



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 16 February 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



PURPOSE

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

year 11 - 13

20
25

"Be STRONG and COURAGEOUS; do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Dear young people,

I am excited to announce some wonderful news! Registration is now officially open for the Sacrament of Confirmation Programme for 2025!

This programme is designed for individuals in years 11, 12, and 13, or those aged 15 to 18 who have already been baptised and received their first Holy Communion.

Confirmation serves as a significant milestone in your spiritual journey, building upon the foundation laid at Baptism. This remarkable Sacrament enhances the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and by embracing these Gifts, you will be prepared to shine brightly as a witness of Christ in our world!

The theme for this year's Confirmation Programme is **FEARLESS!**

Inspired by the uplifting words of **Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."**

I believe this programme will spark a passion within you to embrace fearlessness. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, you will be empowered to **Face Everything And Rise!**

For more details about the programme, please visit our parish website at <https://www.catholicparishnp.nz/confirmation-enrolment/> or feel free to email me at youth@catholicparishnp.nz.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the programme—let's embark on this incredible journey together!

Susilo

Registrations close on Friday, 11 April 2025 at 11:59 pm



Important Dates

Sunday 16th February
Shine Youth Group for Years 4 to 8
4.00pm to 5.00pm
Youth Group starts with Mass at 5.30pm and then to the hall after Mass

Sunday 23rd February
Youth Mass St Joseph's Church 5.30pm

Sunday 23 February
St John Bosco School led Mass 10.30am

QUIET YOUR HEART
Music with Kadisha
St Joseph's Monday 11.00am to 11.30am
Our Lady Help of Christians Friday 9.30am to 10.00am

PARISH LENTEN FAITH FORMATION
Starts 3 March 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church hall

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PARENT INFORMATION
Thursday 3 April 6.30pm
St Joseph's Church hall

PARISH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

To include articles in the newsletter, please contact the Office 757-3682 office@catholicparishnp.nz. The cutoff time for content is Tuesday 3.00pm.

Late submissions will be considered for the next issue.

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OUR 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

VACANCY: Parish Strategic Leader (Fulltime)

Strategic, organised, driven, relational and passionate – is this you?

Do you have people management experience and have worked in an organisation with both operational and strategic responsibilities?

Does building relationships and collaborating with others around shared goals sound like you?

The Strategic Leader will be joining the vibrant New Plymouth Catholic Parish team, supporting and growing our Parish faith journey – could this be you?

Then call the office on (06 757 3682) or contact by email ParishLeadershipTeam@catholicparishnp.nz to request the Job Description and Application Form.

Applications close Monday 24 February.

ALTAR SERVERS: If your child has made their First Communion and is keen to become an Altar Server at St Joseph's Church for the 9.00am Sunday Mass – **we would love to hear from you**. Please contact Anne emailing anne@stpiusx.school.nz – with your phone number and email address and child's name.

This would mean that you and your child would need to come to a training session at the Church – date to be confirmed.

Your child will then be put on the roster for Sunday Masses. They will have an experienced person with them to help them when it is their turn. They will have a turn approximately once every six weeks.

SAVE THE DATE: -

Thursday 3 April 6.30pm St Joseph's Church Hall

Sacramental Preparation Parent Information Evening 2025:

If you are intending for your child to prepare and receive this year, the Sacraments of;

Baptism (for children 7 years and over),

Reconciliation and First Communion

or Confirmation

we will be holding a parent information evening to explain the process for preparation for these sacraments and how it works in our parish!

Thursday April 3rd 6.30pm St Joseph's Church Hall. For children and families to be part of the sacramental programmes, it will be very important for a parent or care giver to be at this meeting.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY ST JOSEPH'S 9.00am -

WE NEED YOUR HELP..

At 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's we have Children's Liturgy. Rachel Ammundsen has the programme and a great routine sorted, but we would love a few parents or grandparents of those regular attendees to help on a roster in running it. It would be great for Rachel to have this support, and to share the load of running this for our parish community. Rachel is happy to 'train' anyone who would like to help. Or this may suit two people working together.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions or have a chat to Rachel or me at Mass! Or contact me, by email at youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz Karen, Young Families Minister



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Monthly

General Meeting. Thursday 20th February 12.00pm in St Joseph's Church hall supper room. Please bring finger food for a shared lunch and a good catch up after the holidays. All women of the Parish are warmly invited to join with us on this day. For CWL nationwide work see www.cwl.org.nz



ST VINCENT DE PAUL TUESDAY COMMUNITY MEAL WE NEED HELP WITH DELIVERY OF TAKEAWAYS:

Each Tuesday we deliver meals to those who are housebound, or those without transport, all of whom are unable to come to our Community dinner in the hall. We need help with these deliveries. Could you deliver meals on a Tuesday evening for us? This could be just one Tuesday a month. We can have a roster.

