



Parish Newsletter Pānui i te Pārihi

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6 September 2026 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrating First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church

The parish community of St Joseph's Church gathered in joyful celebration on Sunday, 30 August, for a School Mass organised by St Joseph's School, during which children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Sobin and marked a significant milestone in the children's faith journey.

This significant milestone marked an important step in the children's faith journey as they received the Eucharist for the first time, deepening their relationship with Christ and participating more fully in the life of the Church. Through dedicated preparation, prayer, and catechesis, the children were guided towards a greater understanding of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith.

Surrounded by their families, catechists, parishioners, and friends, the children took part in a reverent and prayerful celebration that reflected the joy and unity of the parish community. The occasion also highlighted the important role that parents, families, and the wider Church community play in nurturing young people in their faith.



Following Mass, parishioners and families gathered at St Joseph's Hall for a shared meal and fellowship, providing an opportunity to celebrate this special occasion together.

We warmly congratulate all the First Communicants and pray that the grace of the Eucharist will continue to guide and strengthen them as they grow in faith and discipleship.

New Parish Website Launched

We are delighted to announce the launch of the new Catholic Parish website, which officially went live on 31 August 2026. Developed in response to parish feedback and the growing need for a modern communication platform, the website has been designed to better serve and connect our faith community.



The new site provides easy access to parish news, Mass times, events, ministries, sacramental information, and other important resources. It also supports greater engagement with younger parishioners while extending the parish's reach to the wider community.

Completed in 7 weeks, the project was successfully migrated from the previous hosting platform with no disruption to parish services. Through the expertise and dedication of our Communications Lead, Russell, the website was delivered at approximately half the cost of comparable local alternatives while maintaining a high standard of quality.

We sincerely thank all parishioners, ministry groups, and parish teams for their support, feedback, photographs, and content contributions to our new parish website. The website is now live and is currently being tested across various devices and platforms. We welcome your suggestions and feedback as we continue to refine and enhance this valuable resource for our parish community.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. God bless.

Colin Comber – Finance Chair

Important Dates

Adoration

St Joseph's Church

Every Thursday

Adoration and
Reconciliation 7.00pm
First Sunday Adoration

Our Lady

Help of Christians

3.00-4.00pm

Wednesday, 2nd September

Unlocking the

Mystery of the Bible

Our Lady

Help of Christians

7.00pm-8.15pm

Saturday, 5th September

Anointing Mass 10.30am

St Joseph's Church

Sunday, 6th September

First Holy Communion

Bell Block Catholic

Center 10.30am

Sunday, 6th September

Francis Douglas Led

Mass

St Joseph's Church

9.00am

Sunday, 6th September

No Youth Group

being Father's Day

Wednesday, 9th September

AV Gospel Encounter

Our Lady Help Of

Christians

7.00pm-8.15pm

Thursday 27th Sept

Protecting Our Kids

Online

St. Pius X School Hall

6.30-8.30pm

(Details on Pg 6)

GENERAL NOTICES

AV GOSPEL ENCOUNTER GROUP

You are warmly welcomed to come and experience the warmth of upcoming Sunday's Gospels. We love to have you! Pressing 'pause' to breathe and make space for the Holy Spirit who always long to speak to us. Not a bible study. No prep needed, just show up!

DETAILS:

Alternate Wednesdays

Next gathering

Wednesday, 9 September 2026

7 pm - 8.15pm @ Our Lady Help Of Christians church, Fitzroy

Join us from 6.45pm onwards for a cuppa/biscuit.

BYO Bible, only if you have one. (Optional: Notebook + a pen to note down what the Holy Spirit is saying through the Scriptures).

