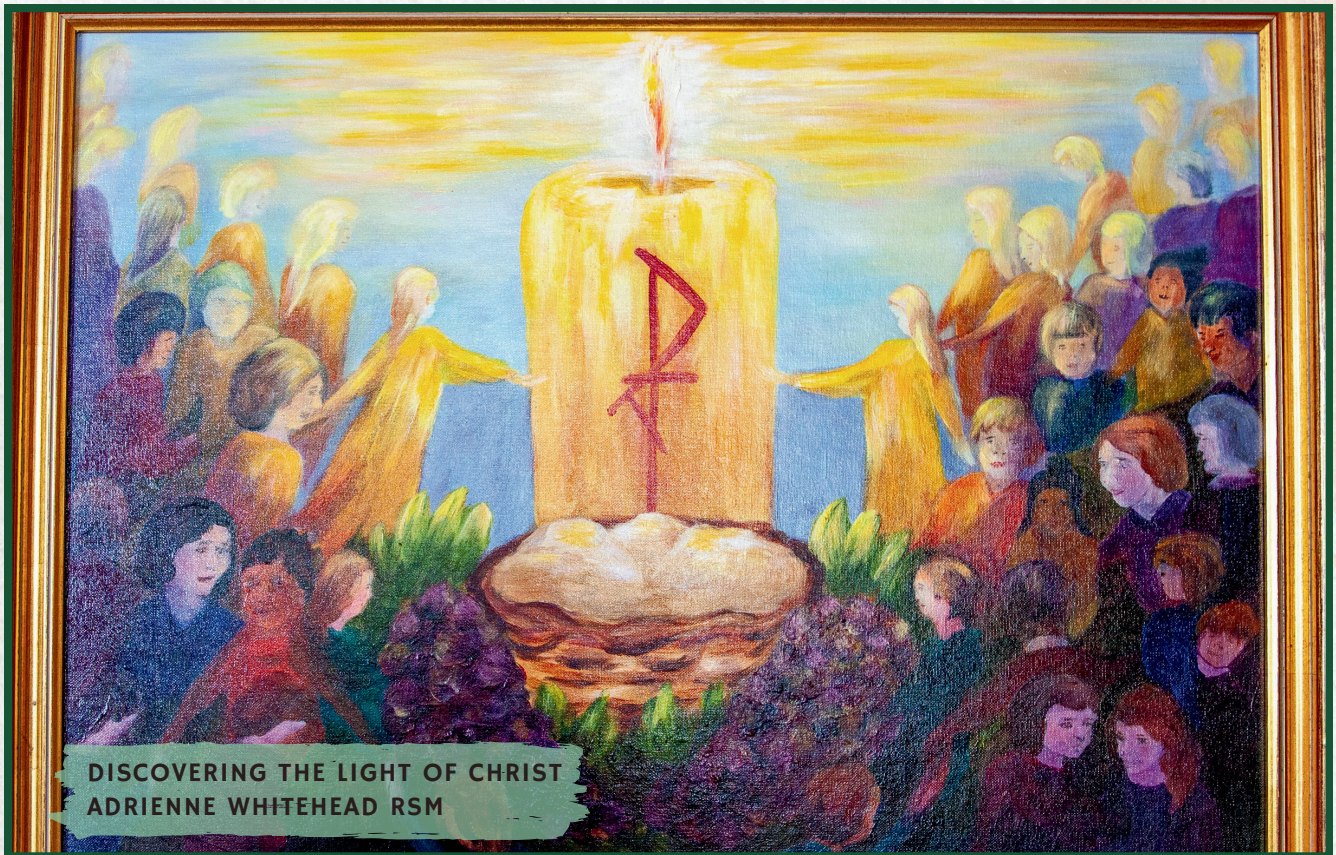


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ST MARY'S CHURCH

69 RUAHINE STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH



This painting hangs in the foyer of St Mary's Catholic Church, Palmerston North, and was created by Sister Adrienne Whitehead rsm, a local Sister of Mercy and gifted artist. Born and raised in Palmerston North, Adrienne dedicated her life to teaching, service, and creative expression.

The artwork features a central candle marked with the Chi-Rho, an early Christian symbol for Christ, surrounded by figures bathed in light. At its base are symbols of Eucharist and abundance, with loaves of bread and bunches of grapes nestled among greenery. A large group of people—diverse in age and expression—gather around the candle, suggesting community, faith, and shared purpose.

Though Adrienne was known for her quiet humility, her eye for colour and detail shines through in this vibrant and heartfelt work. Her lifelong motto, "Christ My Strength," is a fitting reflection of the light and hope that radiates from this painting.

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