



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth
Te Parihi Katorika Ki Ngamotu

Sunday 9 November 2025 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



OLDER CHILDREN'S BAPTISM NOVEMBER 2025



On Sunday 2 November, we celebrated the baptism and reception into the Catholic Church of 23 children. Baptism preparation in our parish is family based. Families journey together towards baptism supported by a Family Preparation Booklet provided by the parish and through an invitation to Alpha. Many of these parents have attended Alpha over the last few years as a way of considering their own faith as they journey alongside their children. Our baptism celebrations for older children are extra memorable as children can choose to be baptised in the baptismal pool, getting wet all over and then changing into their white clothing afterwards. We were very fortunate to have many members of the St Anthony of Padua Choir lead the music, as Vilana, a junior member of their choir was being baptised. 'This Little Light of Mine' was the perfect song to end such a special celebration. Reminding all those gathered, that as disciples of Jesus we need to let the light of Christ within us shine in all that we do. Karen Maclean, Young Family Minister

Important Dates

Saturday 8 November

Bereavement Liturgy
St Joseph's Church
10.00am

Sunday 9 November

St Joseph's School Led
Mass
St Joseph's Church
9.00am

Sunday 9 November

Prayer Ministry after Mass
at St Joseph's
9.00am and 5.30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians
10.30am

Monday 10 November

Justice and Peace Meeting
Parish Office
5.45pm

Thursday 13 November

At St Joseph's Church Hall
St Joseph's School Art
Auction
Previewing 5.30 to 7.30pm

Friday 14 November

At St Joseph's Church Hall
St Joseph's School Art
Auction
Friday Viewing starts 4.00pm
Live Auction 6.30pm

Sunday 16 November

St Pius X School Led Mass
St Joseph's Church
9.00am

OUR PARISH VISION

A COMMUNITY CALLED BY GOD FOR MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP
GATHERED AROUND JESUS CHRIST FED WITH THE EUCHARIST AND
SENT TO TRANSFORM LIVES EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT



GENERAL NOTICES

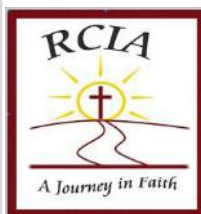
DO YOU HELP IN PARISH LIFE? *Let us say thank you*
DO YOU SERVE THE PARISH? *Let us say thank you*

Are you a cleaner, or someone who looks after the noticeboards?
 Do you take Communion to the Sick, or cook for Catholic Café?
 Gardening, counting the collection, arranging the roster, playing
 the organ..... the list is endless, so many volunteer or serve in a
 ministry, giving of their time and their gifts.

Your contribution to the life of our parish, in all the Mass
 centres is appreciated. We want to thank you for your
 mahi in 2025, by inviting you for a Special Blessing at Mass
 8.30am Saturday 29 November followed by breakfast.

We would be delighted to be able to serve you and thank
 you on this day.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by 26 November to the Parish Office.



RCIA: At this weekend's Masses, we will
 be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance,
 Welcoming. Having completed the
 INQUIRY phase of RCIA, this rite intro-
 duces to the parish community, our 16
 RCIA candidates who will express their
 intention to follow the way of Christ. We, in turn, pledge
 to them our prayers and support. (See the newsletter online for photos).

PARISH OFFICE VACANCY:

Communication lead: Part-Time: The Parish requires a
 person to fulfil a communications lead role in the Parish
 Office. They will have proficiency in various avenues,
 including website/App digital communication, posters,
 newsletter production for social media, website, email
 and print, plus the ability to develop efficient methods of
 communication with the parish and parish staff. Parish
 Office reception duty included.

This is a permanent part-time position of 28 hours per
 week – Mon-Fri with some flexibility around core hours.
 Immediate start. Expressions of interest to Colin Comb-
 er, Finance Committee Chairman phone 027 249 2864.

Aotearoa Bible Diary 2026

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Handy & Useful
for all age groups.

- Daily Prayers
- Daily Readings
- Short, Reflections
- Saints of the Day
- Short Quotes
- Elegant Pages

Aotearoa Bible Diary available in the Parish Office, just \$20.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:

During November, many Masses celebrated in the parish,
 will be prayed for deceased brothers and sisters.

Our Book of the Deceased and the Remembrance Boxes
 will be placed in the sanctuary near the altar at St Jo-
 seph's church or near the altar at Our Lady Help of
 Christians church. You can express your love by making
 a list of your beloved dead and placing it in the Remem-
 brance Box. No money is required to be left.

