Parish Newsletter
Pānui i te Pārihi

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22nd November 2026 **34th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Our Parish Pastoral Council

Many parishioners have heard of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), but not everyone may be familiar with its purpose and role within our parish community. Simply put, the Council exists to help guide and support the life and mission of the parish, ensuring that all we do remains faithful to the vision God has given us.

Our parish vision states:

"A community, called by God to missional discipleship. Gathered around Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and sent to transform lives."

The main responsibilities of the Parish Pastoral Council is to be the guardian of this vision and to support the successful implementation of the Mission Plan. The Council helps ensure that parish decisions, initiatives, and activities remain aligned with our mission and purpose. Our Parish Pastoral Council members are Fr Simon, Fr Sobin, Danny Hall, Cushla Coleman, Catherine Grogan, Chari Cabrera, Giniya George, Richard Doyle, and Anne Julian, supported by our dedicated secretary, Shara Baylin.

The initiatives introduced this year was Welcomers and Ushers at Sunday Masses, the continued promotion and support of the ALPHA programme, the establishment of a Discipleship and Formation Team, the introduction of Prayer Teams after Mass, and the development and implementation of a renewed RCIA journey. These are just a few examples of the many ways God is working through our parish community as we seek to welcome, accompany, form, and send missionary disciples.

As we look to the future, the Parish Pastoral Council remains committed to supporting the growth and renewal of our parish. We recognise that building a vibrant community of missionary disciples is a shared responsibility, and we are grateful for the generosity, dedication, and faith of all our parishioners. Together, guided by the Holy Spirit and united in Christ, we continue our journey of faith, striving to transform lives and bring the love of God to our wider community. We ask for your continued prayers and support as we work together to fulfil the mission entrusted to us.

Important Dates

Adoration
Thursday Evenings
St Joseph's Church
7.00pm

Tuesdays at OLHC
(after 9:10am Mass)
9.35am to 10.30am

Sunday 22nd November
St Pius X School
Led Mass
St Joseph's Church
9.00am

Friday 27th Novemeber
Quiz Night
St. Jospeh's Supper Room
7.00pm-9.00pm

Wednesday 25th November
Anointing Mass
Bell Block Catholic Centre
9.30am

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November
Blessing of Advent Wreaths
All Masses in all churches

Sunday 29th November
Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection
All Masses

Friday 4th December
24 Hours Adoration
Our Lady Help of Christians
9.10am
Concluding with Benediction followed by 9.10am Mass on Saturday 5th December

GENERAL NOTICES

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, many Masses celebrated in the parish, will be prayed for our dead brothers and sisters who as yet do not enjoy the fullness of God's love and joy.

Our Book of the Deceased and the Remembrance Boxes will be placed in the sanctuary near the altar at St Joseph'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 Remembrance 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.

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATHS: We will bless Advent Wreaths at All Masses on the First Sunday of Advent, 29 November and 30 November. If you wish to bring your own home wreath to be part of the blessing at Mass, please do so.

ANOINTING MASS: On 25th November there will be an anointing mass held at Bell Block Catholic Centre at 9.30am. All are welcome.

FOOD BANK: Foodbank donations can be left in the Church foyers each Sunday. All non perishable grocery items are welcomed. An extra item bought with your shopping; toothpaste, jam, cereal will make a difference to a family in need.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: CWL will be selling tickets for their fabulous Christmas raffle in St Joseph's church foyer Sunday 29th November and 6th December. $2 a ticket and $5.00 for 3 tickets. (Please bring some cash). Proceeds of the raffle support the work of CWL.

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Care Package Appeal

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) sincerely thanks parishioners for their generous support, donations, and prayers throughout 2026, which have helped sustain the Tuesday Community Meals programme in New Plymouth.

As a Christmas gesture for the approximately **75 diners** who attend these meals, SVdP hopes to provide each person with a care package at the final Community Meal on **8 December**. Parishioners are invited to donate **one or more items**, such as toiletries, socks, sun caps, chocolates, biscuits, or other personal care essentials, to help make this possible.

Donation boxes will be available in the church foyers at all weekend Masses on 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, and 28/29 November.
Thank you for your continued generosity and support of SVdP's ministry. Your kindness truly makes a difference.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:

Caritas is helping the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth to prepare in a special way to celebrate the coming of Jesus at Christmas.



Take time out from the hectic pre-Christmas world to prepare in a way that really matters.

St Anthony choir will lead our singing.
We will listen to scripture and hear real stories of hope, peace, joy and love from around the world.

We will reflect silently on what we have heard, and pray.

Come to **Our Lady Help of Christians church 24 Clinton Street Fitzroy, 7pm every Tuesday in Advent (December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd)**. **Join us for a cuppa after our service**.

Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection | After Communion Sunday, 29 November 2026

The Clergy Trust Fund supports the wellbeing and care of priests in our Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats, and healthcare -related costs.

As medical and care costs continue to rise, the Fund is under increasing pressure. Your generosity towards this special collection is therefore deeply appreciated, particularly by our elderly and retired priests who benefit directly from your support.

Contributing to this collection is also a meaningful way of expressing our gratitude for the many years of faithful pastoral care, ministry, and service our priests have given to our parishes and communities.

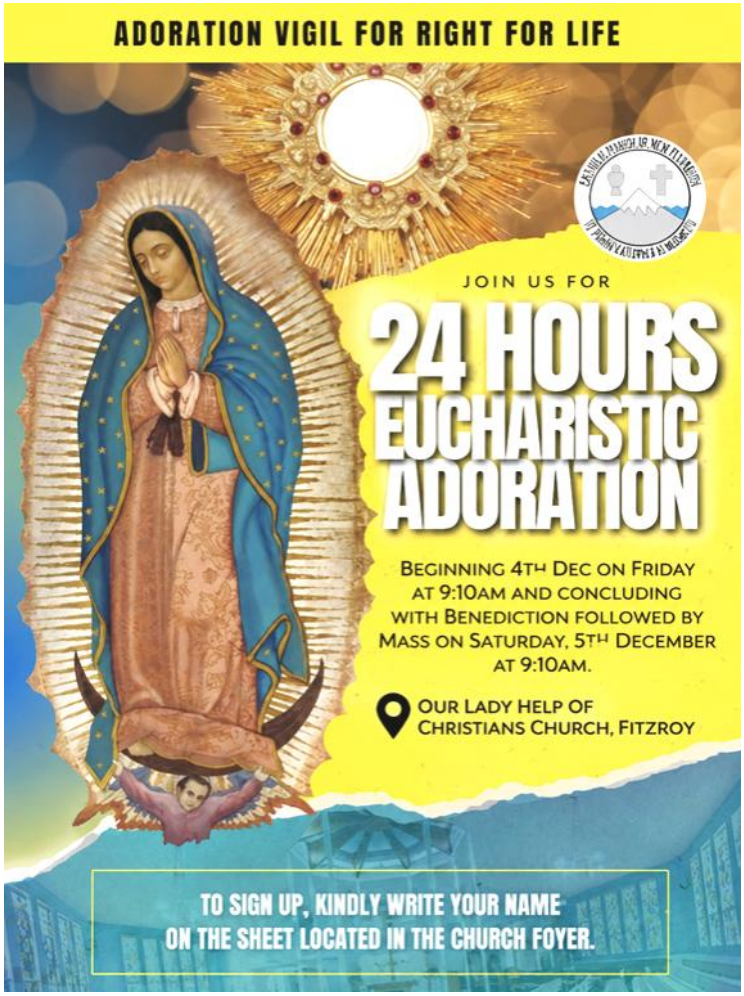
How You Can Support:

Specially marked envelopes are attached to the newsletters today. More are available in the foyers. Those who donate by planned giving will have a white Sick and Retired Special Collection envelope with their envelope pack. (Ignore the date on the envelope). Alternatively, you can donate via online banking to The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth bank account 02 0630 0288002 03. Please include your name as the payee and use **'S and R'** as the reference and your planned giving number if you have one. And of course putting cash in the plate contributes as well. Every contribution, large or small, makes a difference.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our priests.

