

Sacred Heart Parish

23rd August 2026 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FR BRIAN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION



The movie The Last Samurai was largely filmed in Taranaki. One of its stars, Tom Cruise, rented a high security mansion in the Kaitake Ranges near Ōākura. Despite being an international celebrity, he frequently interacted casually with local people and often surprised his neighbours with how approachable he was.

On a few occasions, he ordered fish and chips from the Spotswood Takeaway. He was not mobbed by fans. Instead, he was treated like a local. He would collect his dinner and quietly head home.

On another occasion, he was spotted at a cinema in New Plymouth with family. Arriving a few minutes late, he tried to slip unnoticed into the theatre. When a few locals recognised him, he placed a finger to his lips. They respected his wish for privacy and remained silent. He and family left shortly before the end of the movie.

He was also known for stopping to help a local family change a flat tyre on the roadside while travelling with his children and partner. In many ways, Tom Cruise was treated like a local. He blended in remarkably well.

Today we hear that Jesus "strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ." His ministry was becoming increasingly dangerous. The hawks were gathering. Various factions had their knives out for him, looking for any reason to accuse him of blasphemy or wrongdoing. Some were intent on building a case against him, and the more evidence they could gather, the better.

The chameleon is famous for changing its colour. We, however, cannot change who we are. If we belong to a particular culture, we should embrace that culture and learn the values and ethics associated with it. If we adhere to a religious belief, we should embrace that belief, live it, and share it. We ought not hide our faith. To conceal it out of fear or convenience can compromise our integrity and diminish our witness.

People generally gave Tom Cruise and his family space and freedom. Jesus, too, desired moments of space and freedom, away from the constant scrutiny of those who watched Shim with suspicion and hostility. Yet the reason was deeper than a desire for privacy. His appointed time had not yet come. That time would arrive later, when he freely and willingly allowed himself to be arrested and led to the cross. May we have the courage to live our faith openly, while trusting in God's timing for all things. God bless. Fr Brian Carmine

St BARTHOLOMEW

Bartholomew the Apostle, often identified with Nathanael, was a Christian apostle and martyr revered across many Christian traditions. Named among the Twelve Apostles in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts, he is linked to missionary work in India, Mesopotamia, and particularly Armenia, where he and St. Jude are credited with introducing Christianity. His feast day is celebrated on August 24 in the West and in June in the Eastern Church.

FOOD / VIDEO / CONVERSATION

Alpha

We are excited to bring you Alpha. This is a 10-week course that creates a space, in person, where you can bring your friends for a conversation about life and faith.

Invite your non church or non-Christian friends who might want to know more about Christianity.

Beginning Tuesday 15th September 2026
(Registration forms need to be in by the 10th September)
5.45pm to 8.00pm
Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Inglewood

Registration forms are on the foyer table or contact the parish office for one, shparish@xtra.co.nz

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: Robert Zimmerman, Bert Burckett, Margaret Morrison, Vincent Dravitzki, Eddie Butler, Ben Potroz, Joyce Zimmerman, Devon Gopperth, Edith Smith

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.



ROSARY AT FORRESTAL LODGE
Every Tuesday at 4pm. Entry is through the sliding door. Everyone is welcome.

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

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1st COMMUNION
Sunday 23rd August at 10.30am

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

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FORRESTAL HOUSE MEETING
Sunday 6th September at 11.30am

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MEN'S DINNER - INGLEWOOD
Sunday 13th September at 6.00pm at Fern Lodge, Inglewood. Please ring Pat Kuklinski, 021 047 1074 before noon on the Sunday so he can book the restaurant.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 15th September at 10.00am

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WORKS & FINANCE MEETING
Sunday 20th September at 11.30am

FACEBOOK PAGE: We are on Facebook - Sacred Heart Parish, Inglewood. Follow our page and keep up to date on what's happening in our parish.

PLANNED GIVING: If anyone is interested in going on planned giving or would like more information on planned giving, then please give Nicky a call in the parish office – 756 7164 or email her on shparish@xtra.co.nz

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
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
(If you would like a receipt, can you please email the Parish Office)

PARISH CONTACT PEOPLE

Parish Prayer Support (Prayer Line): Theresa Gibbon – 756 8349
Parish Hall Hire & Religious Stall: Parish Office – 756 7164
Gluten Free Hosts: Nicky Kuklinski – 027 672 2514
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.



