



# Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 8 September 2024  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday 25 August, 9 children were baptised by Fr Trung, at the monthly group baptism. The community welcomes these children and the families on their faith journeys.



Last weekend, Annabelle Joyce, Jay Fidow, and I, representatives of the Youth Group, participated in the Life Teen Leadership Convention in Wellington, hosted by Life Teen Aotearoa from Friday, 30 August 2024, to Sunday, 1 September 2024. Let's hear what Annabelle and Jay had to say about the event:



**ANNABELLE:** "Life Teen does it again!! I had the most eye-opening experience at the convention down in Wellington. It gave me so many pointers and ideas on how to help our young people in our church community and our further community of New Plymouth, I am proud of all our young people that take time to get to know Jesus and I am ever so grateful for all those that support our youth on their journey. This convention elevated my hope for the future of our faith, worth all the time and so so much more."



**JAY:** "I've gained lots of ideas from the conventions breakthrough sessions to implement in our youth group, particularly how to lead a youth group and encourage members to seek true happiness in Jesus, doing their best for him in whatever they do, a virtue called Magnanimity. Through this Life Teen leadership Convention, I see our youth group becoming more fruitful and on fire for the Lord. I can't wait to share what I've learnt, and I can see Illumin8 creating more witnesses of God's love to share with the rest of New Zealand and the world."



Opening Mass with Archbishop Paul Martin, SM, Bishop John Adams; Fr Giosuè Busti, the First Secretary-Deputy Head of Mission at the Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See  
Mo Powell shared her testimony of encountering Jesus during Adoration.

## Important Dates

**Saturday 7 September**  
Anointing Mass  
11.00am  
St Joseph's Church

**Social Justice Week**  
8-14 September  
See page 2 for more details

**Sunday 8 September**  
St John Bosco School led Mass 10.30am  
Our Lady Help of Christians Church

**Sunday 15 September**  
St Pius X School led Mass  
9.00am  
St Joseph's Church

**Thursday 26 September**  
Review of End of Life Choice Act closing date for submissions  
See page 3 for more details

### **Annual Parish Get-Together, St Joseph's Church Hall, 6.00pm, Thursday 3 October.**

Everyone is warmly invited to the Annual Parish Get-Together! Bring your favorite dish for a pot-luck dinner and update on pastoral and financial news, reports, upcoming events, new parish center plans and new appointments - all questions welcome.

**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



# The MASS Series

"Together, let us rediscover the beauty and mystery of the Mass"

Father Young Nguyen



## 1. Presentation of the Gifts

- **What Happens:** Bread and wine are brought to the altar, along with other gifts. Except for the bread and wine, the other gifts should be placed in a suitable location away from the Eucharistic table. Members of the congregation bring forward the gifts of bread and wine, which are received by the priest or deacon. As we place these gifts on the altar, we are also invited to offer our own personal gifts, struggles, and intentions. Once again, we should take a moment to reflect on the things in our lives that we want to offer to the table of the Lord and ask for sanctification.

- **Why We Do It:** This bread and wine symbolizes the offering of ourselves, our work, and our lives to God. The bread and wine will become the Body and Blood of Christ.

Reference: (GIRM), 73-74,

## 2. Preparation of the Altar

- **What Happens:** The altar is prepared for the Eucharistic Prayer. The priest or deacon arranges the corporal, purificator, chalice, and Missal on the altar.

- **Why We Do It:** Preparing the altar is a practical necessity, but it also signifies readiness for the sacred action of the Eucharist.

Reference: (GIRM), 73,

### ➤ Mixing of Water and Wine

- **What Happens:** The priest adds a drop of water to the wine, saying quietly, "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

- **Why We Do It:** The water and wine symbolize the union of Christ's divinity and humanity. It also reminds us of the water and blood that flowed from Christ's side on the cross.

Reference: (GIRM), 142,

## 3. Washing of Hands

- **What Happens:** The priest washes his hands at the side of the altar and quietly prays, "Lord, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."

- **Why We Do It:** This ritual signifies the priest's need for inner purification before handling the sacred mysteries of the Eucharist.