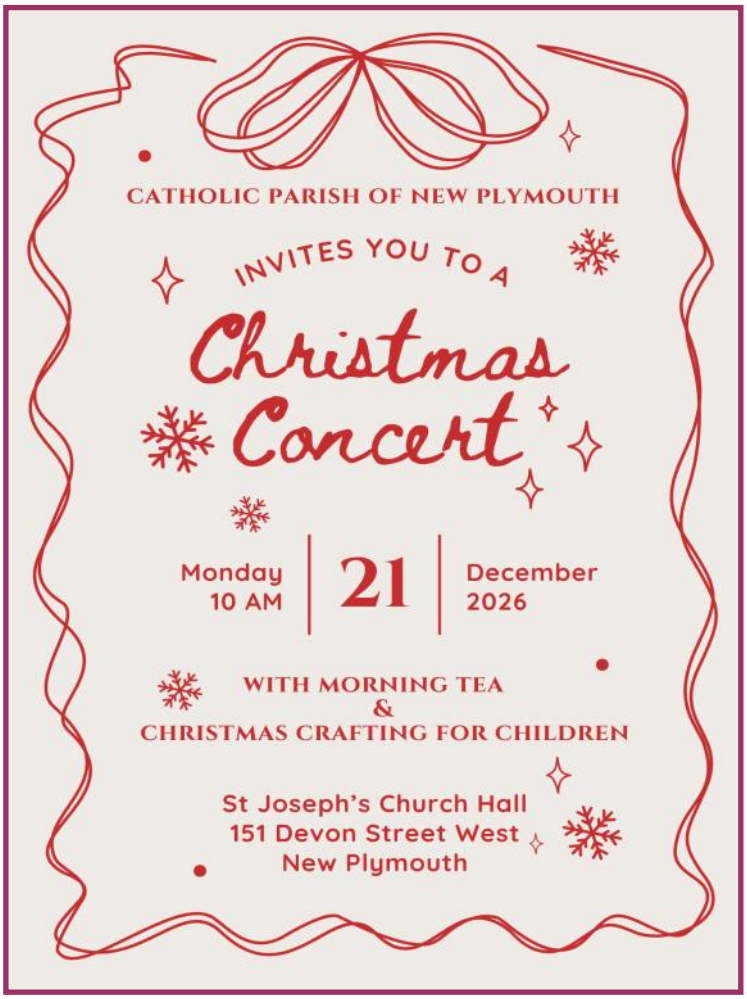
With sincere thanks and blessings,

Monsignor Brian Walsh - Clergy Trust Fund - DPM









We pray for our deceased family and friends: Dave Brophy, Mick and Pauline Goodin, Duncan Alison, George Fleming and Kath Fleming, Philomena Rodrigues, Domnic Fernandes, Ignatius Fernandes, Anthony Dias, Sue Jolly, Flory Fernandes, Lazarus Rodrigues, Yvonne Phelan, Sebastian Rodrigues, and Remedia Rodrigues.

ADVENT SCHEDULE 2026

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEW PLYMOUTH
TE PĀRIHI KATORIKA KI NGĀMOTU

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ADVENT: JUSTICE AND PEACE: In the coming four weeks, we prepare with mounting expectation for the coming of Christ in a spirit of waiting, conversion and hope.



Join us at Our Lady Help of Christians church every Tuesday in December before Christmas, from 7.00pm to prepare for Christmas, using the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love.

ADVENT AT BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE: ANOINTING MASS at Bell Block Catholic Centre,



138 Parklands Ave Bell Block, Wednesday 25 November 9.30am, followed by morning tea. Everyone is most welcome to come. Fr Sobin will anoint residents in Bell Block rest homes after the Mass.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENING Christmas Carols Evening Bell Block Catholic Centre Sunday 13 December **4.45pm to 5.45pm** followed by a finger food tea. Children and adults will be acting the Christmas story which will be interspersed with multicultural Christmas carols. Everyone is most welcome at this celebration.

RITE 1 RECONCILIATION Saturday 19 December 9.30am to 10.00am Bell Block Catholic Centre.

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATHS: We will bless Advent Wreaths at all Masses on the First Sunday of Advent, Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 November . If you wish to bring your own home wreath to be part of the blessing at Mass, please do so.



ANOINTING MASSES:

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE: Wednesday 25 November 9.30am

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH: Friday 18 December 10.00am

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Saturday 5 December 10.30am

ADORATION DURING ADVENT:

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH
Tuesdays of Advent after 9.10am Mass
Sunday 6 December 3.00pm

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH
Thursday 26 November
Thursday 3 and **10** December 7.00pm

BELL BLOCK MASS CENTRE
Saturday 5 December 9.30am-10.30am



RITE I RECONCILIATION

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Saturday 5th, 12th and 19th December 11.30am to 12.00 noon

Tuesday 15th and 22nd December- 11.00am to 11.45am before 12.05pm Mass

Friday 11th and 18th December 11.00am to 11.45am before 12.05pm Mass
Every Thursday during 7.00pm Adoration

ST JOSEPHS CHURCH EVENING

Thursday 10th December 6.00pm to 8.00pm

RITE 1 RECONCILIATION: Several priests will be available sitting throughout the church for Rite 1 Reconciliation

- during adoration from 7.00pm onwards

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OKATO

Saturday 12th & 19th December– 5.15pm to 5.45pm prior to the Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

Saturday 19th December 9.30am to 10.00am

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Each Saturday 4.30pm to 5.15pm before Vigil Mass at 5.30pm

Tuesday 15 and 22 December after Mass 9.40am to 10.30am during Adoration

Wednesday 16 and 23 December after Mass 9.40am to 10.00am



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2026

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

We prepare by going with less and giving generously to those who are less fortunate.

We suggest that on the Fridays of Advent, we have simpler meals and the amount we save be given as non-perishable food items to those in need.

