



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

Sunday 9 February 2025
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Parishioners,

Starting 2025 I believe it is amazing to see our Parish continue to develop on our Missional Journey.

What is our destination on this journey? Our Vision.

Following the parish engagement and culture survey in 2022 a Mission Discernment Team was formed to develop a vision and from that we now have a Mission Plan.

The Mission Plan is our map, as we journey together, guiding us to realise our Vision, reminding us of where we are heading and what the destination will look like. The Mission Plan contains the steps we have mapped out with many activities, events and celebrations spanning many years.

The Plan also provides structure and gives us focus of priority and helps us decide what to do when we may encounter competing demands and distractions.

This Vision and Plan has developed with the power of the Holy Spirit. We have and will continue to discern with the Holy Spirit as we progress on our Missional Journey.

Last year, 2024, we set the goals to:

- Enhance parish prayer life and enhance beauty in liturgy**
- Welcomers at our Sunday Masses**
- Homilies are strategic, inspiring, challenging, and relevant**
- Support and empower the youth minister**
- Support and empower the young family's minister**

We are making progress, and all of these tasks are a work in progress. We are grateful to many volunteers who have supported these goals and given so freely of their time. Miscellaneous events will always occur, and we took time out from our Plan to organise and run the Open House event at the invitation of Divine Renovation Regional Lead, Cheryl Surrey. The Open House event was an amazing experience for all who participated. It was a great privilege to have the opportunity to share our missional journey to date with other Parishes across Aotearoa New Zealand. Divine Renovation is the organisation that supports Catholic parishes to become missional. By implementing three principles, reliance on the Holy Spirit, utilising the best of leadership, and making evangelisation our primary pastoral focus.

This year, 2025, the goals are:

- To establish an evangelisation team**
- To establish a discipleship/formation team**
- To establish a parish leadership structure to support the execution of the mission plan**
- To identify FACT leaders, (Faithful, Available, Contagious, Teachable)**
- To develop our leaders, leadership training**

Already we know we have some additional miscellaneous events to consider as we celebrate this Jubilee Year, but we are looking forward to our shared Parish engagement in our Mission Plan goals as we journey together.

Important Dates

Sunday 9th February

Fr Trung's First Mass in Fielding, St Bridget's 9.00am

Sunday 9th 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

Thursday 13 February

7.00pm
Marian Mothers
Our Lady Help of Christians

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

ADORATION

Our Lady Help of Christians After Tuesday 9.10am morning Mass .
First Sunday of the Month 3.00pm to 4.00pm

Bell Block Mass Centre First Friday 4.00pm
That's Friday 7 February

St Joseph's Church Thursday evenings 7.00pm to 8.00pm

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.

ROSTERS: We are beginning to make the rosters for the next period, March/April/May. If you have any special requests please contact your roster co-ordinator or the Parish Office for St Joseph's, or Helen Chitty helen4sun@hotmail.com for Our Lady Help of Christians.

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@stpiousx.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.

TOY BOXES AT ST JOSEPH'S. CAN YOU HELP?

It is great that we are able to have spaces and toyboxes with books and toys to help entertain our younger children at St Joseph's Church.

Butwe would like someone to take on the role of 'guardians of the toyboxes'! These toy boxes are well used, and we would like to keep them looking clean and fresh. We know at times they are looking a little unloved. The 'guardian of the toyboxes' would regularly check the toyboxes (perhaps fortnightly) and give them a clean out making sure any broken toys or damaged books are thrown out.

We have a small budget for new toys so you would be able to let us know when it's time for some new items and help decide what is needed. We think perhaps this role would suit someone with younger children who regularly use these toyboxes.

Is this a way you can contribute to our amazing parish community? Please talk to Karen our Young Family Minister – youngfamilyminister@gmail.com for details!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ST JOSEPH'S 9.00am –

WE NEED YOUR HELP..

If you are regular attendees at 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's, you would have noticed over the last year we have reestablished Children's Liturgy. Children's Liturgy has been a regular for many years at St Joseph's Church by an amazing team of volunteers but after Covid years we struggled to find volunteers to get this up and running again.

Rachel Ammundsen noticed the need for this and kindly offered to get it up and running and established again. She has done such an amazing job! I know you will agree if your children attend regularly how much the children love Children's Liturgy and how much they look forward to it each week!

Now that Rachel has got it well established and a great routine sorted, we would love a few parents or grandparents of those regular attendees to go on a roster in running it. It would be great for Rachel to have this support, so she is able to attend Mass fully sometimes and to share the load of running this for our parish community. Rachel has a great system and is happy to 'train' anyone who would like to help.

As members of our parish community, we are all called to share our gifts and contribute in some way! Is this the way you can contribute? Do you enjoy working with children and sharing with them the joy of being part of God's family? Please get in touch if you have any further questions or have a chat to Rachel or me at Mass! Or contact me, Karen, Young Families Minister by email at youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

We would love to hear from you.

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 who 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. Please contact Liz 022 643 02 if you would like further details.



The team packing up the take away meal boxes, first day back on Tuesday.


PARISH DATABASE: We are updating our parish database. If you don't receive the newsletter each week, it means we don't have a current or correct email address, or that you are not registered with the parish. Please email the office any alterations or complete a parish registration form available in the foyer.

MONDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP meets in the Parish Office each Monday at 9.30am. The group shares the Sunday readings for the coming week. Everyone is welcome to join this group. The readings are provided. Contact the Parish Office for further details, or just come along on Monday.



Monday Gospel Reflection Group

THURSDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP meets 10.15am at Our Lady Help of Christians each Thursday beginning Thursday 13 February. Everyone is welcome at either or both groups.



