

Sacred Heart Parish

9th March 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent

FR BRIAN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION



When something goes wrong we can be upset, and vulnerable. Perhaps a close friend is leaving and heading to another land. Or a family member has lost his or her job, or the work hours have been cut. We think an alcoholic drink or a non-prescribed drug thinking might make us happy (**never a good idea please do not. Resist at all costs DAIL UP God speak to another friend please**) Drink will not make you happy. There are countless examples when we can feel disillusioned thinking and saying it's not fair, or why me, that's when we are susceptible to temptation. The devil, or Satan, or evil will attack at any time, but mostly when we are the weakest, he likes it when our resistance is at its lowest when things are going wrong. Please never waver from prayer, the sacraments, and the Mass they are your strength given to us by a loving God, when we are feeling lost, and are being tempered turn to God immediately this is always the best option to do. IMMEDIATELY. Temptation is like a bush fire, if it is not put out quickly it gains strength and becomes an inferno and destroys. Evil seeks to destroy a human soul and heart, be on your guard and protect yourself pray and pray more. God Bless, Fr Brian



Did you Know

- There are a few things we do not do during lent that we normally do these are
- During Lent we do not say or sing the Gloria unless it's a solemnity
- During Lent we do not say or sing the Alleluia before the Gospel
- We do not have flowers in the body around the altar
- We still bless ourselves with holy water some parishes have put sand in their holy water scoops. This is not allowed
- We cover statues and crosses for the 5th Sunday of Lent will holy vigil night

During the Lenten seasons are marked by two very distinct liturgical omissions. Neither the hymn known as the Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest) nor the Alleluia verse sung before the Gospel proclamation is permitted during the entire 40 days of Lent (with a few small exceptions).

Why is that?

First of all, the Gloria is a hymn that celebrates the coming of the Lord (using words from the angels at Christ's birth). The Church during Lent returns in spirit to a time, when the people of God were in exile, waiting for the Christ or Messiah to come and save them. Secondly, following this same spirit of exile, the Church joins Moses and the Israelites as they wander in the desert for 40 years. "Alleluia" is rooted in a Hebrew expression that means "praise the Lord" and is thus omitted during Lent.

Fr Tony's Homilies - A joke for this week

Smarter than Einstein: At the conclusion of the Church service, the worshipers filed out of the sanctuary to greet the minister. As one of them left, he shook the minister's hand, thanked him for the sermon and said, "Thanks for the message, Reverend. You know, you must be smarter than Einstein." Beaming with pride, the minister said, "Thank you, brother, but why do you think so?" The man replied, "Well, Reverend, they say that Einstein was so smart that only ten people in the entire world could understand him. But Reverend, no one can understand you!"

St Patrick's Day & Lent

Next Sunday, 16th March we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. It would be great if people could come dressed up for this day.

Also, throughout Lent we will be celebrating the symbols of Lent. So, on Sunday 23rd March we will be celebrating the colour 'Violet'. So, if people could please wear something violet it would be neat. This could be a scarf, hair piece, t-shirt, socks etc.

THE VISION *of* SACRED HEART PARISH, INGLEWOOD IS:

Parish communities empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith, hope and love.

Ngā Hāpori Pariha i whakamanahia e te wairua tapu
ki te tupu i roto i te whakapono, te tūmanako me te aroha.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED
RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Edna Kovaleski, Shaun Lobb, Carolyn Butler, Marie Werder, Joseph (Ron) Dravitzki, Christine Carnachan, Violet Dodunski, Val Dravitzki
We remember in our prayers: All those who are unwell in our Parish, those who are caring for sick loved ones and those who are still living in their own homes, the lonely, the elderly, those suffering Bereavements and all Parishioners in Rest Homes and Hospitals.

YOUTH IN INGLEWOOD

Our first event will be the Maize Maze on today, Sunday March 9th, after <ass
On this Sunday we will go up to the Lion's Maize Maze. It promises to be amazing. Please bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

Have you considered donating some of your legacy to your Catholic Church.
When writing your Will, please consider donating an amount for the ongoing development of the
Sacred Heart Parish, Inglewood.

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Thank you for visiting our church here in Inglewood. You and your family are always welcome at regular Liturgies/Mass or for just a private time before the Lord.