MASS TIMES

INGLEWOOD

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 10.30am

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*

MOKAU: For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals, please contact Fr. Brian bejcarmine@gmail.com

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*

NGA PEKANGA

Sunday 10.30am 13th September

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

23rd August – Psalm Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.
Isaiah: 22.15, 19-23 **Romans:** 11.33-36 **Matthew:** 16.13-20
30th August – Psalm Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Jeremiah: 20.7-9 **Romans:** 12.1-2 **Matthew:** 16.21-27

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	This Week Sun 23rd August	Next Week Sun 30 August
Readers	1st Communion Children	Mark Duynhoven Alan Spurdle
Prayers of Faithful	1st Communion Children	Dennis Dravitzki
Presentation of Gifts	1st Communion Children	D'Ath Family
Communion Ministers	Joy Woodward Dennis Dravitzki Christiane McIntyre	Ngaire Dravitzki Pat Kuklinski Vonna Parsons
Altar Servers	Emily Abby	Luke Blake
Music	Music Group	Music – Sue Marsh
Power Points	Mark	Nicky
Counters	Dennis Dravitzki Chris Werder	Christiane McIntyre Mike Crofskey
Cup of Tea	1st Communion	D'Ath Family
Church Cleaning	Ngaire Dravitzki & Nancy Leahy 21 / 22 August	Maree & Alan Gibbins 28 / 29 August

DONATIONS COLLECTION - Sunday 16th August

Parish	$229.95
Clergy Trust Fund	$85.05

Mass Readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Isaiah 22:19-23: The LORD declares that He will remove Shebna from his position and replace him with Eliakim. Eliakim will have authority and be like a trusted peg, honored by his family.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 138: I thank the LORD wholeheartedly, acknowledging that He hears me. I praise Him among angels and worship in His temple. His love is eternal, and He never abandons His creations.

Second Reading – Romans 11:33-36: The vastness of God's wisdom and knowledge is incomprehensible. No one can fully understand His mind or advise Him. Everything originates from and exists for Him. Glory to Him eternally.

Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20: Jesus asks who people say He is. Peter proclaims Him as Christ, Son of God. Jesus blesses Peter, declaring him foundation of His church, giving him authority over heaven's keys.

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2026

Inglewood (12 noon)	**Waitara** (11.00am)
6th September	12th September
4th October	10th October
1st November	14th November
6th December	12th December

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me. You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm: 62:2-6. 8-9.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.
(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.
(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

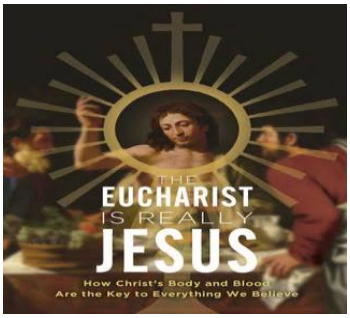
For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.
(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself. Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



Bible Readings:

Matt 26:26-28 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

1Cor 11:23-29 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.

John 6:47-56 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

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.

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2027: Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School will be back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is for young adults aged 18 – 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over Aotearoa New Zealand. Join us at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from January 1 – 10 2027! Visit www.heartsaflame.org.nz to register or for more information.

Māori Education Collection – Sunday, 23 August 2026: Māori Education is an investment in a vibrant, and faith-filled New Zealand. Your support is an investment in the future of our young people and our nation. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori enrich our communities and benefit all New Zealanders. We are privileged to have the country's only two Catholic Māori boarding schools within our Diocese: Hato Pāora College and St Joseph's Māori Girls' College. Through the dedication and commitment of their staff, these schools continue to provide outstanding care, education, and faith formation for their students. We also acknowledge with gratitude the many generous parishioners, grandparents, and benefactors who quietly assist families facing difficulties in meeting school attendance dues. Your kindness and support make a real difference and are deeply appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to Catholic Māori education.

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/

Known & Called: A Discernment Retreat for Women: Young women aged 18–35 are invited to join the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters for a weekend of encounter, prayer and learning to recognise God's voice. Whether you are discerning a particular vocation or simply seeking greater clarity about God's call in your life, this retreat offers space to step away, pray and listen. Friday 28 to Sunday 30 August 2026, Palmerston North. For more information and registration, visit: www.trybooking.com/nz/BEIS

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.

Fulfilled: The Promise of the Christian Life: Discover more deeply the beauty of God's plan for the Christian life through Fulfilled, a two-day course being held on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September, from 8.00am to 5.00pm, at the Diocesan Centre, Te Rau Aroha, 33 Amesbury Street, Palmerston North. Facilitated by Maria Paris of Theology of the Body NZ. The cost is $35 earlybird or $50 standard, including course materials, lunch and refreshments. For further information and registration, visit www.trybooking.com/nz/BDTN.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH cont.

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).

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

World Youth Day 2027 | Seoul, South Korea: Young adults aged 18 – 35 are invited to attend WYD27, where millions of young Catholics will gather. The NZ bishops aim to bring 500 young people. Fill out the expression of interest form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScfUWcTPgzkxtwlH86NPEnHqvdt2scpc1nkj_4WjzGrbx4WKQ/viewform



MOBILE PHONES IN CHURCH

Can you please make sure that these are either turned off or on silent while attending Mass.

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NOTICE BOARD & FOYER TABLE

Don't forget to look at the notice board and foyer table. The notices and posters are changing all the time

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FOODBANK

Foodbank would like to thank everyone for their generous donations.
They are currently running short of coffee, biscuits, cans of soup & packet of soups.

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SACRED HEART PARISH HALL

For all bookings and inquiries for our Parish Hall these are to go through Nicky in the Parish Office.

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CARDS & GIFTS:

Have you seen our Religious Box? If not, and you would like to have a look at our range of gifts and cards then see Nicky in the office