Gatherings for the rest of the year are:

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Wednesday, 7 October 2026

Wednesday, 21 October 2026

Wednesday, 4 November 2026

Wednesday, 18 November 2026

Wednesday, 2 December 2026

Wednesday, 16 December 2026



St. Vincent De Paul Society Community

Dinner is held in St. Joseph's Church Hall every Tuesday. We need volunteers who can wash dishes, serve food, collect dishes, and vacuum. Experience not required. Payment in food and dessert. One Tuesday a month from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Please contact: Liz 022 6430252 (eogooch@gmail.com)



ROADWORKS UPDATE:

We are pleased to advise that the roadworks affecting Devon Street and Robe Street have now been completed. Access has been restored, and parking in the surrounding areas has returned to normal. Parishioners attending Mass at St Joseph's can now access the church and nearby parking facilities as usual. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

FRANCIS DOUGLAS COLLEGE LED MASS:

Sunday, 6 September; Francis Douglas College boys will be at the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's Church organising the Ministries. We warmly welcome the college. The 6th September is also Father's Day, so a great day for the boys and their families to be at this Mass.



AFTER MASS COLLECTION: On Sunday 6 September Ben Barrett from Francis Douglas College will be collection donations after Mass in support of Mission Action Day on behalf of Francis Douglas Memorial College. Ben has made this collection in the parish for the past two years, raising money for the college's brother school, Malkanwala in Pakistan, near Faisalabad. Mission Action Day fundraising helps support the school and provide opportunities and resources for its students. This year, funds will also go to support people in our own community who are vulnerable and in need.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP:



The Symbol invites Christians to a spiritual immersion-praying together while contemplating water from rivers, sources, fountains, baptismal fonts, lakes and sea, inspired by the Spirit of God, working together for the renewal of Creation. This Symbol also urges us to dive into the "tears" of creation (Romans 8:22-23), by allowing our hearts to be touched by the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Indeed, the Season of Creation is also an appropriate time for fraternal closeness and solidarity with the vulnerable and the poor, chiefly those who suffer from environmental degradation.

During the Season of Creation, September 1st until October 4th, consider and discuss with friends and family how you use water, how it is conserved and protected,



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

and how you can support those who lack this most precious resource.

Social Justice Week

Each year, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year Caritas begins a new three-year focus on belonging – to God, to one another, and to creation. Join in reflecting on the truth at the heart of it all: God made you. God knows you. God loves you. You belong. Through prayer, education, and action, we can build communities where everyone knows they have a place to belong. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

YOU BELONG TO GOD

NĀ TE ATUA ANŌ KOE



RCIA Programme Begins 1 October 2026

Have you ever considered becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? The **RCIA programme** begins on **1 October 2026** and offers a welcoming opportunity to explore initiation into the parish family.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact the **Parish Office**.

We warmly welcome all who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith.



TŪMANAKO

United in Hope - I te Tūmanako o te Kotahitanga

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

We like to read the Bible, but sometimes we can get bogged down by long passages that seem difficult to understand, or lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps us uncover the story woven throughout Scripture. It gives us the "big picture" of the Bible and helps us understand what it is all about. Using a unique, colour-coded **Bible Timeline™ chart** that arranges the key people, places and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help us approach Scripture with greater confidence and see how we fit into God's plan.

Our parish will host the **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** study at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Fitzroy, 7:00-8:15pm, fortnightly on Wednesdays. The 1st session is planned for 2nd Sept with the final session on 9th Dec. Each session includes an engaging video presentation, followed by small group discussion.

Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to email Albert: ahjchow@gmail.com

Hope for the World Conference and Related Events

Pray, learn, be spiritually renewed, and become better equipped to defend life, strengthen families and bring hope to the world around us:

Demystifying Death with Dignity talk Tue 15 Sept | St Thomas More Church Mt Maunganui | 6pm Mass / 7pm talk

Day of Prayer for Life & Family Sat 19 Sept | St Michael's Church in Remuera, AK | 10-4 (with Mass)
Embracing

Human Dignity Youth event Sun 20 Sept | St Ignatius of Loyola College, Drury | 2-8

Begotten Not Made seminar Thu 24 Sept | St John Vianney Church, Hillsborough AK | 1-5 / 6:30-9

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Sat 26 and Sun 27 Sept | Ellerslie Events Centre AK

Go here: <https://fli.org.nz/> for more information, or contact Simon Archer on 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUTH GROUP

A Prayer For Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen.