These goods can be brought to the church on Sundays and will be distributed to the Food Bank.

We will have the following special collections:

Sunday 29th November: Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests at Mass.

Sunday 6th December

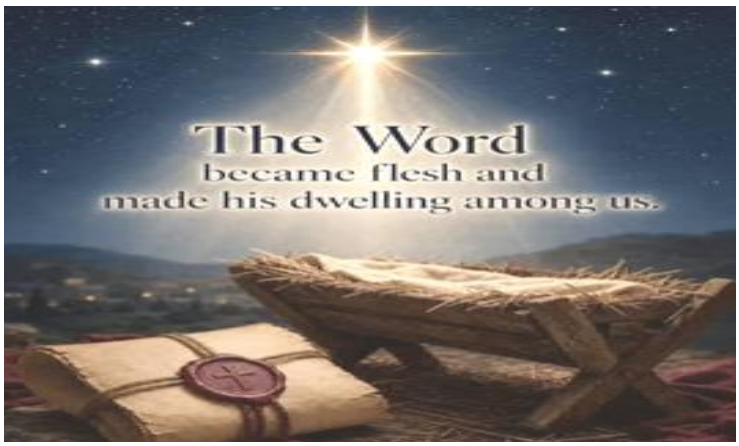
Extra Offerings of Christmas Food for Food Bank.

Sunday 13th December

Extra Offerings of Christmas fare for a local charity

Sunday 20th December

Friday 25 December Annual Collection at all Christmas Masses as a collection for Diocesan clergy.





SIMBANG GABI - Is a Christmas tradition of a series or novena of nine Masses on the nine days leading up to Christmas. This will begin at St Joseph's Church Tuesday 15 December 7.00pm. Parishioners are invited to be part of this celebration and preparation for Christmas.

See the poster above for the Mass times. When Simbang Gabi is celebrated on a Sunday it will be at the Sunday evening Mass at 5.30pm, on the other days Mass will begin at 7.00pm. Come join in this celebration. You will be welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH **106 Powderham St** **New Plymouth**	**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** **Clinton Street Fitzroy** **New Plymouth**	**ST PATRICK'S OKATO** **36 Cumming Street** **Okato**	**BELL BLOCK MASS CENTRE** **138 Parklands Ave** **Bell Block**
Thursday 24th December - VIGIL MASS Carols - 7.30pm Mass - 8.00pm **MIDNIGHT MASS** Carols 11.30pm Mass 12.00am	**Thursday 24th December VIGIL MASS** Carols - 6.30pm Mass - 7.00pm	**Thursday 24th December VIGIL MASS** Carols - 6.45pm Mass- 7.00pm	
Friday 25th December Mass 9.00am	**Friday 25th December Mass** 9.00am		**Friday 25th December - Mass** Carols - 10.15am Mass - 10.30am



Columban Art Calendars

For sale in the Parish Office, Columban calendars. It has been a long time tradition in Catholic homes, to have a Columban calendar. Wonderful art calendars, featuring religious masterpieces. See at a glance, Lent, Easter the dates of the major feast days. At $15.00, this could be a simple gift for a loved one.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards



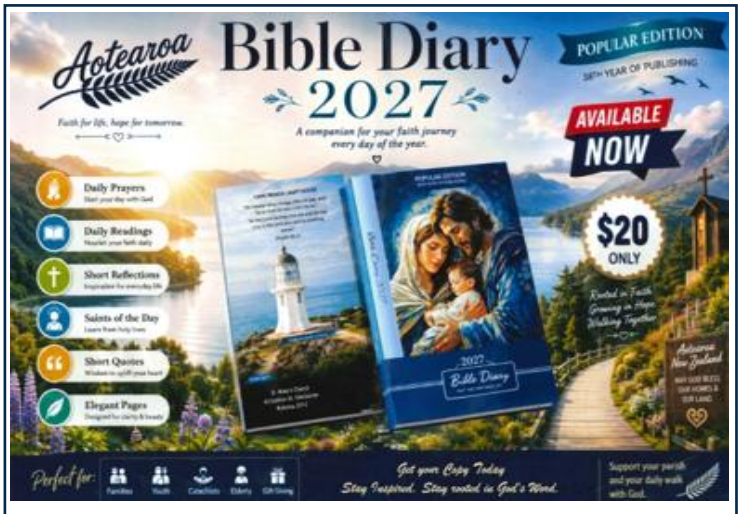
We are delighted to bring you the well-known St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Cards, available during the Christmas season at the parish office.

The pack includes 1 each of 5 beautiful designs. The inside of each card carries various Christmas messages.

