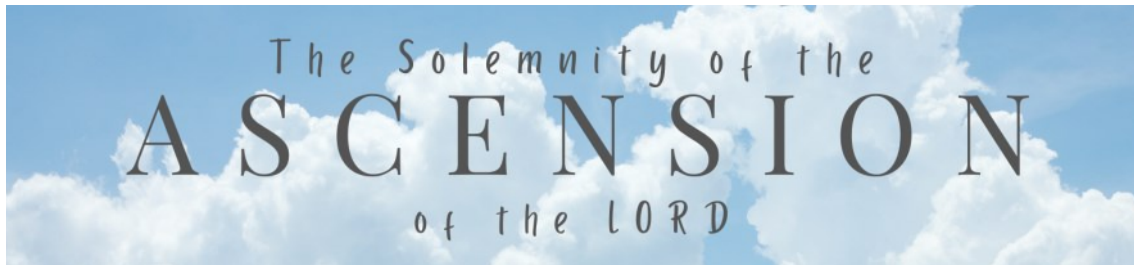




Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



Sunday 12th May 2024



**PARISH
PRIEST**



Fr Simon Story

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Jesus ascending to the Father entrusts to his missional disciples the work of worship, service of the poor and evangelisation. Jesus places value on humanity and our ability to lean into the power of the Holy Spirit and act as agents to produce fruit for the kingdom.

Evangelisation - A key part of "fruit" is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Missional disciples who hear the call to go, to be sent to transform the lives of many who seek what Jesus Christ proposes. This is what we are doing with Alpha. Our parish family is currently hosting 64 people to a meal, a modern video presentation of the Gospel, and a small group discussion on what was heard. We place our guests on the doorstep of the Holy Spirit, expose them to the irresistible risen Jesus, and surround them with the faith family. We have so much to offer.

It is not what we want from them, it is what we want for them.

"I really enjoyed the night and meeting some lovely and likeminded people... I am very much looking forward to next Thursday's Alpha gathering."

Alpha guest from last Thursday.

We serve the poor - with the tremendous community dinners on Tuesday evenings. The parish with the amazing work of St Vincent de Paul Society - the shop, the furniture and food deliveries, accommodation help, below the radar work, all serves those in need.

We worship God - with right praise at every Sunday gathering for the Eucharist.

"I think of the regular rhythm of our assemblies that come together to celebrate the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, Sunday after Sunday, Easter after Easter, ... the baptised faithful... (are led into) the repeated experience of the Paschal Mystery...let us always remember that it is the Church, the Body of Christ, that is the celebrating subject and not just the priest."

Desiderio desideravi. Pope Francis.

Important Dates

Sunday 12 May

St Joseph's School led Mass, 9.00am
St Joseph's Church

Sunday 12 May

Year 13 SHGC led Mass 5.30pm, St Joseph's Church

Monday 13 May

Worship Music 11.00am - 11.30am
St Joseph's Church

Monday 13 May

Confirmation Session 2 7.00pm, St Joseph's Hall

Thursday 16 May

Alpha Week 3

Sunday 19 May

Pentecost Sunday
St Pius X School led Mass, 9.00am
St Joseph's Church

Sunday 19 May

Older Children's Baptism Preparation 4.00pm, St Joseph's Church

OUR NEW 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

ROSTERS: We are beginning to make the rosters for the next period, June/July/August. If you have any special requests please contact the roster co-ordinator or the Parish Office for St Joseph's, or Helen Chitty - helen4sun@hotmail.com for Our Lady Help of Christians.

CWL MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING:

Thursday 16 May, 12.00 midday in the St Joseph's hall supper room. Guest speaker is the Chaplain from Tainui Rest Home - Helene. A collection will be taken up for WUCWO. All welcome.



MOBILITY CAR PARKS: Please remember when using the Mobility carparks at OLHC and St Joseph's, you need to display the Mobility sticker. These Mobility car parks, which are close to the churches, are for those with mobility issues, helping to make attending Mass easier.

