



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth
Te Parihi Katorika Ki Ngamotu

Sunday 31 August 2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



ANNUAL PARISH *Get Together*



Thursday, 4th September 2025
Starts at 05:45 pm



St Joseph's Church Hall

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- Updates on **Parish Pastoral and Financial Matters**.
- Exclusive **First Public Showing** of the much-anticipated **Fundraising Video!**
- A look into the future of the **Parish Centre Plans**.
- And **The Parish Mission 2025/2026**

POTLUCK DINNER

Please bring a dish to share!



YOU'RE INVITED!



Important Dates

Sunday 31st August

First Communion
St Joseph's Church
9.00am

Sunday 31st August

Youth Mass 5.30pm at St
Joseph's Church

Monday 1st September and every Monday

Little Angels at Our Lady
Help of Christians Foyer
from 9.00am. See pg 4

Thursday 4th September

Annual Parish
Get Together
St Joseph's Church Hall
5.45pm

Please note there will be no
Adoration at 7.00pm at
St Joseph's Church
4th September

Friday 5th September

Adoration Bell Block
Mass Centre 4.00pm

Saturday 6th September

Anointing Mass
St Joseph's Church
10.30am

Sunday 7th September

Adoration
Our Lady Help of Christians
3.00pm

13th September 2025

Passionist Family Group
Formation Programme
St Joseph's Hall 2.00pm

14th September 2025

Fundraising concert
for St Pius X school
at the school
in Philomena Hall
2.00pm



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GENERAL NOTICES

CWL COMMITTEE MEETING: Friday 5 September - Committee Meeting at 10.30am in the Supper Room St Joseph's Hall. Note change of venue..



CWL FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH: Friday 5 September, after the 12.05pm Mass at St Joseph's. CWL offer a delicious lunch. Plated sandwiches and cakes with tea or coffee for just \$7, and this also includes a raffle ticket! The luncheon will be at St Joseph's Hall Supper Room this month. A change of venue. This is a fundraising activity for the CWL, so please enjoy lunch and help CWL.

MARIAN MOTHERS will not meet on Thursday 4 September. The next meeting will be on Thursday 11 September at Our Lady Help of Christians Church 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please come along and join in prayer and a cuppa. Please bring a small sharing plate. Any queries please phone Glenda 021 323 765.



ANointing MASS: The monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at 10.30am next Saturday 6 September at St Joseph's Church.



Everyone is welcome at this Mass, even if they do not wish to be anointed. There will be morning tea/lunch after Mass.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS have been gathering and growing for over 30 years in our Parish. We extend a very warm invitation to attend a time of fellowship, faith education and reflection around two topics:

Belonging, and Why does community matter?

These presentations will each be followed by shared discussion. They encapsulate what Passionist Family Groups are about, and how we can reconnect with the vibrancy of the early Church by 'being for others' and building a place of welcome and belonging in our local parish communities. It'll be engaging and fun – come join us.



Presenter: Paul Traynor, National Coordinator of Passionist Family Group Aotearoa

Date: Saturday 13 September 2025 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Venue: St Joseph's Church Hall Devon St West.

What to bring: Something to share for a 'shared afternoon tea'; Bring a friend - **all are welcome! This is for everyone interested in community, belonging, connectedness and friendship.**

Please contact the Parish Office if you require for more details, otherwise just come along 13 September. You do not need to be part of a Family Group to enjoy this event.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:

We are all familiar with the story of the good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37) Today, we still ask, "Who is my neighbour?" Is it the student having trouble in school? The senior citizen near where I live with no family or friends? The homeless person who cannot afford housing? The mentally ill bag lady I pass on the way to work? The unwed teenage mother on welfare? The undocumented man working in the underground economy? The cancer victim slowly dying in hospice?



Jesus would answer, "Yes. All the above." Every time we look at the news, Jesus is looking over our shoulders and asking what we will do for those in need. How do we become good neighbours? There are at least three ways: by being a good citizen, by being a volunteer and by opening our wallets.

Being a good citizen means taking an active part in determining the priorities of the community.

But Catholic social teaching reminds us that the state is also responsible for making society more just and peaceful.

Not just as individuals, but through our government, we must express our concern for the poor and powerless.

Being a good neighbour means working for racial justice, understanding among peoples and the preservation of the environment.