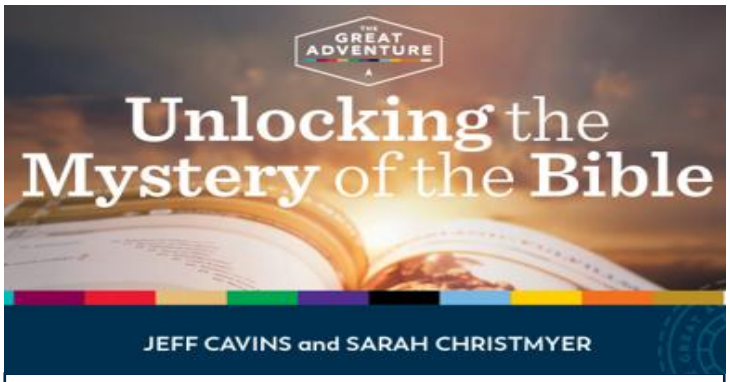
Each pack costs $5.00. work that they do. – Limited Supplies Available.

GOSPEL REFLECTION BOOKS: The Gospel Reflection books from 29 November to 7 February 2027 are available in the foyers today. The cover is in **Blue**. Please take a copy. These will be useful for preparing for Mass, and for the Special Ministers to the Sick.





AOTEAROA BIBLE DIARY 2027
On sale in the Parish Office. This hard cover Bible Diary has the readings for each day of the year. The psalm for each day of the year. Prayers: Stations of the Cross, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the Rosary, Daily prayers and Family prayers. Quotes and listing of daily saints. Just $20 from the Parish Office.



By the end of the Divided Kingdom, Exile and Return time periods, the people of Judah returned to Jerusalem and began rebuilding their homeland and lived a life of faith; the temple was rebuilt, God's law was taught and Jerusalem's city wall was rebuilt.

In Session 7 we cover 2 time periods: Maccabean Revolt and Messianic Fulfillment - Part 1. In the years leading up to the Maccabean Revolt, the Jewish people strive to remain faithful to God, even as growing Greek influence threatens their religious and cultural identity. In response, Mattathias and his sons, led by Judas Maccabeus, rise up in revolt, leading the Jews into a period of independence and self-rule before Rome eventually rises to power.

In Messianic Fulfillment - Part 1, we explore the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah, who comes to fulfil all righteousness; Jesus' life recapitulates and brings to fulfilment the whole story of God's people.

Like the Jewish people, we too sometimes struggle to remain faithful to God. Yet, as disciples of Jesus, we are called to persevere in faith, trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.

Tuesday, 24th November, 7-8:30 pm, Our Lady's Help of Christian church, Fitzroy

Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to email Albert: ahjchow@gmail.com

Older Children's Baptism



On Sunday 15th November we held an Older Children's Baptism celebration at St Joseph's Church followed by afternoon tea in the church foyer. Many of our children chose to be baptised in the baptism pool. A huge thank you to the families for supporting their children on this very special step of faith as they become part of our Catholic family.

Tūmanako: The newsletter for the diocese of Palmerston North: The latest issue, issue 19 is available. For those who wish to have a printed copy they are available in the Church foyers. Or you can join up to receive monthly an emailed copy of Tūmanako at www.pndiocese.org.nz.



Alumni Association of Sacred Heart Girls' College

The Alumni Association of Sacred Heart Girls' College New Plymouth is officially in its second year of operation. Former students Cassandra Crowley, Kathryn Koberstein (née Webb) and Rachel Broadmore lead the Alumni Association committee and the trio are working hard to continue building a network and community of students – locally and around the world! Recently the Alumni donated funds to the 2026 head girl and proxime accessit academic prizes. Former principal, Sr Barbara Cameron, is attending this year's alumni event on 28 November at the college. All are very welcome to attend by RSVPing to Email: alumnishgc@gmail.com or M: 021 029 57960.



Nurses Retreat at St. Joseph's: Nurses are often among those most in need of spiritual and emotional renewal. In their daily work, they accompany people through illness, pain, uncertainty, and sometimes the final stages of life. While caring tirelessly for others, they can often neglect their own need for rest, reflection, and spiritual nourishment.