NO YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY

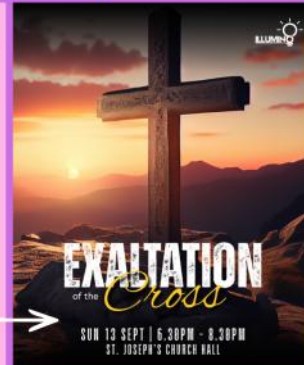
It's Father's Day, so pray for your dad and the father-figures in your life and spend the day celebrating with them.

FOLLOW US
STAY CONNECTED WITH US ON INSTAGRAM FOR UPDATES ON OUR EXCITING ACTIVITIES!



NEXT SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP SUN, 13 SEPT

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS AND WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR LIVES



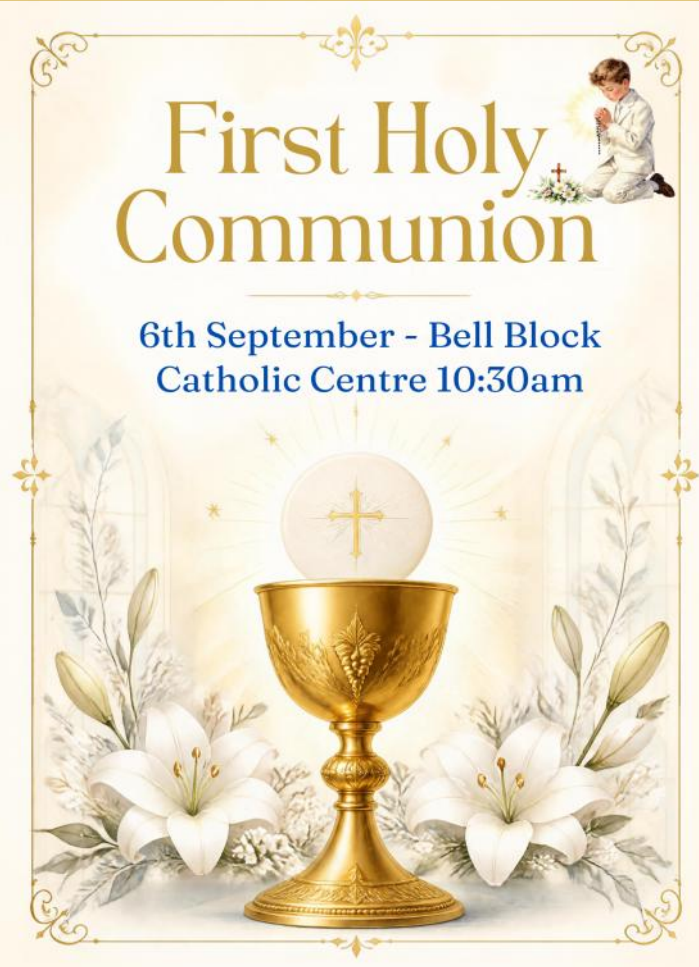
JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 4 TO 8
4:00PM - 5:00PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
Contact KAREN
youngfamilyminister@catholicparishnp.nz



YOUTH GROUP FOR YEARS 9 TO 13
6:30PM - 8:30PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL DURING THE SCHOOL TERM
Contact LOUISE
youth@catholicparishnp.nz

First Holy Communion

6th September - Bell Block Catholic Centre 10:30am



WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Shirley McGlinchey, Neil Richardson, Gerad Mora, Mick Ross, Al Offord, Joan Turner, Fr. Walsh, Colleen Leuthara, Thelma Manton, Alice Felming, Helena Leuthara, Ken Kennedy, Judy Scott, Elizabeth Anne Shaw, Jason Brookes, Denis Crowley, Amado Navarro, Ian Charles Mitchell, Gregoria Navato, Rosenda Maxwell, Jesus Navato, and Liz Koorey, Policarpo Navato.

