



# Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi



Sunday 26th May 2024  
Feast of the Most Holy Trinity



**PARISH  
PRIEST**



Fr Simon Story

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish mission is to transform lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. This is our new model - a missional parish identity.

The cultural climate in NZ and the western world has shifted. For parishes it is no longer business as usual. It is important that we know what we are about, where we are heading, and how we are going to get there. Strategies that once worked in a parish no longer work. For example, children do not necessarily catch faith from their parents and grandparents. Although we hope that this will still happen!

Families celebrating baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation do not necessarily form a profound relationship with Jesus Christ and the parish family.

## FR TRUNG AND FR SIMON AWAY IN JUNE

Fr Trung will be away for 2 weeks from 9 June to attend the Ordination of his brother in Washington, USA.

Fr Simon will be away for 3 weeks from 26 May to visit his family in Napier and travel to a Conference in Harrogate, UK.

Many parishioners have left and are probably not returning. Strategies are called for that actively evangelize. Strategies for curious adults that propose Jesus Christ as Saviour, that surround them with the parish family, and place these people on the doorstep of the Holy Spirit.

We currently run Alpha as our tool to evangelize. We have 74 guests attending. Please pray for them and the parishioners who are helping to run Alpha.

We have 60 young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday evening 30 June. The Evangelization of these young people is at the heart of the Confirmation preparation.

We have 31 older children to be baptised this Sunday. Their parents have been invited to come to Alpha - about half of them said yes and are at Alpha now! The parents of 79 children preparing for First Reconciliation and Communion have also been invited to Alpha. It is amazing that we are doing this!

We warmly welcome Fr's Jack Smith SM and Arthur Toothill SM who will be here filling in along with Fr Tom Lawn.

Please continue to check Mass times in the Parish Newsletter, Website and App.

There will be no Thursday morning Preference appointments on 13 and 20 June.

## Important Dates

**Sunday 26 May**  
Youth Cultural Mass  
5.30pm  
St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 26 May**  
Older Childrens Baptism  
St Joseph's Church

**Monday 27 May**  
**POSTPONED THIS WEEK**  
Worship Music  
with Kadisha  
Back next Monday  
11.00am - 11.30am  
St Joseph's Church

**Thursday 30 May**  
Mass at OLHC  
10.00am

**Friday 31 May 5.00pm to  
Saturday 1 June 5.00pm**  
24 hour Adoration  
Our Lady Help of Christians

**Saturday 1 June**  
Anointing Mass  
11.00am  
St Joseph's Church

**Sunday 30 June**  
Confirmation Mass  
with Bishop John  
5.30pm  
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



## SITUATIONS VACANT



### NEW PARISH CENTRE 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 Fundraising Specialist. We are pleased to report that the Toi Foundation has generously granted the Parish \$15,000 towards the funding of the Fundraiser 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](mailto: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.

## GENERAL NOTICES

**OLDER CHILDREN'S BAPTISM CELEBRATION:** A very warm welcome to the families of the children being baptised today (26 May) 1.30pm at St Joseph's Church. We join together in prayer for these young children as they begin their journey in faith.



**KIMI ORA COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND LIGHT:** The next gathering will be held at St. Joseph's Church Hall today, Sunday 26 May 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

**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. If you do not have your own garden, some flowers can be provided. If you would like to find out more information about joining our flower roster, please call Janice 753 6321 or text 021 948587

**CAN YOU HELP?** Fr Trung is flying to Washington DC, USA next month for the ordination to priesthood of his elder brother Joseph Thong. He will be joining his parents Luan and Su, who were unable to be with neither Fr Trung nor his younger brother Tien at their respective ordinations. Parishioners at OLHC have suggested that we make a collection to help Trung with his travel costs. There are donation envelopes in the foyer, which can be left on the plate or dropped off at the office over the coming weeks. Please add any messages you wish to on /in the envelope. Donations can also be deposited to 02 0630 0288002 03 referenced Fr Trung. This donation is not tax deductible.



### TOWARDS THE JUBILEE | YEAR OF PRAYER 2024:

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a Year of Prayer. The focus of this year is "rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world."

The Diocese has put together some resources to help celebrate this Year of Prayer and they will be adding to this resource page throughout the year. There is a great download to the booklet – "Teach us to pray" inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis. Find this booklet and more at the resource page - <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2024/05/towards-the-jubilee-year-of-prayer-2024/>

## Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.





## PARISH MINISTRY TEAM



The Parish Ministry Team were recently invited to Claire's home in Mahoe for an informal get-together. Father Nathaniel – Parish Priest at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Stratford, also joined the Team for dinner. It was a relaxing evening and a great opportunity to get to know each other better.