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DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation to our Church, you can use the following details:
Bank: Sacred Heart Parish Account Inglewood
Bank: BNZ, Palmerston North
Account Number: 02-0630-0288002-011
Reference: Your name
God Bless, Fr Brian Carmine

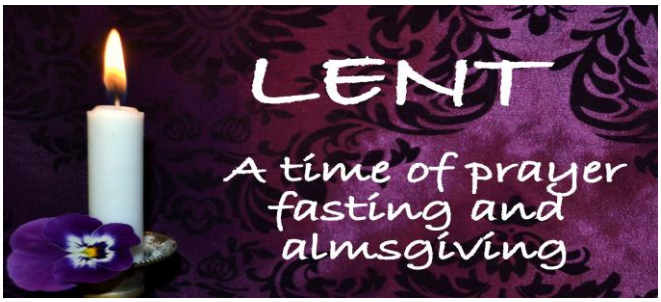
DONATIONS COLLECTION

Sunday 2nd March

Parish	$471.14
Clergy Trust Fund	$174.26

Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025: Put your compassion into action

Lenten Giving Envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 have been distributed today at Mass. This year, we are using a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference (there are spare envelopes on the foyer table). You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by
31st March 2025 will be sent receipts for the 2024/2025 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2025/2026 tax year.
Thank you for your generous support.



LENTEN FOODBANK COLLECTION

We were asked if we could do a collection for Foodbank, so we thought that Lent would be the perfect time.

While most will give up something for Lent, we thought that maybe you can not only do that but you could give 1 item of food per week for the 6 week's of Lent.

This collection will start on the First Sunday of Lent - 9th March.

The collection basket is in the foyer.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

PARISH CONTACTS

23 Standish Street, PO Box 109, Inglewood Phone: 756 7164 or 027 672 2514
Email: shparish@xtra.co.nz

Parish Priest: Fr. Brian Carmine – 756 7164 or 027 516 3758
Secretary / Administrator / Parish Planned Giving: Nicky Kuklinski – 756 7164
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am – 12noon, Friday 12noon – 3pm

PARISH CONTACT PEOPLE

Parish Prayer Support (Prayer Line): Theresa Gibbon – 756 8349
Parish Hall Hire & Religious Stall: Parish Office – 756 7164
Bereavement Care Group: Mary Coombe – 756 7798
Gluten Free Hosts: Eva Lamplough – 756 9167
Floral Arrangement Roster: Tess Johnston – 756 8452
St Patrick's School Principal: April Baylis – 756 7908, email: office@stpatsinglewood.school.nz
Foodbank: Open at Forrestal House on Fridays – 9.30am – 10.30am.



INGLEWOOD

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 10.30am *Every 1st & 3rd Sunday*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Saturday 9.00am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

BENEDICTION & RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

BAPTISMS (INGLEWOOD): 1st Sunday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

WAITARA

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 9.00am *Every Sunday*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 9.00am *Every Week*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for 30 minutes as shown below (before or after)

Tuesday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Wednesday	5.30pm	Mass	*(before)*
Thursday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Friday	9.00am	Mass	*(after)*
Saturday	9.00am	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday	*(before)*
Saturday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*

All other Saturday's

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 2nd & 4th Saturday*

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Saturday 5.00pm 8th March

NGA PEKANGA

Sunday 10.30am 9th March

BAPTISMS (WAITARA): 2nd Saturday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

9th March – Psalm Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
Deuteronomy: 26.4-10 **Romans:** 10.8-13 **Luke:** 4.1-13
16th March – Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Genesis: 15.5-12, 17-18 **Philippians:** 3.17-4.1 **Luke:** 9.28-36

SUNDAY MINISTRIES		
	This Week Sat 9th March	**Next Week Sun 16th March**
Readers	Lyn Potroz Alan Gibbins	St Patrick's School
Prayers of Faithful	Mark Duynhoven	St Patrick's School
Presentation of Gifts	Betty Dravitzki Anne Dravitzki	St Patrick's School
Communion Ministers	Christiane McIntyre Ngaire Dravitzki Terry Dravitzki	Michelle Julian Vonna Parsons Emma Dravitzki
Altar Servers	Isaac. R Blake	Emily Sophia
Music	Music Group	Music – Sue Marsh
Power Points	Nicky	St Patrick's School
Counters	Christiane McIntyre Mike Crofskey	Dennis Dravitzki Chris Werder
Cup of Tea	Maureen D'Ath & Nancy Leahy	Jun & Pauline Monforte
Church Cleaning	Denys & Liz Beckett 7 / 8 March	Sharyn Taylor 14 / 15 March

Mass Readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading – Deuteronomy 26:4-10: Moses instructs the people to offer their first fruits to God, remembering their ancestors' journey, oppression in Egypt, and God's deliverance and gift of the promised land.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 91: Trust in God, who protects and rescues those who call on Him. He commands His angels to guard you and promises to be with you in trouble, delivering and honoring you.

