could this be you?

Then call the office on (06 757 3682) or contact by email ParishLeadershipTeam@catholicparishnp.nz to request the Job Description and Application Form. Applications close Friday 7 March 2025.

SAVE THE DATE: - Thursday 3 April 6.30pm

Sacramental Preparation Parent Information Evening

If you wish this year for;

Your child over 7 years to be baptised or

Your child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion or

Your child (Years 11 to 13) to be Confirmed

Then you will need to be at our parent information evening. As our programmes of Older Children's Baptism and Reconciliation and First Communion are family based, we need all involved to see firsthand the process for preparation for these sacraments, and how it works in our parish!

Thursday 3 April at 6.30pm St Joseph's Church Hall. For children and families to be part of the sacramental programmes, it will be very important for a parent or care giver to be at this meeting. Enquiries to youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz For more information see pg 9 of the online newsletter.



PARKING IN THE CHURCH CARPARKS+: We have just had the parking lines in the carpark repainted. They are very bright and clear now, and we ask that car drivers be very aware of the restrictions these lines give in the church carpark. Please park in designated parking spaces only. Please do not park on the yellow lines. Please do not park on the footpath. Please be aware of the pedestrians using the carpark, many of whom are children and the elderly. Please allow them to use the carpark safely. The speed limit in the carpark is 5kph.

We also have had a report of someone trying car doors of cars in the car park while owners were at Mass. This is probably a warning to be vigilant about locking cars.

MOBILITY CAR PARKS: Please remember when using the Mobility car places in the carpark you need to display the Mobility sticker. These car parks, which are close to the churches, are intended solely for those with mobility issues, helping to make attending Mass easier.

DONATIONS AT THE END OF THE TAX YEAR:

The tax year ends 31 March 2025 and tax receipts for church donations will be issued during April. If we have a current email address for donors, receipts will be emailed, otherwise they will be in the church foyers. If you wish to bring your giving for the year up to date, there is an opportunity over the next few weeks.

We have had several online donations, which we can not match with a donor. So if you use online banking or automatic payments, but don't have a known planned giving number, please contact the office. We issue tax receipts by number not name, so a number is important.

The tax receipts can be used to claim a rebate from the IRD for 33% of the donation, so there is a clear benefit to collecting your tax receipt and claiming the rebate. The Parish Office can help with advice on how to claim the tax rebate, a simple process.



SCHOOL STAFF MASS: Wednesday 26 February, Bishop John celebrated Mass with the school staff from the Catholic schools in North Taranaki. Each year we mark the beginning of the school year with Mass for all the school staff from the five city Catholic schools and the staff from the Catholic schools in Taranaki.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Come and celebrate our St. Patrick's Day Mass, the Saturday Vigil Mass, at St Patrick's Church 36 Cumming Street Okato, Saturday 15 March at 6.00pm. We would love to see you there.



Message from Bishop John on the closure of WelCom

As we bid farewell to WelCom, I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the deep gratitude we owe to all those who have contributed to this publication over the years. WelCom has been a cherished source of news, reflection, and formation, faithfully serving our diocese and the Archdiocese of Wellington. It has connected us as a community, kept us informed about the life of the Church, and helped us grow in our faith.

While it is always difficult to say goodbye, I want to assure you that our commitment to communicating the Good News remains steadfast. As we move forward, I encourage you to stay connected through Tūmanako, the newsletter of the Diocese of Palmerston North. Tūmanako – meaning “hope” – will continue to share stories of faith, highlight the work of our communities and ministries, and provide resources for spiritual growth. Soon we will be launching a print edition of Tūmanako, in collaboration with the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. This print edition will carry the same content as the online version, along with key national news from the NZCBC, ensuring that all members of our community – especially those without easy access to digital resources – can stay connected and informed.

I invite you not only to read Tūmanako, but to contribute to it. Our faith is enriched by the voices and experiences of our people, and I encourage you to share your stories, reflections, and news items so that we may continue to support and inspire one another.

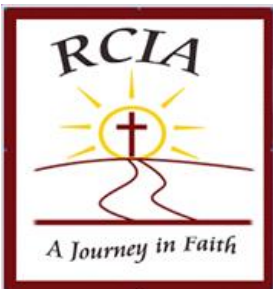
Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers as we embrace new ways of staying connected as a diocese. May we, as a faith community, continue to be a people of hope, strengthened by the love of Christ and the fellowship of one another.

God’s blessings and peace to you all, Bishop John Adams.

To send a submission for Tūmanako, contact communications@pndiocese.org.nz.



The next two steps in our RCIA process and The Rite of Election and The Scrutinies.



RCIA – *Rite of Election* is the liturgical rite during which the Church formally approves the Catechumens readiness for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). This Rite is typically celebrated in early Lent and it marks completion of Catechuminate and the start of Purification and Enlightenment journey.