The route takes about 2 hours and the pick up time for the meals is 5.15pm from St Joseph's Church hall, but it can be later if needed. We had a good response to our plea last week, but would be great if we had one or two more offers of help. Please contact Liz 022 643 02 52 if



PARISH LENTEN FAITH FORMATION:

Mark your diaries. Join us for a small group series on the Discernment of the Spirits. Study the wisdom of St Ignatius of Loyola with Dan Burke. Live in the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding. Mondays from 3rd March, 10 March, 17 March, 24 March, 31 March to 7 April 2025, St Joseph's Church hall 7.30pm -9.00pm. Cost: Free. More details re registration to come.



ASH WEDNESDAY 5 March. Please bring the palms that you have from Palm Sunday 2024, to the Parish Office or leave in the marked trays in the church foyers. We will burn these palms, and these burnings will make the ashes for Ash Wednesday this year.

FOUND: At Our Lady Help of Christians a keyless car remote. Please contact the Parish Office. We are also still looking for the Toyota remote lost at St Joseph's.

YEAR OF JUBILEE 2025

Jubilee of Artists | Art Trail

The Jubilee of Artists will take place on 15 – 18 Feb 2025. To celebrate, parishes across the diocese will be participating in an Art Trail to showcase the sacred artwork present in our churches. This free event is not just for the weekend, but will continue throughout the Year of Jubilee 2025. More information will be available at www.pndiocese.org.nz/ArtTrail.

Pilgrimage to Hiruhārama/Jerusalem | Expressions of Interest

Join us for the first Year of Jubilee pilgrimage to Hiruhārama/Jerusalem on Saturday 8 March, travelling by van with stops at significant locations along the way.

Departure: ~9am from the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, returning ~5pm.

Cost: to be confirmed.

Expressions of Interest: Due by 20 February.

Email to bishop-pa@pndiocese.org.nz.

Include your name, parish, and phone number.

Option to join at any stop along the route or meet at Hiruhārama.

DIOCESAN NEWS: CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND:

The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>

GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL: The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law. The Parliament is receiving submissions on the Gene Technology Bill until next Monday, February 17. Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEW PLYMOUTH has available a cleaning position 22 hours per week. Successful applicants will have practical cleaning skills, deep cleaning procedures and perform a range of duties. Please email a brief CV to principal@stjosephs.school.nz including details of experience. Applications close 4.00pm Monday 17 February 2025. (See website or emailed newsletter pg 5)



YOUTH GROUP
WE GATHER ON SUNDAYS
DURING THE SCHOOL TERM AT
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL.



SHINE
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 4 TO 8
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm



LIFE TEEN
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP
FOR YEARS 9 -13
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2025



Games NIGHT
SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2025
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL

Got some favourite board or card games? Pack them up and bring them to the youth group!

We're diving into a night of fun, forging old bonds and sparking new friendships through a whirlwind of games!

You're the boss—pick and choose which games you want to rock with your pals.

So grab your friends and let the games begin!



SEEKING THE KINGDOM • SEEKING THE LOST SHEEP
SEEKING THE UNFORGOTTEN • UNFORGOTTEN
SEEKING THE WALKER • WALKER
SEEKING THE WORD • SEEKING THE ROAD
SEEKING THE GIVER • GIVER

This term, we're plunging headfirst into the wild ride of

UNFORGOTTEN - The Life of Jesus

Get ready to unravel the mystery of Jesus' epic journey, discovering just how His groundbreaking moves shook things up and why they still pack a punch in our lives today!

SEEKING THE WORD
Sunday, 23 February 2025
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
St. Joseph's Church Hall

The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!
CHRISTUS VIVIT (CHRIST IS ALIVE) - PARAGRAPH 1- POPE FRANCIS



SHINE

SHINE Junior Youth Group is designed for children aged 8 to 12 years.

We gather every Sunday during the school term at St. Joseph Church Hall from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity for kids to deepen their faith, forge new friendships and enjoy themselves in a supportive environment.