Reference: (GIRM), 145,

**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 could make a difference to a family in need.

# Older Children's Baptism

We know there are many families in our Parish community who wish to offer the opportunity of Baptism to their children aged over 7 years. To help make this possible for families, we are offering Older Children's Baptism again in Term 4. To find out more please get in touch with our Young Family Minister Karen at - [youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz](mailto:youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz) or phone the Parish Office.



## Caritas Social Justice weekly prayer, reflection/action

Week 1: forgiveness and reconciliation

Join members of the Catholic Parish of New Plymouth for 7 weeks commencing **Monday September 9th 5.30pm at Parish Office (back door)**



For resources /information visit

[www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week](http://www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week)

## SEASON OF CREATION

In 2015 Pope Francis published [Laudato Si](#), an encyclical letter calling us to **listen to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor**, followed by the [Laudate Deum](#) Apostolic exhortation last year.

Every year from the 1st of September to the 4th of October, he encourage us to celebrate the Season of Creation in communion with other Christian churches.

Every week during that month we encourage you to reflect on a quote from Pope Francis and take action.

**8th September (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

**Season of Creation Social Justice Week 8-14 Sept**

"The reality is that a low, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones." (# 9 *Laudate Deum*)

**Action** – There is more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than ever previously recorded, new data from a New Zealand monitoring station shows. Consider our Pacific neighbours facing sea level rise. How might we advocate for them? Read about the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and act by signing the Faith Letter as an individual.

See <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter>



Do you have any plants that you could donate to **The Giant Plant Sale**, a fundraiser for Taranaki Chaplaincy?

We are looking for all sorts of plants for our plant sale on **Saturday 28th September from 8am – midday at St Andrews Church, Liardet St.**

Plants can be dropped off on the Friday afternoon between 3-6pm at the church. Contact Louisa Parker 06 7536139 ext. 7968 if you need more information.







**OKATO-PUNGAREHU ROSARY GROUP,** pictured above have gathered together each week for 32 years to pray the Rosary. They meet every Tuesday at the home of a group member. Parishioners wishing to join in the Rosary would be most welcome. Please contact Wendy 06763 8629 or Agnes 06 752 8125 for more details.

**Bake Sale at Our Lady Help of Christians** after 10.30am Mass Sunday 22 September. Bring some cash to support Youth For Christ in their fundraising.

**YFC FUNDRAISER** 14 SEP 9AM-1PM ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

# CAR WASH

**\$10 CAR**

- CAR WASH: SHINE UP YOUR RIDE!
- FOOD: SAUSAGE SIZZLE, MUFFIN, EKA MAK KAI AND MANY MORE..
- COFFEE: GRAB A HOT CUP TO KEEP YOU ENERGIZED!

106 POWDERHAM ST.  
FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT ROSS LITTLE ON 0275470024

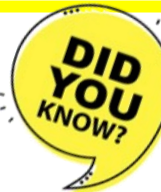


We congratulate Paula Meafua who celebrated First Communion at Bell Block last Sunday. See page 5 of the online and emailed version of the newsletter for more details of this Mass.

**REVIEW OF END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT:** The End of Life Choice Act 2019 is the law that makes assisted dying legal in New Zealand. The Act came into force on 7 November 2021. Under the legislation, the Ministry of Health must undertake a review of the operation of the Act within 3 years of it coming into force. Public consultation for feedback on the End of Life Choice Act is now open.

We all have an opportunity to let our voices be heard by making a submission. For more information and submission details, please go to the Ministry of Health website – [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz) and scroll down to “Have your say on the End of Life Choice Act” and follow the instructions on how to make a submission. The closing date for submissions is 5.00pm, Thursday 26 September 2024.

When we enter the church, we should leave our desire for efficiency and entertainment at the door. We are not at Mass for ourselves but for God, to give him glory and to show him our love. We should be ready to slow down and adjust our expectations to focus on God more than ourselves. Mass does not have to conclude in less than an hour. We do not have to feel involved outwardly so long as we receive the Word and unite ourselves to Jesus's sacrifice to the Father, as this forms the heart of participation. We should never expect to receive the Lord on our terms, but should surrender to his expectations. Communion is a gift that requires humility and preparation (particularly through Confession) and should be consciously accepted in love.