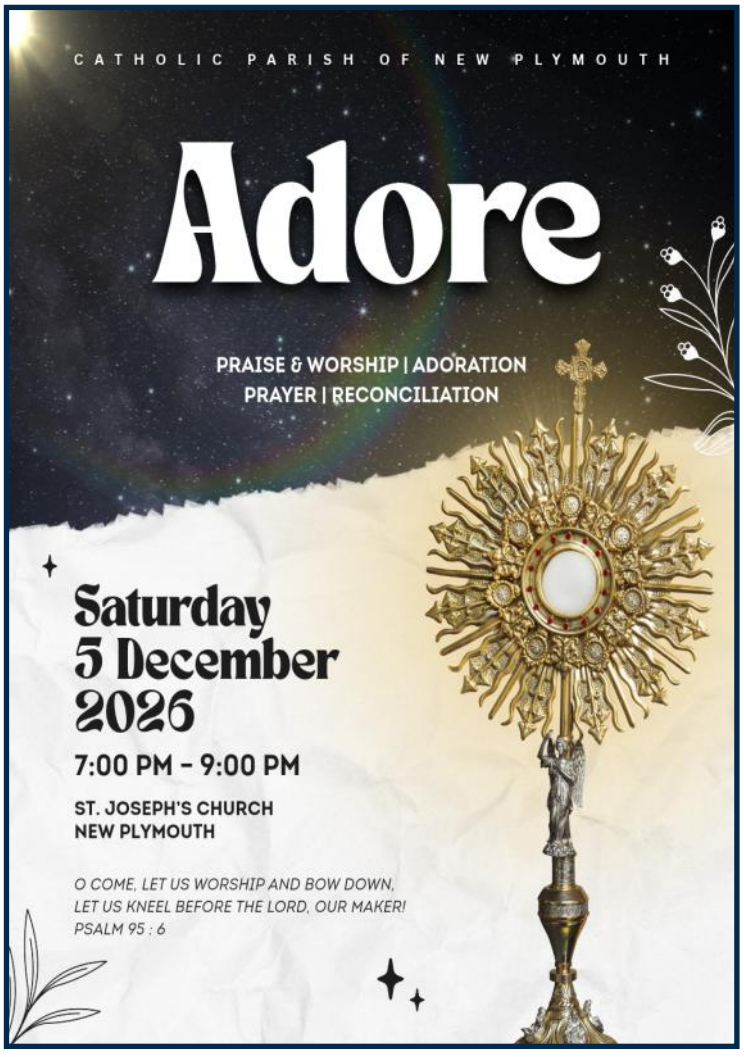
Br. Raju and **Br. Antony** have been travelling throughout New Zealand, conducting one-day retreats for nurses and healthcare professionals. Their mission is to provide a space where nurses can step away from the pressures of their profession, deepen their faith, and find strength and encouragement for their important vocation.

We pray that all who attended will be refreshed in mind, body, and spirit, and return to their workplaces strengthened to continue their compassionate care of those entrusted to them.









WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 29th November FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

NOV 23 MON	8:00am	St Joseph's Church
24 TUE	8:00am	St Joseph's Church
	9:10am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	12:05pm	St Joseph's Church
25 WED	8:00am	St Joseph's Church
	9:10am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	9:30pm	Bell Block Catholic Center (Anointing Mass)
26 THU	8:00am	St Joseph's Church
	10:00am	Sacred Hearts Girls College (Mary's Chapel)
	2.20pm	Francis Douglas Memorial College Chapel
27 FRI	8:00am	St Joseph's Church
	9:00am	St. Pius X School (Philomena Hall)
	12:05pm	St Joseph's Church
28 SAT	8:30am	St Joseph's Church
	5:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians (Vigil Mass)
	6:00pm	St Patrick's Church, Okato (Vigil Mass)
29 SUN	9:00am	St Joseph's Church
	10:30am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	5:30pm	St Joseph's Church (Youth Mass)

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 7.00pm Adoration at St Joseph's Church. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests, by initially phoning the Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:
Before morning Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 7.40am and Saturday 8.10am in the Parish Office Mary McKillop Room. Please come to the back door of the office building.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:
St Joseph's Church: Each Sunday at 9.00am Mass in the church foyer.
Our Lady Help of Christians:
Each Sunday at 10:30am in the St John Bosco School Library.
Bell Block Catholic Centre:
Children's Liturgy during Mass (1st Sunday of the month) and Liturgy of the Word with Communion (3rd Sunday of the month)

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS
Lady Help of Christians. Music, play, and morning tea from 9.00am during school term. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY
1st Sunday of Advent 29th November

1ST READING: Isiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

PSALM: 80

2ND READING: 1 Cor 1.3-9

GOSPEL: Mark 13.33-37



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ST PATRICK'S OKATO
36 Cumming St,
Okato

Handel's Messiah

Saturday 28 November | 2.30pm

TSB Showplace, Theatre Royal



Ars Nova Choir | Taranaki Symphony Orchestra
Bryony Williams | Charlotte Secker
John Beaglehole | Roger Wilson
Christopher J. Luke director

Tickets from

eventfinda Puke Ariki

WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

for the Thirty Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 —22 November 2026

Saint of the Week | St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

This week, we are accompanied by St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions. He is the patron saint of Vietnam and Vietnamese Catholic. His feast day is on the 23 November. Join our WhatsApp channel to stay up to date with our Accompanied by the Saints series https://bit.ly/diowhatsapp

WYD2027 Webinar Series

Be inspired to embrace the Eucharist more deeply as we journey towards World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul.