Together with other parishes from the Diocese of Palmerston North, two RCIA candidates, their respective sponsors and a representative from this parish will be celebrating *Rite of Election* at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, on Sunday, 9 March.

Fifteen RCIA candidates will be celebrating *Rite of Election* at all Parish Masses Sunday, 16 March.

The Scrutinies : Following the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies are an important part of the journey for the Elect as they prepare for baptism at the Easter Vigil. These rites, celebrated on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, focus on the transformative power of Christ’s presence and his ability to heal, enlighten, and give life.

The Samaritan Woman at the well, Healing of the blind man and Raising of Lazarus from the death are Gospel readings for these Sundays. Christ the Living Water, Christ the Light of the world and Christ the Resurrection and the Life are the corresponding key themes. You will see that these are the words we have on the banners hanging from the tower in St Joseph’s church at present.

In celebrating these Rites as a community, our faith is strengthened and our understanding of Christ’s role in our spiritual journey is deepened

Last Sunday the RCIA group with their families and sponsors gathered in the hall for a pot luck lunch. This was a time to join together, in a relaxed social setting. Below are photos of this event.





Monday, 24 February, St. Chavara Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission of New Plymouth, held their Church Feast in dedication and remembrance of St. Chavara on his feast day. St Chavara is the patron saint of the group.

The High Mass in Malayalam, the procession of all the devotees and the fellowship was held on a grand scale, with all the cultural fanfare that it is celebrated with in the Syro-Malabar Community in Kerala, India, but here at St Joseph's Church N.P.

The name of St. Chavara for this New Plymouth community is taken from the patron St. Chavara whose full name is Kuriakose Elias Chavara. St. Chavara was an Indian Syro-Malabar Catholic priest, philosopher, social reformer and a great educationalist. His prophetic vision triggered a comprehensive process of spiritual and social renewal in church and society in Kerala. His activities and pioneer services were unique and unparalleled in history and his entire activities originated from a divine vision. For him, all were children of God irrespective of cast, creed or gender. St. Chavara was a man of prayer glowing with the spirit of deep faith in Jesus. His whole life was consumed by the love of God and spirit of prayer and he considered God more than anything in his life. He once said "The Lord is my Chosen Portion and Cup." He rendered selfless service to the poor and the needy that made him a dynamic model today. St Chavara was born 1805 in India and died in 1876. He was canonised 23 November 2014, by Pope Francis. Photos below of the procession.



MUSIC NOTES:

It's been a good start to the year in Music Ministry! The regular meetings with the Song Selection team, Liturgy Committee and Ministry team have started, music is set and rehearsals are underway!

The Seedlings have their first Junior Youth Mass for the year, this Sunday at 5.30pm. The Mustard Seeds next Youth Mass is 30 March at 5.30pm. Our song-leaders are back rehearsing and singing, and Little Angels is underway. New members and families have joined some of these groups which is really wonderful to see!

Kadisha has also started her music sessions again on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons, performing her original songs.

Lovely to have senior Band members support the Teachers' Mass recently. It was much appreciated by all.

Coming up...Youth Mass 30 March 5.30pm and Worship night 11 April. Come and reflect upon Lent and prepare for Holy Week

Thank you to all who volunteer time for Music Ministry, and to those who support me in my work within the Ministry! Amelia Luke (Music Co-Ordinator)

The May 2025 Funding Round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open.

Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group.

The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation and aligned with the diocesan goals.

We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability & the fulfilment of set criteria.

Applications are now open and are due by 31 March 2025. Application forms and more information can be found here: [Application for Funding – Catholic Charities Allocations | Diocese of Palmerston North](#)
Or please contact Reception at reception@pndiocese.org.nz ph (06) 354 1780.

CALL FOR JUSTICE: Voice for Life invites you to join them in their Call for Justice, as people around NZ gather to pray for justice for the unborn children and their vulnerable mothers on the fifth anniversary of the Abortion Legislation Act on Wednesday 12th March, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1 Omata Rd, N.P.

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 TO 13 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Taranaki anniversary Monday 10 March 2025

SHINE & ILLUMIN8

PLEASE NOTE: NO YOUTH GROUPS WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, 9 MARCH 2025.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING ON SUNDAY, 16 MARCH 2025.

YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2025

SEEING THE WAY Jesus' Passion & Death

What was the purpose of Jesus' crucifixion? What does the Lenten Season signify for us as Catholics?


Come and explore the profound meaning of the cross with us!

THEME COLOUR Put on something GREEN!!

See you next Sunday!