Fun - Faith - Chocolate

More information, contact KAREN at youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz



We pray for our deceased family and friends: Pip Lawn, Shona Lawn, John McDonald, Greta Fabish, Pauline Madgwick, Margaret Fleming, Scottie Scott, Tony Hareb and Mary Bernet

FEB WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

17 MON	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
18 TUES	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
19 WED	8.00am 9.10am	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church
20 THU	8.00am 9.10am 2.20pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church Francis Douglas Memorial College
21 FRI	8.00am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church St Joseph's Church
22 SAT	8.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians St Patrick's Church Okato
23 SUN	9.00am 10.30am 5.30pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church (Youth Mass)

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, by initially phoning the Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER: No Morning Prayer until Friday 21st February.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Our Lady Help of Christians Church:

Each Sunday at 10.30am Mass. A special Children's Liturgy in the St John Bosco School Breakout Space.



St Joseph's Church: Each Sunday 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.



QUIET YOUR HEART: Music with Kadisha.

Each Monday at St Joseph's Church - 11.00am to 11.30am. Each Friday at Our Lady Help of Christians Church - 9.30am to 10.00am

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7th Sunday in Ordinary time
23rd February 2025

1ST READING: 1 Samuel 26.2, 7-9 12-13, 22-25
PSALM: 103
2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 15.45-49
GOSPEL: Luke 6.27-38



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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ST PATRICK'S OKATO

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**St Joseph's School New Plymouth/Hato Hohepa ki Ngāmotu
is seeking a Cleaner: 22 hours per week.**

We are a Catholic State Integrated School, founded by the Mission Sisters to provide a genuine and ongoing encounter with Christ with a value system of Tika, Pono and Aroha; striving for excellence in education and hauora for all.

We are seeking an energetic school cleaner to join our team and educational environment for 22 hours a week. The successful applicant will have practical cleaning skills, deep cleaning procedures and perform a range of duties. They will work efficiently, be reliable, independent and thorough; be able to communicate well with staff and children. The cleaner provides a safe, clean, functional and pleasant working environment in accordance with health and safety.

Please submit a brief CV with your experience to principal@stjosephsnp.school.nz. Applications close at 4pm on Monday 17 February, 2025. Notifications for shortlisting and interview times will follow.

Quiet your Heart

JOIN KADISHA FOR A TIME OF
PEACEFUL + RESTFUL
WORSHIP MUSIC

MONDAYS

11am- 11:30

St. Joseph's Church,
New Plymouth

FRIDAYS

9:30am- 10

Our Lady Help of
Christians, Fitzroy

CONNECT
WITH GOD

WEEKLY DURING
SCHOOL TERM

CHECK
OUT MY
NEW
MUSIC.

SIGN UP
FOR EMAIL
UPDATES

SCAN QR CODE



BESTILL & KNOW *that I am God*

Life is busy. I get it.

As a parent, I understand the need for quiet time.

A space where you can put down life's heavy
backpack for just a moment.

And rest.

Breathe in. Breathe out.

This half-hour is designed for you, dear friend.

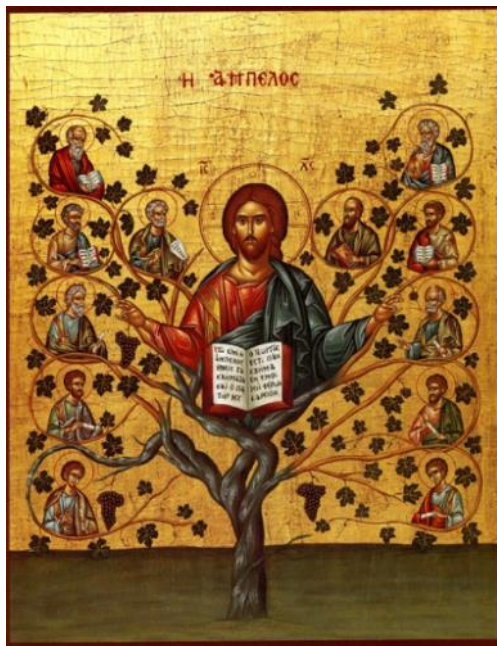
If you have little ones, bring them along.

Jesus loves little children.

And Jesus adores YOU.

-Kadisha Mara

**Okato Cooperating Parish and Taranaki Spiritual
Companions Group
A Sacred Quiet Morning
to Welcome the New Year
at St. James Church, Oakura
Praying with Icons**



Jesus Tree of Life

Saturday 22nd February 2025

9.30am - 1.00 pm

"I am the vine, you the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit: for without me you can do nothing." John 15:5

A quiet time of silence for prayer and reflection with music, scripture, and prayerful stitching.

Bring your Bible, writing materials, your journal. Refreshments are provided. Koha is welcomed in assisting to meet costs. A variety of resources will be available.

Please register your attendance by the 19th of February 2025 with Heather Lofthouse, Spiritual Director and Supervisor (021617894) or email heather1349@gmail.com