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

TO 13TH SEPTEMBER SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

8:00am	St Joseph's Church
8:00am	St Joseph's Church
9:10am	Our Lady Help of Christians
12:05pm	St Joseph's Church
8:00am	St Joseph's Church
9:10am	Our Lady Help of Christians
8:00am	St Joseph's Church
10:00am	Sacred Hearts Girls College (Mary's Chapel)
2.20pm	Francis Douglas Memorial College Chapel
8:00am	St Joseph's Church
12:05pm	St Joseph's Church
8:30am	St Joseph's Church
5:30pm	Our Lady Help of Christians (Vigil Mass)
6:00pm	St Patrick's Church Okato (Vigil Mass)
9:00am	St Joseph's Church
10:30am	Our Lady Help of Christians
10:30am	Nga Pekanga (Cnr Bayly St and Princess St Waitara)
5:30pm	St Joseph's Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 11.30am to 12 noon at St Joseph's Church OR 4.45pm to 5.15pm at OLHC prior to the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. And during Thursday 7.00pm Adoration at St Joseph's Church. Reconciliation is also available by appointment with the priests, by initially phoning the Parish Office 757 3682.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Before morning Mass on Monday and Tuesday at 7.40am and Saturday 8.10am in the Parish Office Mary McKillop Room. Please come to the back door of the office building.

KINGDOM KIDZ CHILDREN'S LITURGY:



Our Lady Help of Christians: Each Sunday at 10:30am in the St John Bosco Break Out Space.

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

LITTLE ANGELS MUSIC AND PLAY GROUP FOR PRESCHOOLERS



Lady Help of Christians. Music, play and morning tea from 9.00am during the school term. For more details contact Amelia at musiccoordinator@catholicparishnp.nz

SUNDAY READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 September

1ST READING: Sirach 27.30-28.7

PSALM: 103

2ND READING: Romans 14.7-9

GOSPEL: Mathew 18.21-35

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Fr. Sobin sobin@catholicparishnp.nz
Fr. Sobin Sebastian Phone 027 255 8097



FOLLOW US

For updates on parish, diocese, and national events.

Catholic Parish of New Plymouth



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

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ST JOSEPH'S

106 Powderham St,
New Plymouth



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

St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary | 23 -25 October 2026

St Joseph's Catholic School invites former students, staff, and families to attend this significant milestone. The event will take place Friday 23 – Sunday 25 October.

Those interested are asked to register at St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary Registration: Labour Weekend 2026

Follow the official Centenary Facebook page for more information and updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718>



THE ULTIMATE PARENTS' GUIDE TO PROTECTING OUR KIDS ONLINE

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

6:30-8:30pm (doors open 6pm)

St Pius X School Hall

Tickets \$10

Use the QR code to book



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- screens and developmental delays
- how predators reach our kids
- video games and brain development
- how social media impacts kids mental health
- what kids are doing with AI chatbots
- how to protect and talk to your kid about x-rated material
- PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS!

Half-time
treats from
The Federal
Store!

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WEEKLY DIOCESAN UPDATES

for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
31 August - 6 September 2026

Divine Intimacy in Marriage Retreat | 22–24 January 2027

Married couples are invited to a weekend retreat in Palmerston North with Dan and Stephanie Burke, offering time to pray, reconnect and grow together in Christ. Registrations open 3 September. More information: <https://divineintimacy2027.netlify.app/>

A Priestly Renewal Convocation | 25–29 January 2027

In January, priests from across New Zealand are being invited to Palmerston North for five days of prayer, fraternity and renewal in their priesthood. As the lay faithful, we are invited to pray for our priests and encourage them to attend, helping make space for them to step away from the demands of parish life and be renewed in Christ. Find out more: <https://priestlyrenewal2027.netlify.app/>

Ordination to the Diaconate of Zung Manh Phan

Bishop John Adams and the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North are pleased to announce the forthcoming Ordination to the Diaconate of Zung Manh Phan, on Saturday 21 November 2026, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.

