

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

Serving the people of South Taranaki in Hawera, Normanby and Manaia



4th Sunday Lent

19 March 2023

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the man born blind, who has his sight restored by Jesus. The greatest healing in this Gospel is not the restoring of the man's sight, but the man being able to see what others couldn't, he saw the goodness in Jesus and had more faith in him than they had. All too often people are judged on their outward appearances. Before the man was healed he was regarded with suspicion, in low regard, but after he was healed the people didn't even recognize him.

During Lent in our Parish

Stations of the Cross at 5.30pm-6pm on the Fridays of Lent.

Reconciliation to be held after stations of the Cross on Fridays, (or by appointment by contacting the office or Fr Vince)

Adoration Friday evening after Reconciliation.

Caritas Lenten Meeting – Caritas Lenten Meetings: Three weeks now completed. Prayerful reflection/discussion on previous Sunday's gospel. At Bryan & Sue Williams Fairfield Road, Hawera. (027 324 9230) **"A great way to help prepare for Easter"**

Other Parish News

St Josephs Feast Day – A Parish/School Mass will be celebrated in the Church this Monday at 9.15am the Feast Day of St Joseph.

Annie Brydon Mass – Mass at Annie Brydon this Wednesday 22nd at 1.30 pm.

Parish Council Meeting this Wednesday 22nd at 5.30pm.

Anointing- If you know of someone who is sick, in hospital or needs anointing, please call Fr Vince directly, or leave a message with the office.

Planned Giving: 31st March is the end of the PG Financial year. To receive a tax receipt for the current financial year, please do your online banking before the 31st March or have your cash deposits to the office by 30th March. We are still awaiting the arrival of our new envelopes. If you wish to change to AP or internet banking from envelopes please let us know. If you have changed addresses this year we would appreciate your new addresses for the receipts.

Prayer Circle Meeting Sunday 26th March, after the 9.30am Mass for about an hour. 10.45 - 11.45 in the Parish Meeting Room.

PRAYER CIRCLE If there is someone you would like prayed for (including yourself) you are invited to phone or text our coordinator Sue on 021 265 3542 or write out a prayer intention and place in the specially marked box in the foyer.

Ministries for Easter

We invite all parishioners to take part in our Easter Celebrations. Sheets for the Easter ministries, beginning with Palm Sunday are in the foyer. We require Readers, Eucharistic Ministry, Power point Operators and people to get their Feet washed. Please enter your names for all the times you are available, and closer to the time, we will confirm who is doing what. If you are not on our regular roster, but would be available over Easter, please leave a contact phone number or email address, with your sign up, so we are able to contact you.

Anointing Mass will be held in the church at 2pm on Tuesday 28th March at 2pm.

Reconciliation - Rite 2 Reconciliation will be held on Thursday 30th March at 6.30pm.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK- If you are housebound or require Communion to the Sick please contact the office during the week 2785656 mornings. If you would like to join the ministry of taking Communion to the Sick, please call the office.

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED -

Please pray also for all those who have died recently, and in March over the last 5 years Tadhg McColl, Allan Jones, Joyce Cann, Rewa Darbyshire & Maureen Jensen. Mass has been requested by SVDP for Policarpo Nuñez Junior.

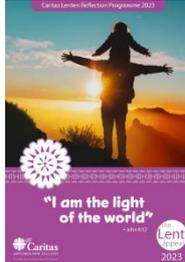
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Other Notices

Mass of the Oils Tuesday 4th April 12noon Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Palmerston North. An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to sing in the choir, rsvp to music@pncathedral.or.nz. We will need someone to collect the oils on behalf of our Parish.

Caritas "He opened my eyes"

4th Sunday of Lent: Responding to the terrible treatment of Timorese people, particularly women, by the Indonesian military until independence in 2022, our partner in Timor Leste, Hamahon Feto Timor (HAFOTI) was formed to provide an 'umbrella for Timorese women.' HAFOTI has enabled many hundred of rural women to find or regain dignified livelihoods over the past 20 years. It has helped develop their economic independence, social and community confidence and leadership qualities. Following an extremely dark period in Timor Leste's history, HAFOTI are bringing light into the lives of Timorese women, their families and communities.



CYCLONE GABRIELLE RELIEF

Cyclone Relief Appeal The Cyclone Relief Appeal has received many generous donations to help those in desperate need following Cyclone Gabrielle. Donations have now surpassed \$100,000 and the process of distributing these funds to those most in need is now in progress, in collaboration with local leaders across impacted areas of the diocese. We are immensely grateful to all those who are providing support to those in need in many ways. Donations can still be made directly online to the Catholic Charities Foundation by direct bank transfer to 02-0630-0237950-010 with references: "Cyclone" and "your surname and initials" (Please email reception@pndioocese.org.nz with your email details for a receipt.) Donate today to help families and communities who have been affected at <https://pndioocese.org.nz/cyclone>

Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group

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 North 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.

Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria. Applications are now open and are due by Friday 31 March 2023.

Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndioocese.org.nz/catholic-charities-application> or please contact Ashley Dahl at adah@pndioocese.org.nz or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 842.

Pope Francis Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. In the month of March **For victims of abuse**. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

New Zealand's Catholic bishops are supporting a campaign to help people stay safe on social media. The campaign follows diocesan communications and pastoral staff around the country noticing increased suspicious activities on Church social media pages they manage. The *Staying Safe on Social Media* campaign starts next Monday, 20 March, featuring special posts each day for seven days on Church Facebook and other social media suggesting people take such precautions as "never accept a friend request from someone you don't know personally."

Parish Renewal Online Formation Event | Divine Renovation Clothed in Power: Transforming Parishes Through the Holy Spirit, will take place on Wednesday 22nd March at 9 AM. This webinar is a unique opportunity for parishes to dive into the topic of the Holy Spirit as the driving force behind mission, evangelisation, and parish renewal. Fr John Adams from St Peter Chanel, Christchurch will be on the panel, and currently over 1000 people are registered to participate from over 35 countries. Find out more about this online event at <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 25 March 5pm
Sunday 26 March 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES AND COMMUNION SERVICES

Monday 9.15am Mass Feast St Joseph
Tuesday 9am Mass
Wednesday 9am Mass
Thursday 9am Communion Service
Friday 9am Mass

Exposition & Adoration Friday 8.15am