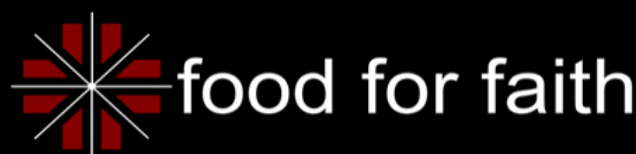
If you would like names of deceased to be recorded in
 the Memorial Book please contact the Parish Office.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: One cannot pray and
 offer sacrifice while oppressing the weak-
 est and poorest in our community. From
 the beginning of Scripture, God's love is
 vividly demonstrated by his protection of
 the weak and the poor, to the extent that
 he can be said to have a particular fond-
 ness for them.' Pope Leo XIV, *Dilexi Te*, 4 October 2025.



Join us for the next meeting of the Justice and Peace
 group, Monday 10 November 5.45pm in the Parish Office
 Ngamotu Room. (Come to the back door of the Parish
 Office.)

Join us to reflect on catholic social teachings
 as we try to find ways to implement them in our daily lives
 and the life of the parish.



Cafe Gathering 10.00am Thursday 13 November, at
 Stumble Inn 200 Mangorei Road N.P. There has been a
 lot to reflect on in recent Food For Faith posts. Come
 and join us as we ponder them.

Just look for the Orange 'FFF' sign on a table at Stumble
 Inn and join us for tea or coffee and reflection. All Wel-
 come. Any questions please call Joan 021 1100775.

Would you like prayer? for yourself, family, or someone else?

PRAYER MINISTRY

will be available after Mass this
SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

St Joseph's Church
 after 9:00am Sunday Mass
 after 5:30pm Sunday Mass



Our Lady Help of Christians Church
 after 10:30am Sunday Mass

On sale in the Parish Office Columban calendars \$12.00

**Society of St Vincent de Paul in New Zealand
St Joseph's Conference, New Plymouth**

**OUR COMMUNITY MEAL FOR CHRISTMAS
9 December 2025**



Each year when we celebrate our final Tuesday Community meal for the year, we present a gift bag to each of our guests. This is a bag of things that might be useful but contains as well treats and Christmas goodies. We would welcome any of the following items to put in the gift bags. Clearly marked containers to drop the gifts into are in the church foyers.

Lollies and biscuits and chocolates

Sunscreen

Sun caps

Nail clippers (large,)

Tissues (pocket size)

Combs, Socks

Liquid soap (small bottles)

Toothbrush Deodorant (Men & women)

Emergency rain jackets/poncho

And we would also welcome home baking for the Community Meal 9 December. For details contact Liz email eogooch@gmail.com or phone 022 643 0252.



YOUTH GROUP

WE MEET ON SUNDAYS DURING THE SCHOOL TERM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL.

SHINE

ILLUMINO

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 4 TO 8
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 9 -13
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

YOUTH GROUP
THIS SUNDAY, 9 NOV 2025

LIFE NIGHT ON INCORRUPTIBLE SAINTS

09 NOV

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

GOOD GENES

YOUTH GROUP
NEXT SUNDAY, 16 NOV 2025

Follow In My Footsteps

A life night on patron saints and intercession

Sunday, 16 November 2025
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE OR VISIT OUR ILLUMINO INSTAGRAM PAGE OR PARISH WEBSITE.

A RETREAT ON CHILDLIKE FAITH

GROWING YOUNG

28 - 30 NOVEMBER 2025
VERTICAL HORIZON
INGLEWOOD

COST: \$150

REGISTER NOW!

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REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE ON
SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2025
AT MIDNIGHT!

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

PREVIEWING
THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER
FROM 5.30PM - 7.30PM

FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER

PREVIEWING STARTS 4PM ONWARDS
LIVE AUCTION STARTS 6.30PM

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

151 Devon Street West, New Plymouth

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CHURCH ROOFING PROJECT: We are beginning the reroofing of St Joseph's church and hall. There is scaffolding up in the western side of the carpark. This is fenced off, however the ramp leading to the church front doors is still accessible. Scaffolding is also be put up on the eastern side of the church, near the hall door. When this happens, the hall access will still be open and so will the pathway from the church to Devon Street.



