



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



Sunday 23 June 2024
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALPHA Series | Retreat 2024

Last Friday night and Saturday the Alpha Retreat was held. The Retreat is always held part way through the Alpha series and gives guests an opportunity to get away from the usual routines and deepen connections with other Alpha guests. It gives guests time to think, pray and reflect. The theme of the videos were all based around the Holy Spirit. Throughout the weekend we reflected on how the Holy Spirit can help us. We asked the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us as we live out our everyday life.

We thank Francis Douglas Memorial College for the use of their chapel and the brother's house. The venue at FDMC was perfect for the size of our group. It was a

cosy and comfortable place to gather away from the winter weather. The beautiful chapel gave us all the opportunity to spend time in prayer reflection within its walls. The Alpha team thank all those who contributed to make the Retreat possible. It takes a big team of volunteers to make an event like this happen. The beautiful food provided by some wonderful parishioners was very much enjoyed! We thank the guests for coming along with open hearts and open minds!

Karen Maclean—Alpha Team Member



Last week, a small team of parishioners, including Susilo and Fr Simon, attended the Catholic Parish Summit in Harrogate, United Kingdom. More than 200 Parishes from 19 countries were represented.

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Important Dates

Monday 24 June
Worship Music with Kadisha
11.00am - 11.30am
St Joseph's Church

Thursday 27 June
NO ADORATION AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH UNTIL JULY

Sunday 30 June
Special Collection for Peters Pence

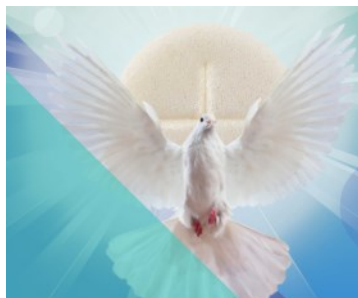
Sunday 30 June
Confirmation Mass with Bishop John
5.30pm
St Joseph's Church

Friday 28 June
Matariki Day

Sunday 7 July
First Sunday Adoration
3.00pm – 4.00pm
Our Lady Help of Christians Church

Thursday 4 July
Last Alpha Session

Friday 5 July
School Holidays begin



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

PETER'S PENCE: 30th June we will be making the annual Peters Pence Collection. This collection made on or near the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, is a way in which each of us can give, expressing the sense of belonging to the Church, and our love and trust in the Holy Father. It is a tangible sign of communion with Him, as Peter's Successor, and also of attention to the needs of the disadvantaged, for whom the Pope always cares.

The money collected is used by the Pope for acts of service carried out by the Holy See every day. By contributing to Peter's Pence, we can all together support the Pope's mission to support the numerous charitable works, in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or those who are in need of humanitarian assistance.

Donation envelopes are attached with this newsletter, or donate on line 02 0630 0288002 03 using Peter's Pence, (add your name and planned giving number if you require a tax receipt). Or bring cash to Mass, Sunday 30 June for the collection after Communion.

GENERAL NOTICES

CONNECT GOSPEL READING GROUP AT OLHC:

The Gospel Group at Our Lady Help of Christians Fitzroy, meets every Thursday during the school term at 10.30am in the church foyer. Everyone is welcome! There is also a Gospel reading group meeting at St Joseph's Monday mornings, at the Parish Office 9.30am. We can provide all the readings.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEW PLYMOUTH:

Congratulations to Margaret Roylance for her long service to St Vincent de Paul. Margaret was presented with a Volunteer Recognition Award last Saturday. Margaret is currently the President for St Vincent de Paul New Plymouth and has recently retired from managing the Fitzroy Op Shop after 9 years. (photo supplied - SVDP New Plymouth Facebook)



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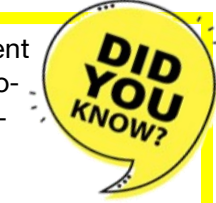
Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

A child makes their way through their flooded village to their home in Tando Allah Yar District in the province of Sindh, Pakistan. During the flood two years ago, the entire village was submerged. Residents were forced to relocate to elevated open roads and faced serious issues related to hygiene and sanitation, access to water, loss of food sources and loss of livelihoods.



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PART ONE: A Gospel is an ancient Christian book about Jesus. When people refer to "the Gospels," they're typically referring to the four canonical ones. However, there also are non-canonical gospels that are not included in the New Testament. The Greek term for gospel (euangelion) means "good news," however, it often was used to refer to announcements by or about the Roman emperor.

