

CPH Update February 2021

Parish Safeguarding

CPH takes the duty of keeping all parishioners, especially children and vulnerable adults, safe from abuse or harm of any sort very seriously. The Diocese of Palmerston North is rolling out a series of policies and protocols to assist us in having a parish that looks at all of our activities with a safeguarding lens. This means that all volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults will need to fill out the required paperwork to meet our obligations. In the coming months procedures will also be articulated to advance a comprehensive safeguarding framework in the CPH.

Kainga Pacifica Services, CPH and the Aubert Mission Centre

Kainga Pacifica, which works to eliminate domestic violence in our families, has been accorded stand alone charitable trust status. Arrangements for an agreement to lease and other paperwork have started to give impetus for the refurbishment, modification and use of the Aubert Mission Centre. Parishioners are invited to contribute ideas about how the parish can use the Centre in harmony with the charism of the Sisters of Compassion and Venerable Suzanne Aubert.

Evangelisation

The Alpha courses: adults, youth and school, will begin in February as well as the preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The latter will be held at Sacred Heart 9am Mass for the whole of the parish. As with 2020 there will be a celebration of First Eucharist at all churches. We have two adults who are preparing for full communion with the Catholic Church and we pray for them in their journey and look forward to their confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on 3 April.

Youth

Fr Trung, Faaki and the rest of the youth team have had great success with youth Alpha and the January youth camp. They will look to build on these achievements in the coming year. Parishioners are encouraged to support them in their fundraising as they look to extend their activities and offer a wonderful faith based social and mission experience that will only grow in the future.

Ash Wednesday

The services on Ash Wednesday will be: 9am OLOL, 12.05pm Sacred Heart, 5.30pm SPC and 7pm Paki Paki as well as an ecumenical service also at 7pm at

Sacred Heart. We invite all parishioners to get into the spirit of Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Saint Peter Chanel church

Work has proceeded to renew the gardens at SPC, both the church and the presbytery, as well as painting the frontage. We will look to remove all signage and notice boards from the main body of the church and put them in the foyer or the frontage. Ideas for the devotional cabinet outside in the garden to the left of the entrance are invited.

Our Lady of Lourdes church

The support group at OLOL continues to help the PPC and clergy. A new television and sound bar has been purchased to improve the Alpha experience. It has also been suggested that a statue of St Joseph needs to be placed the church. This would require consultation as to its feasibility as well as the funding for a statue of suitable aesthetic value.

Sacred Heart church

No progress has been made regarding ideas for renewing the frontage especially where the fountain used to be. Please look for ways in which we can beautify this important part of the church. It is proposed that the statue of Our Lady at Sacred Heart will be shifted to a more visible position in the church and have a votive candle stand beside it. The space vacated by the statue will be filled by the statue of St Therese of Lisieux, with a new plinth, presently located in the prayer room off the Blessed Sacrament chapel. To give parishioners a sense of the change a model of the plinth has been placed in the anticipated location although the final version will be slightly smaller and in of rimu. A bulletin insert, giving the theological and liturgical motivations for this proposal and that of St Joseph for OLOL, will be given in the coming weeks.

Immaculate Conception church, Paki Paki

The 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass is new and hopefully permanent addition to the liturgy for this community. The 8am Sunday Mass is well supported and we encourage all parishioners to take the opportunity to visit this beautiful church and experience a liturgy rich in te reo Maori. The PPC is looking at ways in which we can prepare for the beatification of Ven. Suzanne Aubert which will be part of a wider appreciation of what this amazing woman did for Maori in Hawkes Bay, in particular.