Please be aware of the scaffolding, the work that is taking place, the trade vehicles that will be operating from time to time and the reduction in the number of carparks. Please continue to leave the yellow marked parking spots for those who have mobility stickers. The scaffolding will be in place for several months while the roofing is being completed.

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CHOCOLATE
FUNDRAISING

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SUPPORT OUR YOUTH TO GO TO
CAMP AND RETREAT

DEAR PARISHIONERS

OUR YOUTH ARE PREPARING FOR A RETREAT IN NOVEMBER 2025 AND A LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP IN JANUARY 2026. TO MAKE IT MORE AFFORDABLE FOR FAMILIES, WE ARE ORGANIZING THREE FUNDRAISING EVENTS!

YOU CAN PURCHASE CHOCOLATE FOR FUNDRAISING AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR AFTER MASS IN CHOCOLATE BOXES.

JOIN US FOR A BAKE SALE AND CAR WASH! YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL FOR MAKING THE YOUTH RETREAT AND CAMP HAPPEN. PLEASE BRING CASH!

thanks
for your
support

SUSILO
-YOUTH MINISTER-

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BAKE Sale

SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM
OLHC AT 10:30 AM

Car Wash

\$20

SAT, 15 NOV; FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM
AT ST. JOSEPH'S CAR PARK

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH TO GO TO CAMP AND RETREAT

We pray for our deceased family and friends. Trevor Knuckey, David Ogier, Nallon, Clark and Stevens Families, Anna and Brian Coogan, Dominic Fernandes, Flory Fernandes, Ignatius Fernandes, Lazarus Rodrigues, Anthony Dias, Sue Jolly, Colleen Holdt, Mary Quin, Daniel Nganeko and Cynthia Holswich.

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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
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians
8.00am	St Joseph's Church
9.50am	Sacred Heart Girls College Mary's Chapel
2.20pm	Francis Douglas Memorial College
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 Centre (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
5.30pm	St Joseph's Church

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

16 November 2025 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1ST READING: Malachi 4.1-2

PSALM: 98

2ND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3.7-12

GOSPEL: Luke 21.5-19

CONTACT US

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Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

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 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, but not Sunday 9 or 16 November as these are school led Masses.

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY

GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS at Our Lady Help of Christians. Music, play and morning tea. 9.00am during the school term. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz



QUIET YOUR HEART ~ Music with Kadisha

St Joseph's Monday 11.00am to 11.30am .
See electronic newsletter for Kadisha's latest concerts.



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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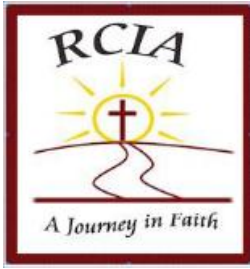


OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
24 Clinton St, Fitzroy

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE
138 Parklands Ave
Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO
36 Cumming St
Okato

2025 RCIA CANDIDATES AND CATECHUMENS



Please welcome and pray for our RCIA candidates and Catechumens as they prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at the 2026 Easter Vigil



Amanda Bollond



Emma Lauilhe



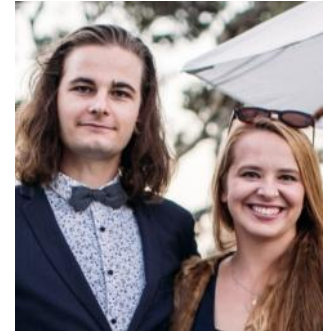
Tom Reid



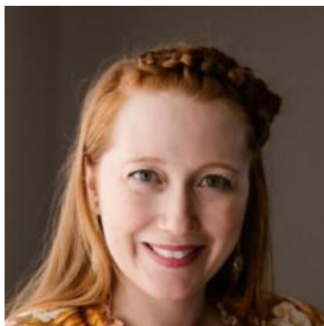
Gemma & Mike
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Kathryn & Whetu
Newman



Hannah & Daniel
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Alinda Ryan



Katie & Brad Scott



Troy Standish



Paora Tamati

Brian Smith
We will add Brian's photo
next week

WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

3 November to 9 November 2025

!Diocesan Art Trail

In this Year of Jubilee, and to celebrate the Jubilee of Artists that occurred in February, parishes across the Diocese of Palmerston North have been showcasing their sacred artwork for all to enjoy. Visit www.pndiocese.org.nz/ArtTrail to view the list of participating parishes and read some information on the various artworks you can admire around the diocese.