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



SHINE
LIFE TEEN NEW PLYMOUTH

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP
YEAR 4-8
4 pm - 5 pm

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP
YEAR 9-13
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2025

YOUTH MASS



JUBILEE25
SUNDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2025
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
St Joseph's Church Hall



Youth Mass
CATHOLIC PARISH OF NEW PLYMOUTH

resumes on
Sunday, 23 February 2025
at 5:30 pm

YOUTH GROUP NEXT SUNDAY
16 FEBRUARY 2025



illumin8youthnp



Games NIGHT
SUNDAY, 16 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 YOUTH GROUP Sunday 4.00pm to 5.00pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. For Years 4 to 8. For more details, email youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz

Quiet your Heart

CONNECT WITH GOD WEEKLY EACH TERM MUSIC BY KADISHA

MONDAYS 11am- 11:30
St. Joseph's Church, New Plymouth

FRIDAYS 9:30am- 10
Our Lady Help of Christians, Fitzroy

CHECK OUT HER NEW MUSIC. SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES



MARIAN MOTHERS: Our first meeting for 2025 will be Thursday 13 February at Our Lady Help of Christians 24 Clinton Street, Fitzroy, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Please come along and join in prayer and a cuppa. Please bring a small sharing plate. Any queries, please phone Glenda 021 323 765.





Fearless

PURPOSE
whakawhanga

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
year 11 - 13

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN


Here are some options to register and access further details about the important dates:

- Visit the parish website
- Scan the QR code found here or on the YOUTH notice board in the foyer



SCAN HERE

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


We pray for our deceased family and friends: Eammon Breen, Leticia O'Hopkins, Jennifer Blackham, Keith Roebuck, John Kavanagh, Errol Taylor, John Wisnewski, Brian Noonan, Judy Scott, Malcolm Cotter, Tim Hales and Marie Hickey.

FEB WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10 MON	8.00am	St Joseph's Church
11 TUES	8.00am 9.10am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church St Joseph's Church
12 WED	8.00am 9.10am	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church
13 THU	8.00am 9.10am	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church
14 FRI	8.00am 9.00am 12.05pm	St Joseph's Church St Pius X school (In St Philomena Hall) St Joseph's Church
15 SAT	8.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians St Patrick's Church Okato
16 SUN	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am 5.30pm	St Joseph's Church Our Lady Help of Christians Church Bell Block (Liturgy of the Word with 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, 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

6th Sunday in Ordinary time
16 February 2025

1ST READING: Jeremiah 17.5-8

PSALM: 1

2ND READING: 1 Corinthians 15.12, 16-20

GOSPEL: Luke 6.17, 20-26



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

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BELL BLOCK CATHOLIC CENTRE

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Bell Block

ST PATRICK'S OKATO

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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



OPENING MASS FOR THE YEAR OF JUBILEE PALMERSTON NORTH

Sunday, 2 February, the Diocese of Palmerston North gathered at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit to celebrate the Opening Mass for the Year of Jubilee. Fittingly, the date also marked the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a moment of dedication and renewal that ties into the spirit of a Jubilee Year. While the Year of Jubilee was officially inaugurated by Pope Francis in Rome on 24 December last year, each diocese in New Zealand chose a date that best suited their local celebrations.

Mass was presided over by Bishop John Adams, assisted by Fr Vui Hoang, Monsignor Brian Walsh, and Emeritus Bishop Peter Cullinane. The liturgy began outside the Diocesan Centre behind the Cathedral, where, fortunately, the rain had stopped just in time. A karanga welcomed those gathered, followed by prayers led by Bishop John. The congregation then processed along Broadway Avenue to the steps of the Cathedral, symbolising the beginning of our pilgrim journey in this Jubilee Year. At the Cathedral doors, Bishop John offered further prayers before blessing the entrance and proclaiming the start of the journey ahead. The Proclamation of Pope Francis' Papal Bull was then read aloud before the Cathedral doors were opened, and Bishop John led the congregation inside, where the Mass continued as usual.

In his homily, Bishop John reflected on the theme of hope, drawing from Pope Francis' words: *“Lift up our hearts to Christ and become singers of hope in a world marked by too much despair.” He reminded us that Christian hope is not mere optimism but a real, concrete, and life-changing force.*

Bishop John shared the story of St. Josephine Bakhita, a woman who endured the horrors of slavery yet discovered profound hope in Christ. Kidnapped at the age of nine, she suffered immense cruelty, bearing 144 scars from years of abuse. Eventually, she was taken to Italy, where she encountered a different kind of Master – the God of Jesus Christ. In Him, she found true freedom, recognising that she was loved, known, and awaited by God. This transformation, Bishop John explained, is the essence of Christian hope. St. Josephine Bakhita was no longer a slave but a free child of God. This same hope – the knowledge that we are definitively loved – should shape our lives and guide our journey throughout this Jubilee Year.

As we begin this sacred time, Bishop John encouraged us to be bold in proclaiming the hope we carry within us. Just as St. Josephine could not keep her newfound hope to herself, we too are called to share it with others. Hope, he emphasised, is not diminished by difficulties or obstacles. It is unwavering, because the final victory belongs to love, and the One who has won this victory calls each of us by name. In this spirit, Bishop John invited us to model our lives after Simeon, who, upon seeing the Christ child, knew he could depart in peace. May we also be detached from the passing concerns of this world and ready to follow Christ when He calls us.

As we journey through this Year of Jubilee, let us be inspired by the witness of St. Josephine Bakhita and commit ourselves to sharing the gift of hope with those around us. May this year be a time of renewal, faith, and joyful proclamation of the love of Christ.

Please continue to pray for our diocese as we walk together in faith and hope.

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<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2025/02/opening-mass-for-the-year-of-jubilee-in-palmerston-north/>.