



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 25 August 2024
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



**PARISH
PRIEST**



Fr Simon Story

Dear parishioners,

The journey from maintenance to mission is gaining traction. It is slow progress; however, we celebrate the wins. The vision is that our parish be filled with missional disciples of Jesus Christ, who are hungry for union with him and to bring others to the en-

counter with Jesus our friend and Lord. The prayers of those who are praying for the parish that our vision come to reality are appreciated. To the people who pray The Prayer to the Holy Spirit for our Parish everyday - thank you. To those ministers of intercession who pray for the parish mission at Holy Hour - thank you. To those who have been providing prayer support to the Mission Discernment Team (MDT) as they met every Wednesday - thank you. The MDT has completed its work. Two and a half years have passed since they first met to organise the parish culture and engagement survey. From which the parish vision was discerned, and the mission plan written. The team has identified through prayer and responses from the survey that the goals to be given priority for the remainder of the year are:

1. Enrichment of parish prayer life.
2. Welcomers and ushers (when required) to be developed at our Sunday Masses.
3. Homily improvement.
4. Youth minister support.
5. Young Family minister support.

The MDT has given the mission plan to the Parish Pastoral Council and disbanded. Thank you to Shanon Stallard, Pip Hall, Roly Devine, Christina Chow, Susilo Kentjana, Fr Trung and previous members who put in the hours, sought the Holy Spirit and worked with joy. If you wish to obtain a paper copy, we will make copies available in the Parish Office. We will also place the plan onto the parish website.

On 22/23 November we will host an Open House for other parishes to come and see what we have been up to. We will share the journey with them and our learnings. The journey centers around the three keys of Evangelisation as primary, Leaning into the Holy Spirit, and Utilising the best of leadership.

To the visiting parishes we will provide a sit-down dinner in the hall Friday evening, and morning tea and lunch on the Saturday. Can you help with hospitality? We are going to need you! We are expecting at least 220 people! Please let the office know if you can help!

Bishop John Adams, Mons. Trevor Murray and Bishop Michael Gielen will be speaking to the gathering. It will be a great event for our diocese! God bless, Fr Simon.



Important Dates

Wednesday 28 August
Evening Mass
every Wednesday
5.30pm
St Joseph's Church

Wednesday 28 August
2023 Alpha at Bell Block
Catch up and morning
tea at Bell Block Mass
Centre 10.00am

Sunday 25 August
First Holy Communion
9.00am Mass
St Joseph's Church

Sunday 25 August
Cultural Youth Mass
5.30pm Mass
St Joseph's Church

Sunday 1 September
St Joseph's school led
Mass 9.00am
St Joseph's church

Sunday 1 September
First Communion
10.30am Bell Block
Mass Centre 1

Saturday 7 September
Anointing Mass
11.00am
St Joseph's Church
(Please ignore the date of the
Anointing Mass in last week's
newsletter).

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**

MAORI EDUCATION COLLECTION SUNDAY

25 AUGUST: Today we have the special collection for Māori Education. Māori Education is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled New Zealand and your donation is an investment also. Help provide successful educational outcomes for young Māori. The collection will take place after Communion.

Envelopes for this collection were attached to last week's newsletter, however there are envelopes available in the foyers today. Those who are part of planned giving will have an envelope in their pack. Or alternatively you can donate online, to the parish bank account 02 0630 0288002 03 using your name, Planned giving number if available and Māori Education as the references. If you don't have an envelope with you today, these can be put in the collection plate at any time. Thank you for your giving.

ANOINTING MASS: The monthly Mass of Anointing will be held at 11.00am on Saturday 7 September, (first Saturday of the month as usual) at St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome. Cup of tea to follow.

MARIAN MOTHERS MEETING: Come join in prayer and a cuppa at OLHC Church, 24 Clinton Street, Fitzroy Thursday 5 September. We start at 7.00pm and finish at 8.30pm. All welcome. Ring Glenda 021 323 765 if you have any questions.



INGLEWOOD ALPHA COURSE: Beginning Tuesday 1st October 2024. (Registration forms need to be in by the 22 September) 5.45pm to 8.00pm, Sacred Heart Parish, Inglewood. Please email the Parish Office in Inglewood for a registration form shparish@xtra.co.nz



FOODBANK: Collection baskets are in the church foyers. Small non-perishable food or grocery donations can make a big difference to a family with little.



The National Bible Quiz Competition held by the Syro Malabar Catholic Community was held in Hamilton this year. Congratulations to our NP Syro Malabar Community Team who were placed Second Bronze Division.

Our successful parishioners, Christa Binoy, Christeena Scaria, Denita Sebastian and Rebecca Russell are pictured on the left receiving their award.

Kia ora whanau.

The parish social justice group asks you to sign the petition in the foyer for an 'immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza' as Pope Francis has called for earlier this year.



The petition asks our council to call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, align their purchasing policy with UN resolutions and recognize Palestine. A ceasefire is about breaking the cycle of violence and suffering - it is the first step towards a lasting peace in Gaza and Israel. Some of you might say 'Stay out of it'. Church should be apolitical". But that's not what the Gospels tell us. The petition has the support of our Bishop John and our Parish Priest Father Simon.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land E te Ariki We lift before you all the people of the Holy Land and ask for a restoration of a lasting and just peace in the land. We pray for the safety of aid workers and their families and for all people they come into contact with. Give grace to political leaders and authorities that they may seek lasting solutions that promote justice, peace and reconciliation.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all during these challenging times. Amene. *Prepared by Caritas*



Couples for Christ Taranaki invites you to a

Christian Life Programme

A 6-day programme held every Saturday from the 7th of September 1:00PM at St Joseph Church Hall

Register by scanning this QR Code



RSVP :
Noel - 021 714 963
Zen - 021 079 0681



The Miracle Key

Unlocking abundance with faith

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and despoil so that they might have life and have it more abundantly"
John 10:10



1. Gospel Acclamation

• **What Happens:** A verse is sung, usually "Alleluia" (except during Lent), followed by a short scripture verse. The congregation stands, and the cantor or choir leads the Alleluia, with the congregation joining in.