St. Pius X School
New Plymouth

FAITH-FILLED Fundraiser

14 SEPTEMBER 2025
ST. PIUS X @ 2 PM

FEATURING

✓ **Kadisha Mara**

✓ **St. Pius X Alumni**

Scan the QR codes &
Listen to Kadisha Mara Music
on Spotify + Youtube

LIVE PERFORMANCES,
SAUSAGE SIZZLE, MERCH

TICKETS

ADULTS
5-12 YRS
0-5 YRS

\$20
\$5
FREE

AVAILABLE AT ST. PIUS X OFFICE & PARISH OFFICE (ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH)

FROM POPE LEO

SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL OP SHOP FITZROY

needs donations of clothing and household items. Items can be dropped at the shop between 9.00am and 3.00pm Monday-Friday. The shop is at 573 Devon St East, in the little arcade behind Piccolo Morso at the Fitzroy lights, or accessed from Clemow Road which is also off the lights. Ph: 06 758 6740. St Vincent de Paul can offer collection of large house clearances. Help St Vincent de Paul help others.

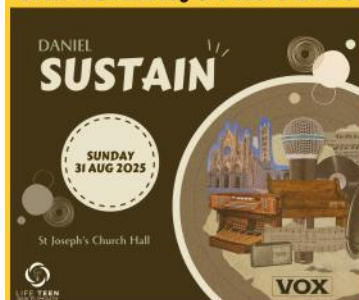


YOUTH GROUP
WE GATHER ON SUNDAYS
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM AT
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL.

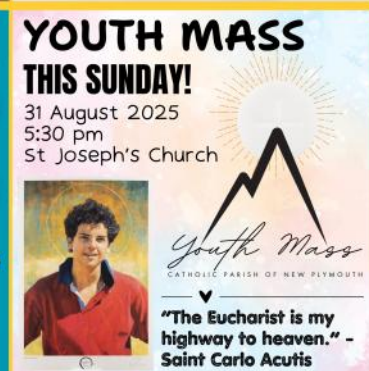
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 4 TO 8
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY, 31 AUG 2025



NO YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY, 7 SEP 2025



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

SPONSOR OUR TEENS FOR LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP (10 TO 14 JAN 2026)



Pick up an envelope labelled "Radiant Hope" from the church foyer. Inside, you will find all the details about the camp, including the fees and how to sponsor a participant. Remember, every cent counts!

Susilo - Youth Minister

SUNDAY PRAYER MINISTRY: Sunday 7 September after the Sunday Masses, we will have people available in the church for prayer ministry. This is the 9.00am and 5.30pm Masses 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.

ALTAR SERVER AND READER TRAINING DAY

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



MORE INFORMATION :

Susilo (Youth Minister)
youth@catholicparishnp.nz

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST

12:30 PM
TO
1:30 PM

READER/LECTOR

Mastering the Art of Proclaiming the Word of God - This involves learning how to effectively use the microphone, improve articulation, and incorporate varying tones, pitch, volume, and reading speed.

2:00 PM
TO
3:00 PM

ALTAR SERVER

As an Altar Server, you will do things that others will never do. You will learn things that others will never know. You will see the Mass in ways that others may never see it. You will do it all for the Honour and Glory of God.

"GOD HAS GIVEN US TWO HANDS,
ONE TO RECEIVE WITH AND THE
OTHER TO GIVE WITH."
BILLY GRAHAM

There is a prisoner in Rimutaka prison who would like a pen pal. He was almost baptised but didn't quite get there. If you are an adult who would be interested, please let Fr Simon know.

Email address simon@catholicparishnp.nz

There are safeguarding issues to be aware of.



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Tony Moolan, Heather O'Byrne, Emily Beagle, Yvonne Phelan, Mary Phelan, Michael Hurley, Norah Hurley, Kathleen Hurley, Sister Connie Hurley, Teresa Hurley, Margaret Hurley, Mary Nallon and Joy Kendrick.

Sept

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

1 MON	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
2 TUES	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
3 WED	8.00am 9.10am	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church
4 THU	8.00am 9.50am 2.20pm	St Joseph's Church Sacred Heart Girls College (Mary's Chapel) Francis Douglas Memorial College Chapel
5 FRI	8.00am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church St Joseph's Church
6 SAT	8.30am 10.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's Church Anointing Mass Our Lady Help of Christians Church (Vigil Mass) St Patrick's Okato (Vigil Mass)
7 SUN	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 5.30pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church Bell Block Catholic Centre 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 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. No Children's liturgy if it is First Communion.