NOSTRA AETATE WEBINAR:

Celebrating 60 years of the Church's call to dialogue with people of all faiths. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Committee for Interfaith Relations will commemorate Nostra Aetate, the Vatican II document promulgated on 28 October 1965, and outline contemporary approaches to religious dialogue in Aotearoa New Zealand today. Tuesday, 28 October 2025, 7-8pm. Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/NA-NZ-2025>



CATHOLIC KIWI PODCAST:

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has launched a new podcast series, sharing stories of faith, ministry and mission of Kiwis and visitors to our shores. The first episodes have been released, with new episodes scheduled as part of season 1 leading up to Christmas. Search "Catholic Kiwi Podcast" on YouTube or Spotify now.

NOPS Review and Feedback

As part of the National Office for Professional Standards' commitment to ensuring a safe environment for all, they are carrying out a review of key safeguarding documents.

They are currently reviewing the 'Safeguarding Policy: Working Together for a Safe Church' and the 'Code of Conduct for Employees & Volunteers in Ministry in the Catholic Church'.

They welcome and encourage everyone to submit feedback through their reviews page: <https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/reviews/> with submissions open until 31 October 2025.

Stay Informed on National Safeguarding efforts

The National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) is now publishing a quarterly newsletter with updates, resources, and information about the Church's safeguarding efforts. Read the latest issue at [https://mailchi.mp/nops/an-update-on-safeguarding-across-aotearoa-new-zealand?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/nops/an-update-on-safeguarding-across-aotearoa-new-zealand?e=[UNIQID])

TO ALL OLD GIRLS OF SACRED HEART COLLEGE WHANGANUI AND PAST PUPILS OF SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH (TARANAKI BRANCH)

A Pot-luck luncheon will be held at the Stratford Parish Centre, next to the Church on Sunday 16th November 2025 starting at midday.

For all those interested, please bring an item for Foodbank instead of a gift this year.

Any enquires please phone Linda Whittington on 0274535891 or Colleen Moore on 0272307589, and a phone call would be appreciated if you can make it. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

Join The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Our Team as Parish Receptionist

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit is looking for a friendly, organised, and people-focused Parish Receptionist to join their team!

Hours: 32 hours per week (Mon–Fri, 9:00 AM–3:30 PM)

Location: Cathedral Parish Office Palmerston North

Key Responsibilities:

- Welcome parishioners and visitors in person and by phone
- Provide administrative support to the parish team
- Maintain the parish diary (events and property use)
- Support the Cathedral Administrator and Parish Operations Director

Requirements:

- Must be Roman Catholic and committed to the values and teachings of the Church
 - Excellent communication and computer skills
 - Positive, engaging attitude and a team player
 - Experience in a busy office is an advantage
- How to Apply: Send your application to operations@pncathedral.org.nz Closing Date: Friday, 14th November 2025

We'd love to hear from you and welcome you into our parish community!

Mission Hub – Prayer that Fuels Renewal

You are warmly invited to the very first Mission Hub online gathering, a monthly space for prayer, encouragement, and mission-focused conversation. Monday 10 November | 7:00–8:15pm on Zoom. To register, email missionhubnz@gmail.com.

Together, we will spend time in prayer, be inspired, and gather in small groups to share and encourage one another. Whether you attended the Hope and Renewal Summit or are simply hungry to see renewal in your parish and community, you are most welcome. Let's fan the flame of renewal and mission - together.

Te Kupenga Online Webinar: Reflections on Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

As we draw near the end of the Jubilee Year in January 2026, Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering its last webinar for the year "Reflections on Jubilee 2025-Pilgrims of Hope" with Fadi Yalda, Lecturer in Biblical Studies. This webinar is on Wednesday, 26 November 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom. Fee is \$20. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025

Experience Handel's Messiah – A Choral Masterpiece

The Palmerston North Choral Society, founded in 1919, proudly presents Handel's Messiah under the direction of Alison Stewart. Join us for an unforgettable evening of live choral music featuring a 40-strong choir, acclaimed soloists, continuo musicians, and the Manawatu Chamber Orchestra.

Saturday 29 November, 7:30pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.

Tickets from Choir or at the door from 7pm: adults \$25, students with ID \$10, children free.

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Reflections on Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Online Webinar

Wednesday, 26 November
5-6pm via Zoom

Speaker:

Fadi Yalda

Lecturer in Biblical Studies

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2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

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