Come and deepen your love for Christ through the gift of the Eucharist! Join us for this last webinar of the year with Bishop John Adams as he explores the beauty, meaning and significance of the Eucharist, inviting us to renew our faith and strengthen our love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

1 December 2026, 5:00 pm. Register at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026

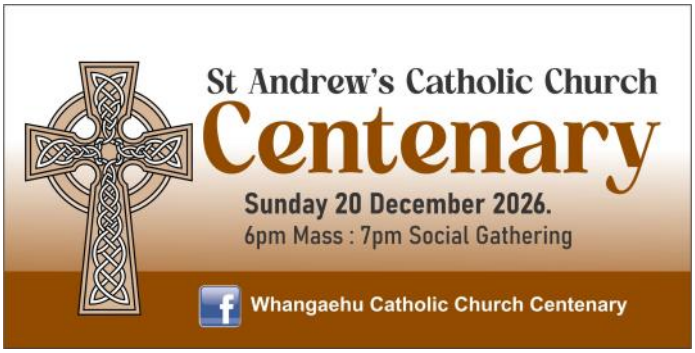


St Andrew's Church Centenary Celebration, Whangaehu

All are warmly invited to celebrate the 100th anniversary of St Andrew's Catholic Church, Whangaehu, on Sunday 20 December 2026.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm, followed by a shared potluck meal at 7.00pm (BYO).

For further information, or to share photos and memories of the church, visit the Facebook page 'Whangaehu Catholic Church Centenary'.



Job Vacancy: Parish Receptionist, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Parish is seeking a friendly and reliable Parish Receptionist for a permanent part-time position (20 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday). The role begins in January 2027, with applications closing Friday, 20 November.

For more information and to apply: visit the TradeMe job ad at https://tinyurl.com/yfvtxhnm

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia and New Zealand

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. During this Red November, we invite you to pray, support and act in solidarity with 388+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia and New Zealand, over 20 Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Visit www.rednovember.org to learn more.

Young Catholic Leader is happening again in the diocese!

This programme is for Year 12 students returning to Year 13 in 2027. Inspired by the example of Jesus Christ, participants will develop the skills and confidence to serve as senior leaders in their schools.

This annual programme is an investment in the young people of our diocese and our Catholic colleges. A few places are still available. If you know a Year 12 student in your parish who would like to grow as a young Catholic leader, please contact Nick Wilson, Pastoral Services Director, at **nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz** by **Friday 20 November**.

Bishop Peter Cullinane's 90th Birthday Celebration

Everyone is warmly invited to join us in celebrating Bishop Peter Cullinane's 90th birthday on **Tuesday, 1 December 2026**.

Mass will be celebrated at 12.05pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, followed by lunch in the Manawatū Rooms (formerly the Diocesan Rooms).

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Chris Reilly at bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz by **Wednesday, 25 November**, and kindly advise of any dietary requirements when responding.

Bishop Peter's 90th birthday is on Sunday, 29 November, when he will be celebrating with his family in Hawke's Bay.

We look forward to gathering together to celebrate this wonderful milestone and to give thanks for Bishop Peter's many years of faithful service to the Church.

One Hope Project Academy NZ | Grow in Worship and Mission

Do you have a heart for worship and a desire to help others encounter Jesus? OHP Academy is a six-month online Catholic worship school offering formation, practical training and mentoring for musicians, singers, worship leaders and anyone wanting to grow in faith and worship.

You don't need to be an experienced musician, just a heart willing to grow!

Find out more: www.onehopeproject.co.uk/ohpacademy

Thanksgiving Mass for the Closure of St Joseph's School, Patea

All are welcome to attend the Thanksgiving Mass marking the closure of St Joseph's School, Patea, on **Saturday 12 December 2026, 10.30am,** at St Patrick's Church, 27 Egmont Street, Patea.

The Mass will be followed by a light lunch at St Joseph's School. For catering purposes, please RSVP with numbers attending to stpatspatea@xtra.co.nz by **Thursday 1 December.**



Youth Ministry Coordinator | Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

Do you have a heart for young people and a passion for sharing Jesus Christ? The Catholic Diocese of Hamilton is looking for a full-time Youth Ministry Coordinator to support and grow youth ministry across our parishes and Catholic schools.