More details to follow.

Billings Ovulation Method™ Natural Fertility Seminar

Christchurch | Friday 9 and Saturday 10 October 2026

The Billings Ovulation Method™ is a natural fertility awareness method that can help couples achieve or avoid pregnancy while gaining insight into reproductive health and general wellbeing throughout the menstrual cycle. When used correctly, it is highly effective.

The seminar is open to couples, women wanting to understand and chart their cycles, health and natural health practitioners, marriage educators, youth and community workers, and anyone interested in becoming an accredited Billings teacher.

Billings teachers needed: Demand for teaching services is growing, and more accredited educators are needed. If you are interested, please get in touch with Billings LIFE NZ.

Register: <https://www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar>

Job Vacancy: Religious Education Advisor

The Diocese of Palmerston North is seeking a faith-filled and experienced Catholic educator to join the Catholic Education Office as a 0.6 Religious Education Advisor, beginning January 2027.

This permanent part-time role will support schools across the Diocese to strengthen Religious Education, Catholic Special Character, faith formation and curriculum implementation.

The successful applicant will work alongside school leaders, teachers and diocesan networks to help nurture Catholic identity and mission in our schools.

Applications close Friday 11 September 2026. To learn more or apply, contact Teresa Edwards at tedwards@pndiocese.org.nz

Atawhaingia ō tātau kāinga - Show mercy in all the places we dwell

Whānau Mercy Ministries has teamed up with Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington to co-host a 3-day symposium from December 13 – 15 2026. The symposium will explore the impact of religion across education, healthcare, and social services. Open to all, and ecumenical in scope, you won't want to miss this opportunity to hear several excellent speakers and engage in conversations to explore the theme with others.

Visit <https://whanaumercy.nz/catherine-mcauley-symposium/> to find out more and register.

Webinar on Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding its 4th session for the WYD Seoul 2027 webinar series. Join us for this session, Witnessing: A Call for Young People to Evangelise with the Auckland Diocese NET Team. This will be on Tuesday, 1st of September 2026, 5:00-6:00pm on Zoom online platform. Register through www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026. Fee discounts apply.

Dovecotes for Women NZ

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is delighted to announce the launch of Dovecotes for Women NZ, a new initiative designed to support women in parish communities throughout New Zealand.

Dovecotes are small parish-based groups where women from all walks of life can come together in friendship, prayer, and faith. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these groups offer a welcoming space for women to bond, encourage one another, and grow more deeply in their relationship with God.

For more information contact dovenational.leader@gmail.com or visit www.dove.org.nz

November 2026 Funding Round | Catholic Charities Foundation

Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group.

The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation, and aligned with the diocesan goals.

We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria.

Applications are now open and are due by Wednesday 30 September 2026. Application forms and more information can be found here:

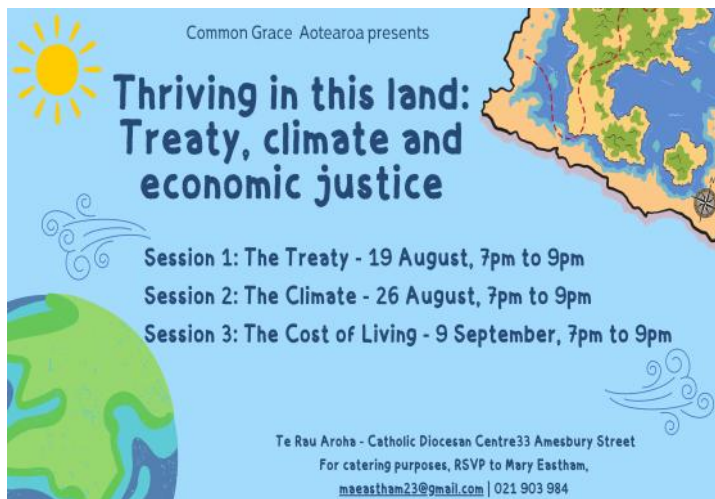
<https://pndiocese.org.nz/who-we-are/application-for-funding-catholic-charities-allocations/>