PREFERENCE SIGNINGS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: If you have begun the process of enrolling your child in a Catholic School, you will need your Preference form signed. Preference forms are signed by a Priest on Thursday mornings at the Parish Office. Please phone the Office to make an appointment.

We are delighted that Beverley Kanangara will be coming from Singapore for two three month periods, 22 June to early September and December to February 2025, to help Susilo, our Youth Minister with youth and parish activities.



We want to arrange accommodation for Beverley for the time she is with us. Beverley will need a furnished room with access to all facilities. Beverley's husband will be joining her from time to time, so it will need to be a double room. If you would like to discuss this request further, please contact Susilo, our Youth Minister youth@catholicparishnp.nz

PENTECOST SUNDAY – 19 May: You are all invited to wear red, yellow or orange – the colours of Pentecost or wear your national costume at Mass, to help celebrate. In the New Testament, Pentecost was the occasion of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ.



FLOWER ARRANGER NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

A person is required for the month of June to arrange the flowers at St Joseph's church. Some flowers can be provided if you do not have your own garden. If you would like to find out more information about joining our flower roster, please either call Janice 7536321 or text 021 948587

PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the parish has been invited to join the Palestinian Solidarity Group on Saturdays 1.00pm at Pukeariki Landing. We advise that the 11 May gathering has been transferred to Sunday 12 May and that there is no gathering 18 May. We have in the foyer (on the wall stand near the kitchen servery), copies of the Lent 2024 "The Common Good". Printed in Christchurch, this issue examines the Israel/Palestine situation. Please take a copy and share. Trish Wells Morris



AN INVITATION TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK:

You are invited to a journey of discovery of the Gospel of Mark. Over 5 sessions we will read and study the overall structure of the Gospel.

Week 3 of 5 - Tuesday 7.30pm in the Supper Room at St Joseph's Church Hall. Bring your Bible.

Everyone is welcome, even if you didn't attend a previous session.



NEW PARISH CENTRE UPDATE Fundraiser Specialist | Contractor Position

The Steering Committee continues to meet on a regular basis.

In our March update we advised that the CPNP has made a request to the Toi Foundation (formerly TSB Community Trust) for financial assistance for the position of Fund-raising Specialist. We are pleased to report that the Toi Foundation has generously granted the Parish \$15,000 towards the funding of the Fund-raiser position.

The Steering Committee view the generosity of the Toi Foundation as the initial seeding for the important task of fundraising that is before us.

Expressions of interest are now invited from parishioners who believe they have the skills, talents, and time to be considered for this key parish role. It is envisaged this will be a contracted part-time position for 2-3 years. The position will be competitively remunerated.

Please register your interest by sending your CV to our Financial Manager Teresa Hurley - accounts@catholicparishnp.nz. If you would like to discuss, please call Steering Committee Chair, Colin Comber 0272492864.

Applications close 31 May 2024. All interest and enquires will be treated in strict confidence.



ALPHA @ 6

The Alpha Series 2024 is underway! Last Thursday evening the Alpha Team welcomed guests to the second Alpha session.

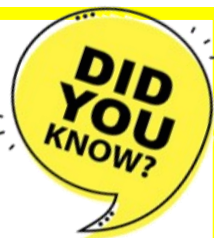
The evening began with a delicious meal catered by the Bzee Beez, followed by the Alpha video - "Who is Jesus?" Guests then moved into their small group. Some great questions were asked - If you had a chance to meet Jesus, how would you feel and what would you say to him? Another question - What do you think about Jesus? How do you feel about Him? Some great questions to think about for the week ahead! Thank you to all the Alpha guests, Bzee Beez and the Alpha Team.

Mary is known by 26 powerful titles, 2 of which we reflected on last week.

This week, we honour Mary as the Mother of the Church - when Mary was called during the Annunciation, she gave her consent to the coming messianic kingdom, which would ultimately be the formation of the Church. She was also present with the apostles praying in the upper room when the Holy Spirit descended on them, giving birth to the new Church here on Earth. Each member of the Body of Christ is a part of her Son, and she wraps us in her mantle and protects us from evil.