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

PRAY FOR LIFE THIS LENT: Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion. Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Find out more at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife



PURPOSE


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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025
year 11 - 13

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Here are some options to register and access further details about the important dates:

- Visit the parish website
- Scan the QR code found here or on the YOUTH notice board in the foyer



SCAN HERE

We pray for our deceased family and friends: Elizebeth Moorby, Jennifer Blackman Pip Lawn, Mary Bernet, Tim Hales, Selwyn Knuckey, Kerry Knuckey, Cajetan Dias, Clotilda Dias, Anthony Jerry Dias, Lawrence Scott, Marie Hickey, Annie Leusink, Leonard Heal and Christine Smith (Opunake).

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10 MON	8.30am	St Joseph's Church (Taranaki Anniversary Day)
11 TUES	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
12 WED	8.00am 9.10am	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church
13 THU	8.00am 9.50am 2.20pm	St Joseph's Church Sacred Heart Girls College Francis Douglas Memorial College
14 FRI	8.00am 12.05pm 9.00am	St Joseph's Church St Joseph's Church St Pius X School (St Philomena Hall)
15 SAT	8.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Patrick's Church Okato
16 SUN	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 5.30pm	St Joseph's Church (St Pius X School led Mass) Our Lady Help of Christians Church Bell Block Catholic Centre (Liturgy of the Word With Communion) St Joseph's Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm 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 Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER: Monday this week 8.10am as Mass is 8.30am and Tuesday 7.40am and Saturday at 8.10am. Please go to the back door of Parish Office building. We are in the Mary Mckillop Room

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 term time. Enquiries 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

2nd Sunday of Lent 16th March 2025
Because we have RCIA baptisms at Easter we are using Year A readings during Lent

1ST READING: Genesis 12.1-4

PSALM: 33

2ND READING: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 17.1-9



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

24 Clinton St, Fitzroy

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

138 Parklands Ave
Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO

36 Cumming St
Okato



EMPOWERING PARENTS

The parish asks all parents to attend this evening if you wish your child to receive Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation this year.



Day & Date
Thursday, 3 April 2025



Time
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



Venue
St Joseph's Church Hall



Come and hear how you can be empowered to become your children's first teachers of faith and, as a family, grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.



www.catholicparishnp.nz



Contact Us
For Older Children's Baptism,
First Holy Communion, and Reconciliation inquiries,
contact **KAREN** at
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youth@catholicparishnp.nz.

Rise, Let us be on our Way Divine Mercy in the 3rd Millennium Conference



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May 23-25 2025

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Fr Andrew Grace Aust.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE IN AUCKLAND

May 23-25 2025 Fr Chris Alar - Keynote Speaker

Divine Mercy NZ is excited to be bringing back to New Zealand Fr Chris Alar MIC from the US plus several other international speakers.

Divine Mercy Conference2025 will be in a real sense an encapsulation of all that has gone before, and yet more, and to the point – how that is lived out, witnessed, in the Third Millennium.

Please join us for this important event in the Jubilee Year. Registrations are essential.

Visit www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz .

Contact: Pat Barrett 03 359 2087 info@divinemercy.co.nz

PARISH LENTEN FAITH FORMATION –We started Monday 3 March but you are welcome to come along in week 2, 10 March.

Join Us for an Enlightening Video Series with Dan Burke.

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming video sessions on “Spiritual Warfare and Discernment of Spirits,” led by Dan Burke. An introduction into understanding the spiritual battles we face and learn how to discern the spirits with wisdom and faith.

About Dan Burke: Dan Burke is the founder and President of the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation and Avila Institute for Spiritual Direction which offers graduate and personal enrichment studies in spiritual theology to priests, deacons, religious, and laity in 90 countries and partners with 40 dioceses to prepare men for the priesthood. He is also the author and editor of more than 15 books on authentic Catholic spirituality.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow spiritually and strengthen your faith journey.

When: Mondays -3 March to 7 April 2025. 7:30PM to 9:00PM

Where: St. Joseph Parish Hall (New Plymouth)

Registration: Walk – in (**Doors open @ 7:15PM for a cuppa)

Cost: Free **Trailer video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpBHuteO4iM>



1. Introduction and Overview of the Series

- Authentic discipleship and narrow90ay
- Recognizing the Signs of Spiritual Battles

2. The Armour of God

- Equipping Yourself for Spiritual Combat
- The Role of Faith and Prayer in Spiritual Warfare

3. Discernment of Spirits

- Identifying the Presence of Good and Evil Spirits
- Practical Steps for Discernment

4. Strategies for Spiritual Victory

- Overcoming Temptations and Spiritual Attacks
- Building a Strong Spiritual Defence

5. Welcoming the Holy Spirit

- How do you renounce the lies of the enemy?
- How can you invite the Holy Spirit into your life?

6. Standing Firm and Following His Will

- How can you invite the Lord's grace into your life to help you win the battle for your soul?

To find out more, please contact: Christina jp2padua2020@gmail.com OR Jaime jzle012@gmail.com. Or leave your contact details with the Parish Office, we will ring you.