The emperor often was regarded as the son of a god, and his person represented the peace and security of the empire. Whatever he announced was supposed to be good news (whether it really was or not).

Therefore it was natural for Christians to announce the coming of the true Son of God as good news, and so St. Mark begins his book with these words: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

It is probably from this verse that the book of Mark came to be known as a "Gospel," and from there the term spread to other canonical and non-canonical works. The canonical ones are known as Gospels and their authors are known as the four Evangelists.

LOOK OUT FOR PART TWO NEXT WEEK...



**ASSISTANT
PRIEST**



Fr. Trung Nguyen

It was a great joy for the Church and the Diocese of Washington USA when 16 Deacons were ordained to the Priesthood last Saturday 15 June. For our family, we felt humbled and graced that the Lord called another member of the family to serve His people through the Vocation of Priesthood. Our family always believed that it is the Lord who made this happen.

Fr. Thong left Vietnam 13 years ago because of political issues. In his vote of thanks he said that, after giving a presentation at the White House about the freedom of religious in Vietnam, he recognised that "true freedom" is only found in Jesus Christ. For that he wanted to become a Priest for the salvation of souls.

I want to say once again, many thanks for your generosity and prayers for me and to my family. God Bless you all. Fr. Trung Nguyen



Pictured left: Fr. Trung's Mum - Luan and Dad - Su with their newly ordained son - Fr. Thong.

Pictured right (from left to right): youngest brother who is studying in Rome, younger brother who is a Priest in Florida, Mum, newly Ordained older brother Fr. Thong, Dad, Fr. Trung, sister in-law, niece, and eldest brother who live in France.



Divine Renovation organised the Summit in the Diocese of Leeds. The Summit featured a range of accomplished speakers.

The Summit's message was "sending disciples, equipping leaders and

launching transformation in parishes, with the aim to inspire Catholics with a vision of a renewed Church that is missionary and apostolic at its core, equipping them to cast off their parishes into mission so that they can bring people to Jesus."



Pictured left - Parishioners Dennis, Susilo, Pip and Denise with Father James Mallon who was one of the key-note speakers at the Summit.



Pictured left — The team meeting up at the Summit. Father Simon reflects afterwards - "We are all in digestion mode but solid in a future where the Holy Spirit brings so much life to our Parish!"

SHINE	WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
WAITHI CORNER IUUU	 Junior Youth Group Year 4 - 8 Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm  Youth Group Year 9 - 13 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
ILLUMIN8	VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

SPOKEN *A Retreat on Hearing God's Voice*

Calling all teenagers! If you're in years 9-13 and looking for something to do during the second week of term 2 school holidays, consider joining a combined mid-year retreat with LifeTeen New Plymouth, Whanganui, and Wellington. The retreat will take place from Tuesday, 16 July 2024, to Thursday, 18 July 2024 in Otaki. For more information, please visit the Illumin8 Instagram account.

SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024 6:30PM - 8:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL	 A RETREAT ON HEARING GOD'S VOICE LIFE TEEN
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CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME - 7TH SESSION - PRACTICE

Our **LAST** session is on Monday, 24 June 2024, commencing at 7pm sharp in the church hall.

PRACTICE WITH YOUR SPONSOR
AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH AT 8 PM.

"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:** Heather McDowell, Bob Goodyear, Malcom Cotter, Conrad Coulton, Margaret Kissick, Jim and Kath Riordan, Len and Annie Butler.

JUNE

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

24 MON	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
25	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
26 WED	8.00am 9.10am	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church
27 THU	8.00am 9.50am	St Joseph's Church Sacred Heart Girls College Mass No Mass at FDMC this week
28 FRI	8.30am	St Joseph's Church (Matariki Day)
29 SAT	8.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians St Patrick's Church Okato
30 SUN	9.00am 10.30am 5.30am	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church Confirmation Mass at 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, 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 AND ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH: Each Sunday at OLHC 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St



John Bosco School breakout space. And at St Joseph's church 9.00am Sunday Mass.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

30 June 2024 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary time

FIRST READING: Wisdom 1.13-15, 2.23-24

PSALM: 30

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8.7,9, 13-15

GOSPEL: Mark 5.21-43



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
NO ADORATION
UNTIL JULY

HOLY HOUR

God dwells in our midst
in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar
St. Maximilian Kolbe

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO

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Okato