Mother of Divine Grace - Mary received distinctive blessings so that she could be the most fitted mother for Christ, this includes her Immaculate Conception, her spiritual motherhood of all Christians, and Assumption into heaven. She is Full of Grace because she was saved before birth, whereas we are saved after we are baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Mirror of Justice - Just as a mirror reflects your image, Mary was the reflection of Jesus, the one who came to justify us all. Justice is the perfect state of the soul, completion of all virtues. And just as a clean, flawless mirror reflects a perfect image, she reflected the virtues of Jesus perfectly.



THE DELARGEY AWARDS 2024

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR DELARGEY AWARDS 2024 | CLOSING DATE 15 MAY:

The NZCBC are calling for nominations for the 2024 Delargey Awards. The Awards, named in honour of Cardinal Delargey, recognise significant and outstanding contributions made in the field of Catholic ministry with young people in Aotearoa New Zealand. The aims of the Awards are:

- To provide recognition for ministry workers and supporters of ministry with young people in New Zealand
- To educate the community about ministry with young people
- To raise the profile of Catholic ministry with young people in New Zealand
- To recognise the place of long-term involvement in Catholic ministry with young people

Visit catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/delargey for details on the nomination process.

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| <p>SHINE</p> <p>VAIITI</p> <p>CORNER</p> <p>IUUII</p> <p>ILLUMIN8</p> | <p>WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM</p> <p> Junior Youth Group Year 4 - 8 Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p> Youth Group Year 9 - 13 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL</p> |
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NO YOUTH GROUP Sunday, 12 May 2024

This Sunday is the ultimate mum-celebration day, so get ready to smother your mum with loads of love and kisses!

NO YOUTH GROUP
ON SUNDAY, 12 MAY 2024

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR MUM BECAUSE IT'S *Mother's day*

"Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother."

YOUTH CULTURAL MASS

SUNDAY, 26 MAY 2024
5:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

INVITING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PARISH TO ATTEND THIS YOUTH MASS!

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME - 2ND SESSION
Candidates...

Get ready for round two on Monday, 13 May 2024, kicking off at 7 pm sharp in the church hall.

"IF YOU'RE PART OF THE PROGRAMME, CATCH YOU ON MONDAY!"

"Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Give yourselves over to the best of life!"
CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 143 - POPE FRANCIS



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Michael Kennard, Sam and Noeline Drought, Brian Collins, William (Bill) Anthony Wells and Lucy Nora Wells née Mouat, Aileen and Ben Seaver.

MAY

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

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| 13 MON | 8.00am | St Joseph's Church |
| 14 TUES | 8.00am | St Joseph's Church |
| | 9.10am | Our Lady Help of Christians Church |
| | 12.05pm | St Joseph's Church |
| 15 WED | 8.00am | St Joseph's Church |
| | 9.10am | Our Lady Help of Christians Church |
| 16 THU | 8.00am | St Joseph's Church |
| | 9.50am | Sacred Heart Girls College |
| 17 FRI | 8.00am | St Joseph's Church |
| | 12.05pm | St Joseph's Church |
| 18 SAT | 8.30am | St Joseph's Church |
| | 5.30pm | Our Lady Help of Christians |
| | 6.00pm | St Patrick's Church Okato |
| 19 SUN | 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 |

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. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests. (Phone the Parish Office 757 3682)

MORNING PRAYER: Monday 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 AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH: Each Sunday at OLHC 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School breakout space with fun craft activities.

NO CHILDRENS LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH THIS SUNDAY 12 May - will be back next Sunday 19 May.

LOST AND FOUND: We have in the office a pair of lovely blue rosary beads found in the church after a weekday Mass. And we also have an unnamed purse with a few notes in it. Please contact the Parish Office if these are your items.



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

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

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ADORATION**

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