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY

GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS: Music, play and morning tea. 9.00am Our Lady Help of Christians Please contact Tess 027 583 7732.



QUIET YOUR HEART ~ Music with Kadisha

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

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7 September 2025 23rd in Ordinary Time

1ST READING: Wisdom 9.13-18

PSALM: 90

2ND READING: Philemon 9b-10,12-17

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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ST JOSEPH'S

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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



For updates on parish, diocese, and national events.



Catholic Parish of New Plymouth

TABLE TALK FOR MĀORI WARDS

FAITH-FILLED CONVERSATIONS TO NAVIGATE MĀORI WARD REFERENDUMS

HOSTED BY THE SIR PAUL REEVES CENTRE

2-hour workshop with short videos, discussion questions, interactive activities and prayer. Designed to help us learn, reflect and have our questions or anxieties on the topic of Māori Wards answered. Videos feature contributions from church leaders and theologians like Dr Alistair Reese, Jay Ruka, Sir David Moxon and Te Aroha Rountree, and the perspectives of Māori leaders in the movement for Māori wards. Learn more about this event at: www.commongrace.nz/maoriwards



4 SEPTEMBER 2025

6:30 – 8:30 PM

AT TE WHARE HONONGA, 37 VIVIAN STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH

FREE EVENT. LIMITED SPACE. EMAIL TO REGISTER: hui@taranakicathedral.nz



New Zealand Mariapolis 25

02-05 OCT

A time out for families and friends. Join US!!!

MiCamp: 100 Rawhira Road, Tūrangi.

Lake Taupō

WHEN

From **Thursday, 02 October 25**

Registration from 5pm.

Programme starts at 7.30pm.

Please make your own dinner arrangements for Thursday. BBQ available for use.

To **Sunday, 05 October 25**

Programme ends with lunch.

Placement on a first come, first served basis	Family Cabins	Flat/Lodge	Motel
Adult	\$ 251	\$ 275	\$ 320
High School & UniStudents / Pensioners	\$ 231	\$ 255	\$ 300
5-12 yrs old	\$ 216	\$ 240	\$ 285
3-4 yrs old	\$ 141	\$ 159	\$ 180
Infants	Free	Free	Free

COSTS



is a time of spiritual nourishment and renewal which is open to everyone - all ages welcome.

The programme consists of talks and life experiences, putting the Gospel into practice in today's society, sharing time together experiencing activities which encourage dialogue and reflective sharing.

"I have been created as a gift for those around me and those around me have been created by God as a gift for me, just as the Father in the Trinity is everything for the Son and the Son is everything for the Father. On earth all things are in a relationship of love with each other each thing with all other things. We have to be love in order to discover the thread of gold amongst all beings."

Chiara Lubich, from a writing in 1949

Find out more about the Mariapolis experience at

www.focolare.org/en

The aim is to promote unity in the family, at work, in the parish, with friends.

 mariapolis.nz@gmail.com

BOOKING

To help us organise the Mariapolis and secure a place, please make your booking by **31 August 25**.



scan here to
registration

For further information please contact the Focolare Centres



04 4779538 -
04 4787962 or
Gloria 022 193 1957



Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy
Fundraiser

GIANT PLANT SALE

Saturday 27th September 2025

8am - 11am

**St Andrew's Hall, Liardet Street,
New Plymouth**



Taranaki Hospital Chaplaincy Plant Sale is taking place on **Saturday the 27th September at St Andrews Hall Liardet St, New Plymouth.** The sale will run from **8.00am – 11.00am** (Please note this change from previous years).

We welcome any donations of plants that you may have - of any kind. With the weather looking more promising of summer and bulbs starting to appear, any unwanted plants, trees, bulbs, shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, indoor plants etc. we would greatly appreciate.

Drop off point is from **3pm at St Andrews Church Hall** on Friday 26th September. (The only access will be through the front doors).

Please contact me at the number below if you need any further information. I am in the office Mondays from 8:30 – 12 and Fridays 8:30am – 10am.

Kind blessings Louisa Parker
Administration Assistant Hospital Chaplaincy Team
7536139 ext 7968