

\$2,365 per person share twin/double  
(single supplement \$621)

#### Includes

- Most meals and excursions
- Great food and accommodation
- Daily Mass with our Priest chaplain
- Join with Bishop Michael at Totara Point, site of the first Mass in NZ
- Visit Bishop Pompallier's remains at St Mary's, Motuti
- Visit the Treaty Grounds at Waitangi including a hangi meal
- Visit Doubtless Bay, site of the first Mass in New Zealand Territory
- Visit Hohi (Oihi) Beach (Rangihoua Bay) site of the first Christian service
- See the Shrine of St Peter Chanel at Russell
- Visit local parishes
- And much more



St Mary's Church, Motuti

## Inclusions

- All Bus travel and Accommodation
- Meals where listed
- Russell Ferry Tickets
- Waitangi Experience, Concert & Hangi
- Tour to Doubtless Bay / Rangihoua

## Exclusions

- Flights to and from Auckland and transport cost to hotel
- Insurance
- Meals not listed
- Spending money
- Other tours in your free time

## Cost and Payment

- 20% payment due on booking
- \$100 non-refundable
- Bookings close June 19th
- Full Balance is due on or before July 11th
- Minimum number for pilgrimage to go ahead is 20. If it is decided that the tour will not go ahead at this point due to lack of numbers, full refunds will be given less \$100 non-refundable deposit.
- Cancellations before August 27th will be refunded minus 20%. (If you are in a double room and thus reduces the booking to a single room, it will affect the cost of the person you where sharing with).
- No refunds will be given within 60 days of tour departing.
- Full travel insurance is highly recommended at time of booking to ensure you are covered in the event of a cancellation.

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Christchurch Diocesan  
**JUBILEE  
PILGRIMAGE**

26 – 31 October 2025



Totara Point

*As 'pilgrims of hope' in this Jubilee year,  
discover our rich Catholic heritage  
on a 6-day pilgrimage to Northland.*

Limited spaces available, act now to secure your place.  
Visit [www.cdoc.nz/pligrimage](http://www.cdoc.nz/pligrimage) for more information and contact  
Matt O'Connell on [moconnell@cdoc.nz](mailto:moconnell@cdoc.nz) to reserve your place now.

# Come with us to Northland

## *A Christchurch Diocesan Pilgrimage to the foundations of the Catholic Faith in New Zealand*

Oct 26 – 31, 2025

New Zealand has a rich Catholic heritage over the 185 years since the first Mass on New Zealand soil.

Join us as we explore the sites of the first missionaries that brought the faith to this country along with the Holy Men and Women who helped it grow. Your faith will deepen during this absorbing time of pilgrimage as we journey through the north of New Zealand.

Our earliest Catholic missionaries set out from the Fourvière Basilica in Lyon, France, under the mantle of Our Lady of Fourvière.

Bishop Pompallier and priests from the Society of Mary set up in the Hokianga, 12,000 miles from home; in this jubilee year we travel as 'pilgrims of hope' following in the footsteps of our faith ancestors, as we pilgrimage to the sources of Christianity in our beautiful land.

We follow in the footsteps of the Poyntons of Totara Point, Bishop Pompallier, and Samuel Marsden.

We journey to the crucible of European cultures and faiths coming together with Maori tangata whenua.

We experience the turbulent times of pre-Treaty New Zealand.

We explore Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We interact with the Maori Catholic community on the northern shores of the Hokianga.

And of course, we forge lasting bonds of fun and friendship with our fellow pilgrims.

## Itinerary

### **DAY 1 (Sun Oct 26)**

Arrive in Auckland

*Today our pilgrimage begins. Arrange your own flights to Auckland and make your own way to our hotel where we settle in. You will meet your pilgrimage group this evening at 19:00 in the hotel restaurant for your welcome dinner.*

**Auckland overnight (D)**

**Accommodation:** Rydges Hotel Auckland, nestled in the heart of Auckland's CBD

### **DAY 2 (Mon Oct 27th)**

Auckland to Paihia

*After a leisurely breakfast we start our journey northward to Whangarei for lunch before continuing onto Paihia. Upon arrival we will settle into our Hotel followed by some free time. We then gather together to travel to Kerikeri for an evening Mass and dinner hosted by the local parish.*

**Paihia overnight (B, L, D)**

**Accommodation:** Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge, Paihia

### **DAY 3 (Tues Oct 28)** The Christian Faith comes to NZ

*An amazing day as we head north to Doubtless Bay to commemorate the beginning of the Christian and Catholic Faith in New Zealand.*

*We will first stop at Hohi (Oihi) Beach, (Rangihoua Bay). This is the site of the first Christian service in New Zealand led by Samuel Marsden in 1814.*

*We then travel to Doubtless Bay. The first actual Catholic Mass in New Zealand territory was by the Chaplain on de Surville's ship in December 1769 in here Doubtless Bay. We will celebrate Mass to commemorate this first Mass.*

*We will continue to Kaitaia for lunch and a visit to the local church.*

**Paihia overnight (B, L, D)**

**Accommodation:** Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge, Paihia

### **DAY 4 (Wed Oct 29)**

Foundation of the Faith in NZ

*Today is the highlight of our pilgrimage. Bishop Michael joins us as we travel to Tōtara Point, site of the first Catholic Mass on New Zealand soil in 1838. We spend*

*time in quiet reflection before seeing the place where "New Zealand's first Catholic Family" lived and hosted Bishop Pompallier. We then travel to Motuti where Bishop Pompallier is buried in the church of St Mary's. We celebrate Mass and spend time learning about this Bishop and the first missionaries. Upon our return to our hotel, the rest of the day is free to explore.*

**Paihia overnight (B, L, D)**

**Accommodation:** Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge, Paihia

### **DAY 5 (Thurs Oct 30)**

Retreat Morning in Russell and Evening Visit to the treaty grounds at Waitangi for a Hangi and Concert

*This morning, we travel to the beautiful little town of Russell, a former capital of New Zealand. Russell is a pleasant 15-minute ferry ride from Paihia. We take some time of retreat this morning, with quiet time, prayer and Mass at the Shrine to St Peter Chanel. Together we will visit the Pompallier Mission and Printery and then you are free to get lunch in Russell and make their own way back to Pahia with your return ferry ticket, at your leisure. The afternoon is free before we gather for a tour of the Waitangi Treaty Grounds and a Hangi experience in the evening at 6pm. Waitangi, only 2km from Paihia, is arguably one of New Zealand's most historic sites. It was here in 1840 that the Treaty of Waitangi was signed between Maori and the British government. You are able to tour the treaty grounds before your hangi experience.*

**Paihia overnight (B, D)**

**Accommodation:** Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge, Paihia

### **DAY 6 (Fri Oct 31)**

*We conclude our time in the far North with Mass with the local parish community in Kaikohe. After morning tea we travel via Highway 12 to stop at Tane Mahuta, an ancient Kauri Forest. Follow a lunch stop in Dargaville, we then travel back to Auckland Airport to say our goodbyes as the pilgrimage ends and people depart for home (please don't book flights home before 5pm).*

**Bay of Islands (Paihia) to Auckland Airport via Waipoua Forest (B)**

*There are options to extend your stay in Auckland or the surrounding area.*