Thriving in this Land: Treaty, Climate and Economic Justice

Join this three-part workshop series from Common Grace Aotearoa, hosted by the Diocese of Palmerston North's Justice, Peace, Ecology and Development Commission. Together we'll explore how our faith calls us to respond to some of New Zealand's key challenges, including poverty and the cost of living, climate change, and honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The workshops will be held from 7–9pm at Te Rau Aroha, Catholic Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury Street, on 19 August, 26 August and 9 September.

RSVP: Mary Eastham – maeastham23@gmail.com (for catering purposes).



TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD
JOHN 16:33



WORLD YOUTH DAY

3 - 8 AUGUST 2027
SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to attend World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, where millions of young Catholics will gather. New Zealand bishops aim to bring 500 young people.

Scan the QR code to complete the **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** form, allowing us to provide you with all the necessary information.

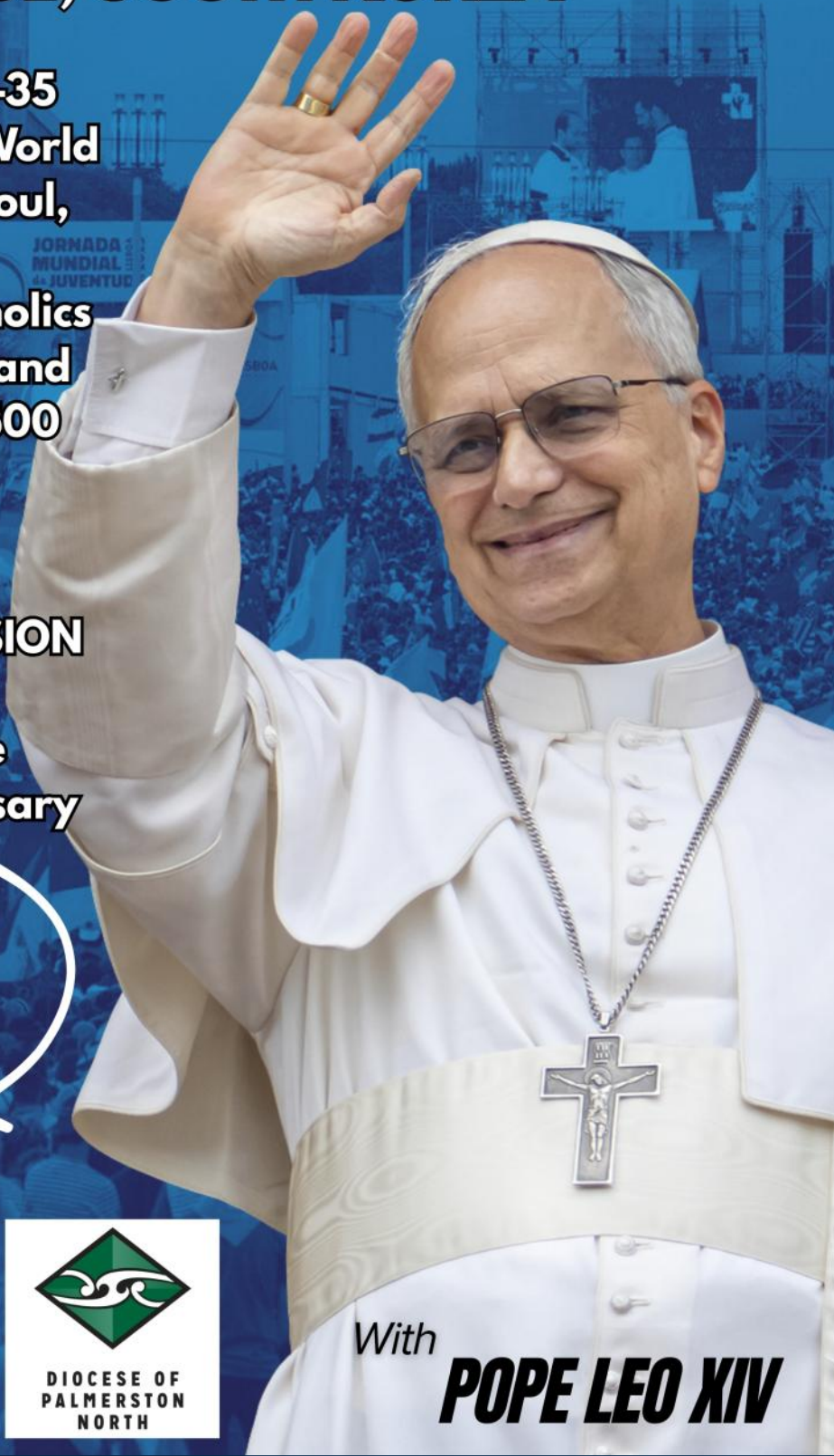
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POPE LEO XIV