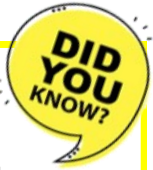
## SOAP FOR HOPE AVAILABLE NOW



Beautiful soaps from Soap for HOPE are available from the Parish Office for \$5. These soaps are lovingly made by a Mother and Daughter team, Tania and Shannon as a fundraiser for Gabby's Starlit HOPE. Proceeds from the sale of these soaps enable Gabby's Starlit HOPE to do acts of kindness to support kids and their families in hospital. These soaps make a great gift or a little indulgence for yourself!

Our Blessed Mother is called The Ark of the Covenant because she was the precious vessel that carried the promise, or covenant of God, to Abraham. Just as God dwelt inside the Ark of the Covenant that was carried by the Levites, so Jesus was carried by the new Ark of the Covenant - the womb of Mary. Another title for Mary is the Gate of Heaven. Jesus told us that we can only get to the Father through the Son, but Jesus had to get to us through his Mother, Mary. Therefore, she is called the "Gate of Heaven" because she delivered Jesus to us.

Mary is the Morning Star. Just as the "morning star" shines brightly before the sun rises, so too, Mary as Mother of Jesus, is the morning star preceding the birth of her son who is the Light of the World.



## Confirmation Corner - 2024

### PRAYER ADOPTION



If you haven't picked a confirmation candidate's name from the envelope in the church's foyer, I urge you to do so. Please remember to keep these wonderful candidates in your prayers.

### YOUCAT SPONSORSHIP

We aim to provide candidates with a YOUCAT on their Confirmation day to enhance their Catholic faith. For more information, check the poster in the church's foyer.



### ASK ME



If you have any questions regarding PRAYER ADOPTION or YOUCAT SPONSORSHIP, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [youth@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youth@catholicparishnp.nz).

### THANK YOU

Thank you for your continuous support and prayers for our Confirmation Programme in 2024.



<p>SHINE</p> <p><b>WAIITI CORNER</b></p> <p>ILLUMIN8</p>	<p>WE MEET ON SUNDAY DURING THE SCHOOL TERM</p> <p><b>SHINE</b> Junior Youth Group   Year 4 - 8 Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm</p> <p><b>ILLUMIN8</b> Youth Group   Year 9 - 13 Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm</p> <p>VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL</p>
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## YOUTH GROUP *Sunday, 26 May 2024*

The goal of *You're Overreacting* is to challenge you to reflect on how you handle conflict in your relationships and inspire you to set healthy and respectful boundaries with your peers, close friends, and family.

Sunday, 2 June 2024

**NO**  
YOUTH GROUP

King's Birthday Weekend

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS LONG WEEKEND BY ENJOYING QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. CREATE LASTING MEMORIES TOGETHER.

SUNDAY, 26 MAY 2024  
6:30PM - 8:30PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL



### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME - 4TH SESSION

Prepare yourselves, candidates, for the exciting fourth round on Monday, May 27, 2024, commencing at 7pm 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:** Boof Fleming, Doug Roache, John Fleming, Marie Richardson, Kevin Slattery, James McKernan, Nora O'Sullivan, Paul Fife, Sybil Crossan, Maureen Nielsen and Melecio P. Pintor.

# MAY

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

27 8.00am  
MON

St Joseph's Church

28 8.00am  
9.10am  
12.05pm  
TUES

St Joseph's Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
St Joseph's Church

29 8.00am  
9.10am  
WED

St Joseph's Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church

30 8.00am  
10.00am  
2.20pm  
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St Joseph's Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
Francis Douglas Memorial College Chapel

31 8.00am  
12.05pm  
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St Joseph's Church  
St Joseph's Church

# JUNE

1 8.30am  
11.00am  
5.30pm  
6.00pm  
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St Joseph's Church  
Anointing Mass | St Joseph's Church  
Our Lady Help of Christians  
St Patrick's Church Okato

2 9.00am  
10.30am  
10.30am  
5.30pm  
SUN

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 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 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 in the foyer.

### ADORATION

#### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Tuesday  
9.35am - 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

### SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

2 June 2024 Corpus Christi

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 24.3-8

**PSALM:** 116

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 9.11-15

**GOSPEL:** Mark 14.12-16, 22-26

### 24 HOUR ADORATION

To celebrate the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), we will have 24 hours Adoration starting at 5.00pm on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May to 5.00pm Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Our Lady Help of Christians. Just come as you are before the Lord to offer our parish and our family to His love and mercy. If you want to come to this, please fill out your name on the timetable in the church foyers.  
God bless you.

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#### ST JOSEPH'S

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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



# Charity AUCTION



**22 JUNE 2024 6PM-9PM NEW PLYMOUTH RACECOURSE**

# FUNDRAISE FOR FOODBANK

Tickets available at [www.humanitix.com](http://www.humanitix.com)

**ENTRY  
FEE  
\$50**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING THE MAHI OF WAITARA  
DATAKA KAI AND NEW PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY FOODBANK**

A welcome drink will be provided along with delicious finger food sponsored by Kdj Catering



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