**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

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

**VENUE: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL**

**THIS SUNDAY AT YOUTH GROUP**  
SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

Join us this Sunday for a fun Bowling outing. Meet for Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at the hall, and then enjoy a game of Bowling. Feel free to invite your friends and enjoy the evening.

**NEXT YOUTH GROUP**  
SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

## DETECTING A SIGNAL

God wants to love you, help you, and make you holy in the big and ordinary moments of life.

**Social Night BOWLING**

Sunday, 8 September 2024

6:30 pm to 8:30pm

Remember to bring \$14 and socks!

**DETECTING A SIGNAL**

OTHERWORLDLY

“HOW WOULD YOU NOT BE THANKFUL TO GOD?”

## LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP 2025

TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2025 - FRIDAY, 18 JANUARY 2025 - HAMILTON

Parish group registration will soon be available. Come join us for a summer camp experience filled with spirit and fun. It's going to be the best one yet!

**“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:** Jeneane Feaver, Glenys Bublitz, Stephen Fromont, Cushla Skachill, Jason Brookes, Heather O’Byrne, Mick Ross, Al Offord, Jean Turner, Dennis Crowley, Rev Father Walsh, Colleen Leuthard, Ann Walsh, Thelma Manton, Alice Fleming, Helena Leuthard, Ken Kennedy and Judy Scott.

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## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

<b>9</b> MON	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
<b>10</b> TUES	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
	9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
	12.05pm	St Joseph's Church
<b>11</b> WED	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
	9.10am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
	5.30pm	St Joseph's Church
<b>12</b> THU	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
	9.50am	Sacred Heart Girls College No Mass at Francis Douglas College this week.
<b>13</b> FRI	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
	12.05pm	St Joseph's Church
<b>14</b> SAT	8.30am	St Joseph's Church
	5.30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians
	6.00pm	St Patrick's Church Okato
<b>15</b> SUN	9.00am	St Joseph's Church (St Pius X School Led Mass)
	10.30am	Our Lady Help of Christians Church
	10.30am	Bell Block Mass 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: 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

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.

### SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

15 September 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1ST READING:** Isaiah 50.5-9

**PSALM:** 116

**2ND READING:** James 2.14-18

**GOSPEL:** Mark 8.27-35

### 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



Mass at Bell Block Catholic Centre on Sunday, 1 September was a time of celebration – it was the first day of Spring, it was Paula Meafua’s First Holy Communion, it was Father’ Day and three members of the community celebrated their birthdays.

During Mass, Paul Bouterey and Stan Dravitzki, representing fathers in our community, took the offertory gifts to the altar. Frances Butler, the Bell Block community matriarch, prayed a Fathers’ Day prayer, which included a prayer for our Pope, our bishop and our priests.

Alofa Meafua took her daughter, Paula, to the altar to receive her First Communion while the congregation sang a Samoan hymn, Sakalameta, translated, O Lord, I am not worthy that You should come to me.

At the end of Mass, Fr Trung presented Paula Meafua with her First Communion certificate and Marie Key presented her with a card and gift from our community.



Sue Mace acknowledged Frances Butler, Paula Meafua Meads and Ivan McCracken, (who celebrated birthdays at the weekend), for the great contribution they make to the Bell Block community. Frances Butler, a founding member of the community helped Fr Wally Cooke to establish the Bell Block Catholic Centre in 1981. Here she is, 43 years later celebrating her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday today. A bonus for Frances was to have her friend, Mary Quin, who turned 95 two weeks ago, with her at Mass today. Paula Meafua Meads was one the first Samoan families to settle in the Bell Block community in the early 1990s. Ivan McCracken, a more recent member, is the handyman and often unseen helper in the community.



The music at Mass was beautifully led by Nathanael and Sparkle Fernandes and Valentine Fernandes Hall, pictured on the left.



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Mass is celebrated at Bell Block Catholic Centre 138 Parklands Ave Bell Block at 10.30am on the first Sunday of the month and Liturgy of the Word with Communion on the third Sunday of the month at 10.30am. And First Friday of the month, Adoration 4.00pm to 5.00pm.