Based in Hamilton, this role will involve supporting existing youth groups, developing new initiatives, connecting schools and parishes, and helping organise diocesan youth events and Masses. The position starts in January 2027, or earlier by negotiation, and involves regular travel throughout the diocese.

For further information, contact Joanna Kearney at joannak@cdh.org.nz.

When was the last time you set aside time just for your marriage?

Join Dan and Stephanie Burke for a weekend of renewal, prayer and deeper connection with God and one another. Discover how your marriage can become a path to greater intimacy with Christ and a source of grace in your everyday life.

22–24 January 2027 | Copthorne Hotel, Palmerston North A residential retreat for married couples. Financial assistance is available.For more information and to register: https://divineintimacy2027.netlify.app



Atawhaingia ō tātau kāinga - Show mercy in all the places we dwell

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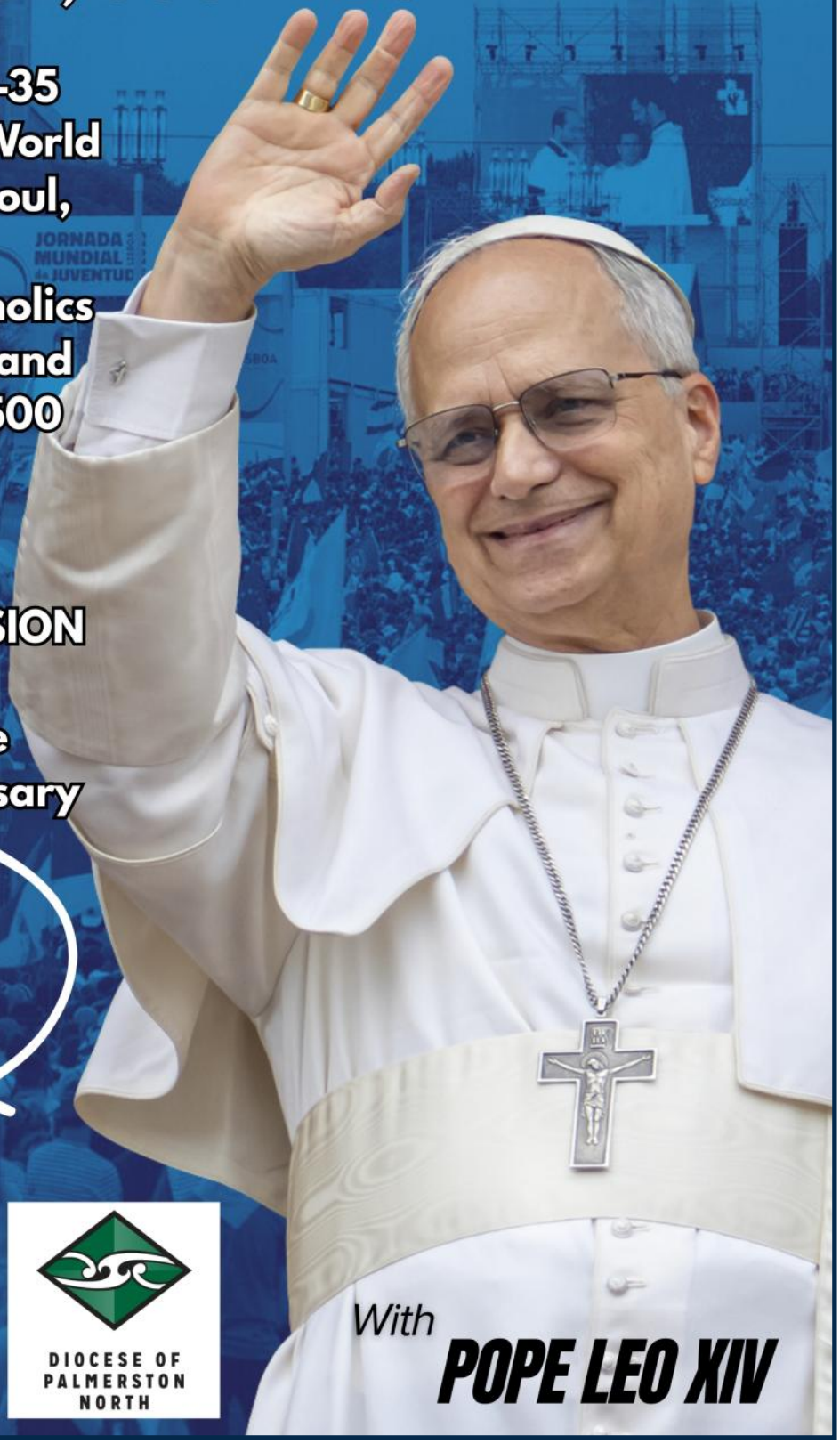
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