Second Reading – Romans 10:8-13: Confess that Jesus is Lord and believe God raised him, and you will be saved. There is no distinction; all who call on the Lord will be saved.

Gospel – Luke 4:1-13: Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert and tempted by the devil. He resisted by quoting Scripture, and the devil left him for a time.

PRAYER GROUP with ADORATION
Every Thursday from 9am-10am.

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LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday 9th March at 11.30am

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Tuesday 11th March at 7.00pm
Then on the 18th & 25th March, 1st, 8th & 15th April

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LENTEN PROGRAMME
Tuesday 11th March after Stations of the Cross.
Then on the 18th & 25th March, 1st, 8th & 15th April

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ST PATRICK'S DAY/SCHOOL MASS
Sunday 16th March
Please come to Mass dressed in green to support St Patrick's Day (17th March).

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WORKS & FINANCE MEETING
Sunday 23rd March, at 11.30am

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ANOINTING MASS
Thursday 3rd April, at 10.00am. We will have a shared morning tea afterwards.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING
Thursday 3rd April after the 10am Mass

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 8th April, at 10.00am

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RECONCILIATION RITE II - RECONCILIATION IN LIGHT
Tuesday 8th April from 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Fr. Brian will have Reconciliation for one hour and parishioners can come anytime between these times.

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ALLOCATIONS MEETING
Wednesday 16th April, at 12 noon

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HOLY THURSDAY
Thursday 17th April at 7.00pm
This Mass will be combined with St Joseph's Parish Waitara and held in Waitara

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GOOD FRIDAY
Friday 18th April at 1.30pm

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EASTER VIGIL
Saturday 19th April at 7.00pm
This Mass will be combined with St Joseph's Parish Waitara and held here in Inglewood.

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EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday 20th April at 10.00am
This Mass will be combined with St Joseph's Parish Waitara and held in Waitara

UPCOMING - WAITARA

RECONCILIATION RITE II - RECONCILIATION IN LIGHT
Wednesday 26th March from 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Fr. Brian will have Reconciliation for one hour and parishioners can come anytime between these times

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ANOINTING MASS
Friday 28th March, at 9am.

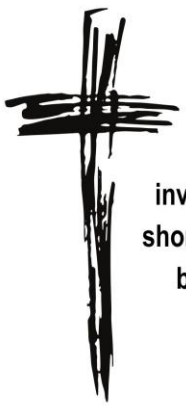
The May 2025 Funding Round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open.

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 31 March 2025. Application forms and more information can be found here: Application for Funding – Catholic Charities Allocations | Diocese of Palmerston North
Or please contact Reception at reception@pndiocese.org.nz
ph (06) 354 1780.



Good Friday

April 18th

Lifegate Church

invite church and community to a short Good Friday service followed by coffee and hot cross buns

9.30am on our lawn
27 Cutfield St.

Lifegate Church, Mamaku St. if wet weather



What do we do when we're facing an upcoming big event, celebration, or special occasion in our lives? We prepare for it. Holy Week and Easter are "big events" in the liturgical year of the Church and in the spiritual life of a Christian. So, as Christians, we prepare spiritually for these through the forty days of Lent. This means that, during Lent, we rededicate ourselves to prayer.

There are as many ways to pray as there are prayers in this world, but a few prayer methods can help us in particular to spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent:

2. Renew yourself through personal reflective prayer.

Lent is a time of spiritual renewal. One easy step you can take is to use the many free online resources to jump-start or reinvigorate your prayer life. A few such resources are Loyola Press's popular 3-Minute Retreats and Seven Last Words of Christ guided meditation, or try the prayer reflections offered by the Irish Jesuit site Sacred Space. If you're seeking more traditional support for your personal reflective prayer, consider a book specially designed to nourish you during Lent, such as Praying Lent.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Manager | Pleroma Christian Supplies

Pleroma Christian Supplies is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Manager to oversee their daily operations. The successful candidate will be responsible for managing the store, leading a team of dedicated staff, and fostering a welcoming environment for customers, online, by phone and face-to-face. If you have a passion for Christian resourcing and a strong desire to serve the community, this is a fantastic opportunity for you. Apply online at https://www.seek.co.nz/pleroma-jobs?jobId=82041170&type=standard or directly to The Trust Board Chair, Chris Duthie-Jung, c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz.