• **Why We Do It:** The Gospel Acclamation is a joyful response to the Good News about to be proclaimed. It signifies our readiness to hear Christ's words.

Reference: (GIRM), 62-63,

2. Gospel

• **What Happens:** The deacon or priest proclaims a reading from one of the four Gospels. When they announce the Gospel reading, and the congregation responds, "Glory to you, O Lord," while making a small sign of the cross with their thumb on their forehead,

lips, and heart. This gesture is a form of silent prayer and devotion. It reflects the desire that the Word of God may impact the whole person—intellect, speech, and affections. After the reading, the congregation responds, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."

• **Why We Do It:** The Gospels contain the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is the centre of our faith. Listening to the Gospel helps us to encounter Christ.

Reference: (GIRM), 60, 134,


3. Homily

• **What Happens:** The priest or deacon gives a sermon based on the readings. The homilist preaches from the ambo or another suitable place, helping the congregation understand and apply the readings to their lives. A homily must be given on Sundays and holy days of obligation during Mass and is to be reserved to a priest or deacon.

• **Why We Do It:** The homily interprets the scriptures and relates them to our daily lives, encouraging us to live out our faith more fully.

Reference: (GIRM), 65-66, Canon Law: 767

FROM POPE FRANCIS



The intention of Pope Francis for September. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

* 3 popes were under the age of 25. The last was Pope Gregory V, who was 24 when elected in 996.


* 7 were between 25 and 40 years old. The last was Pope Leo X, who was 37 in 1513.

* 11 were between 41 and 50. The last was Pope Clement VII, who was elected in 1523 at the age of 44.

* 24 popes were in their 50s. The most recent was Saint John Paul II, who was 58 years old when he began his papal ministry in 1978.

* 37 were between 61 and 70 years old. The last was Pope John Paul I, who was 65 when he began his 33-day papacy in 1978.

* Only three popes were over 80 when elected. The last, chosen by cardinals in 1406, was Pope Gregory XII. He was 81.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ILLUMIN 8

YOUTH GROUP

LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

SHINE Junior Youth Group | Year 4 - 8
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm


Lightbulb Youth Group | Year 9 - 13
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

THIS WEEKEND YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2024

ANOTHER DIMENSION
OTHERWORLDLY

Before entering the Church for Mass, stop at the front doors and say a quick prayer. You are about to enter into something bigger than you can ever comprehend.



LIFE TEEN

No Youth Group




HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

CULTURAL YOUTH MASS

Sunday, 25 August 2024

5:30 PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH



SAVE THE DATE - LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP 2025

"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: Alex Gwerder, Bernard O'Neill, John and Eileen O'Neill, Libby and Tilly D'Souza, Leonard Heal, Paul Hartigan, Anthony Jerry Dias, Cajetan and Clotilda Dias, Marie Hickey and Don Crossan.

Aug

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

26 MON	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
27 TUES	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
28 WED	8.00am 9.10am 5.30pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
29 THU	8.00am 9.50am	St Joseph's Church Sacred Heart Girls College
30 FRI	8.00am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church St Joseph's Church
31 SAT	8.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians St Patrick's Church Okato
Sep 1 SUN	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 5.30pm	St Joseph's Church (St Joseph's school Led Mass) Our Lady Help of Christians Church Bell Block Mass Centre with First Communion 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: Morning Prayer recommences at a date in September.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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. St Joseph's Church at 9.00am Mass in the church foyer.



LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY

GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS: Music, play and morning tea. Our Lady Help of Christians Church foyer from 9.00am. Each Monday during term time. For any enquiries, please phone the Parish Office.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Each Monday at St Joseph's Church - 11.00am to 11.30am.
Each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church - 2.15pm to 2.45pm.

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT:

St Joseph's Church Hall - Wednesday's 11.30am.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

1 September 2024 22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

1ST READING: Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-8

PSALM: 15

2ND READING: James 1.17-18, 21-22, 27

GOSPEL: Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Help 800 Trust Kiwi Sanctuary



SHGC & Restore Native are raising sponsorship to plant 5000 saplings at 800 Trust Kiwi Sanctuary.



Sacred Heart Girls' College is excited to announce that the school is teaming up with Restore Native in a mission to plant 5000 native trees at the 800 Trust Kiwi Sanctuary, Tututawa, on the edge of the Matemateonga Range, Easter Taranaki (the back of Stratford).

This initiative is not only aimed at protecting kiwi habitats and other native species but also raising funds to support our school.

This is a unique opportunity for our students to make a difference to our precious natural habitat while supporting environmental programs and projects at our school. We believe that this initiative will instill a sense of responsibility and love for nature in our students, and we are reaching out parishioners to help us make this a reality.

For each tree sponsorship of \$10 for one tree, \$5 will go to Restore Native and the remaining \$5 will go to Sacred Heart Girls' College New Plymouth to develop our outside learning spaces.

Restore Native
800 Trust Kiwi Sanctuary

Go to sacredseedlings.raiseit.co.nz/donate
or scan the QR code to support 800 Trust and SHGC



CAR WASH

Saint Joseph's Church

Powderham Street New Plymouth



Saturday 24th August 9am – 1pm

Raising funds for FDMC 1st XI Hockey Winter Tournament

\$15 car | \$20 ute / van | EFTPOS available