Alpha in a Catholic Context – Online Training

A series of online training sessions on *Alpha in a Catholic Context* will be offered via Zoom in the coming months. These sessions are open to parish priests, leadership teams, Alpha teams, and anyone interested in learning more about Alpha.

Upcoming topics:

- **16 September, 7pm:** Taking Alpha from good to great

Each session can be attended individually, though all are recommended for a fuller understanding. Please register to receive the Zoom link for each session: <https://forms.office.com/r/kVmxvX9hFb>



Alpha
in a
Catholic Context

Training / Information Sessions
to inspire and equip you
to share Alpha in your parish.

All are welcome.

WHO IS THIS FOR?	WHAT WILL BE COVERED?
- Parish Priest - Parish Leadership teams - Alpha teams - Anyone interested in running Alpha - Anyone who would like to know more about Alpha	16th SEPTEMBER 7PM How to take your Alpha from good to great.

Just like at Alpha, all are welcome.

Let's bring the hope of the Gospel to more people.
You're invited. You belong.

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē Celebrates 125 Years

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē is preparing to celebrate its 125th Jubilee on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October. Past pupils, staff, parishioners and friends of the school are warmly invited to take part in the celebrations. More information for the weekend can be found at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/20235?embed>.

Register your interest at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExhfRtaNPCn5v-XKQRYX7JfAE/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses.

All are welcome to help celebrate this significant milestone in the life of St Joseph's School Ōpunakē.

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē

125th Jubilee

Thursday 22 + Friday 23 October 2026



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
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FAITH, VALUES & SKILLS
SINCE 1901

The Schedule

Thursday 22 October 2026
JUBILEE MASS
9.30am @ Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Whitcombe Road, Ōpunakē

Friday 23 October 2026
AG DAY GALA
9.30am - 2pm @ St Joseph's School Ōpunakē, Whitcombe Road, Ōpunakē

JUBILEE DINNER
6.30pm @ Sinclair Events Centre, 156 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Buy dinner tickets at [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)





Register your interest at www.stjo.school.nz

Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit 2026

The **Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit** is a national gathering for bishops, priests, deacons, parish teams, and lay leaders who are passionate about parish renewal and evangelisation. Hosted by **Divine Renovation** and the **Diocese of Wollongong**, the summit will take place from **1-3 October 2026** at **St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, NSW**. Participants will have the opportunity to hear inspiring stories of parish transformation, learn practical leadership and mission principles, pray and discern together, and connect with other parish leaders from across Australia.

The summit begins with a dedicated **Clergy Day** on 1 October, led by **Fr James Mallon** and **Matt Regitz**, offering formation, prayer, and conversation focused on the realities of parish renewal. Throughout the event, attendees will be encouraged to explore how their parishes can move from maintenance to mission and foster a renewed culture of discipleship.

Website: <https://renewedandsent.com.au>

Registration and information: <https://renewedandsent.com.au/register>