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Diocesan Outreach Assistants | Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is seeking Diocesan Outreach Assistants (DOAs) in the Diocese of Palmerston North to help share the stories of suffering and persecuted Christians in 2025. This part-time role involves delivering several parish presentations per year and handling some administrative tasks (calls, emails, bookings).

Key responsibilities:

- Raise awareness of persecuted Christians and encourage prayer.
- Inspire parishioners to take action and support ACN's mission.

For details and to apply, visit www.aidtochurch.org/work, call 0800 242 322 (10am-7pm NZST), or email Cecilia: cecilia@aidtochurch.org. Applications close: 17 March 2025.

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CathNews New Zealand

The Bishops Conference last 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.

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Webinars for 2025 | Te Kupenga

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is offering online webinars in 2025. This series features our current and past students who will inspire us as they talk about growing in faith, leadership in ministry, and their role in ministry.

For more information and to register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025.

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Cathedral Centenary | March 2025

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit will be celebrating 100 years in March! There will be a free event on the weekend of 21 – 22 March to mark this special occasion, featuring coffee trucks, cultural food stalls, musical festivities and more! Everyone is welcome.

Daily Reflections for Lent & Daily Reflection for Easter to Pentecost Books

These are now on the foyer table for $8 each. Can you please put the money for these in the parish office letterbox (beside the office).



PROCEDURE FOR FIRE EVACUATION DRILLS

Due to new Health & Safety Requirement we will be having Fire Evacuation Drills twice a year during Mass so that in the case of a real emergency Parishioners and visitors will automatically know what to expect and do.

Please take note of the following information. In the event of a Fire Evacuation Drill:

- A siren will sound for a long period.
- You are required to follow the instructions from the Fire Wardens (Fire Wardens will be wearing Yellow High-Viz Vests).
- Proceed quickly from your pew to the **NEAREST EMERGENCY EXIT**. These are located at:
  - The main entrance to the Church (the double doors that you walk through when you enter Church)
  - On the right hand side of the Church (by the sound system)
- Ensure children, elderly people and disabled people near you are assisted to the **EMERGENCY EXITS**.
- Once out of the Church please **ASSEMBLE** in the **ASSEMBLY AREA** which is the carpark in front of the Presbytery and wait for clearance by the Fire Wardens. **NOBODY IS TO RETURN TO THE BUILDING** until the clearance has been given by the Fire Wardens.



This year we are having a colouring-in competition for the children.

The pictures for this will be on the foyer table this weekend and the coloured in pictures will need to be back in by Palm Sunday (13th April). These can be left in the marked box on the foyer table.

The winners will be published in the Easter newsletter (19th April).



Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation, enhancing and deepening the spiritual journey that begins with Baptism.

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens a Christian's relationship with God and fortifies the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This empowerment equips Christians to more effectively witness Christ in the world.

The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth offers an engaging and spirited Confirmation programme every year during Term 2, held Mondays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The programme consists of seven sessions, along with a weekend confirmation camp.

Attendance at all sessions and the camp is essential, so please ensure your participation.

The 2025 Confirmation Programme is take place during Term 2, from 28 April 2025 to 15 June 2025.

Important dates!

Confirmation sessions

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at St. Joseph's church hall

- Monday, 28 April
- Monday, 5 May
- Monday, 12 May
- Monday 26 May
- Monday, 2 June
- Monday, 9 June
- Saturday, 14 June

Confirmation camp

Friday, 30 May (5:00 pm) - Sunday, 1 June 2025 (2:00 pm)

The camp will end with a family Mass and a potluck lunch at 12:00 pm on Sunday, 1 June 2025. Family members and sponsors are welcome to join.

Confirmation Mass

Sunday, 15 June 2025, at 9:00 AM at St. Joseph's Church with Bishop John Adams, followed by a Confirmation Celebration in the church hall.

Registration is NOW open!

Here is the link to register - https://www.catholicparishnp.nz/confirmation-enrolment/

Registrations close on Friday, 11 April 2025

For more information, please email Susilo at youth@catholicparishnp.nz or keep an eye on the notice boards at your school and the youth notice board in the church foyer for updates.