

TOOLS FOR MISSION PASTORAL DAY 2021

You are invited to participate in the 2021 Diocese of Palmerston North Pastoral Day scheduled to be held in Palmerston North on 18th - 19th June.

Pope Francis is calling for us to be a church of missionary disciples. This Pastoral Day will be an opportunity for nominated lay leaders to gather with Clergy from the Diocese of Palmerston North to explore what this means for us and our mission.

We invite you to come and explore a key tool for evangelisation, meet with others from around the Diocese and discover more about your role in leading in your local community as we all respond to the Great Commission *to go and make disciples*.

Registrations will be open online until 30th April 2021.

TO REGISTER & FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT [PNDIOCESE.ORG.NZ/PASTORALDAY](https://www.pndioocese.org.nz/pastoralday)

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Friday 18th June

5:30pm

Welcome & Celebration of the Eucharist
*Cathedral of the Holy Spirit,
Palmerston North*

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Evening Programme
The Mission: Pastoral Gathering
*Te Rau Aroha Diocesan Centre,
Palmerston North*

The evening programme includes dinner, a short presentation and discussion.

Saturday 19th June

9:00am to 11:45am

Morning Programme
Tools for Mission: Pastoral Conversation
*Te Rau Aroha Diocesan
Centre, Palmerston North*

The morning programme includes morning tea and concludes with Mass beginning at 12noon.

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What is a Pastoral Day?

Pastoral days have a been held annually in the Diocese of Palmerston North for a number of years.

Pastoral Days offer a collective place of discussion for people from various ministries, communities, regions and walks of life, and to give insights into specific pastoral needs.

Who is invited?

Participants attending a Pastoral Day may differ somewhat each year. In 2021 clergy from the Diocese of Palmerston North will nominate several lay leaders from their Pastoral Area to join them in attending the Friday Evening & Saturday Morning Sessions.

Some Diocesan Staff will also be part of this years gathering.

What do I need to do?

Most importantly, let us know if you are able to join us! You can register online until the end of April.

If you are traveling from outside of Palmerston North, we plan to provide a billeting option for accommodation. You can indicate when you register that you are interested in this option.

What are the sessions likely to include?

This event will be held in two parts (both an evening and morning programme). We will begin with a welcome followed by Evening Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

The Friday Evening Programme, A Pastoral Gathering, will focus on our mission as disciples. The evening will include dinner, a short presentation and be followed by small group discussions.

The Saturday Morning Programme, A Pastoral Conversation, will focus on Alpha as a particular tool for evangelisation. Alpha is being used in several parishes in the Diocese of Palmerston North and some lay leaders will share their experiences. This time will provide a chance to learn more about this tool. and see how others might be able to lead Alpha in their own local communities.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith.

Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversations. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge; it's just an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Alpha is currently used as a key tool for evangelisation in many parishes.

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