

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



*26<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time 1 October 2023*

## Our Mission Statement

**We, the Catholic people of Hawera  
We want to be a friendly, forgiving community,  
based on faith and prayer  
and committed to joyful witness and service.**

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday Vigil 5pm  
Sunday Mass 9am

## WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9am Mass  
Wednesday 9am Mass  
Thursday 9am Communion Service  
Friday 9am Mass  
**Reconciliation** –Reconciliation Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10am

**The First Reading:** Ez 18.25-28 The Lord's way is fair and just. It is when sinners repent from their faults and do what is right that they are to live. Because of this reform they deserve to live.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Phil 2.1-11 Paul urges us to be of one heart and mind, to possess a single love for one another. We should adopt the attitude of Jesus. At his name every knee should bend.

**Gospel :** Mt 21.28-32 Jesus cites an example of a son who after having second thoughts obeyed his father. Even sinners, once they repent and sincerely search after God, will be saved and enter the kingdom of God.

St Josephs Missal©

## Around New Zealand

**1<sup>st</sup> October :Celebration Sunday,** Celebration Sunday, 1 October 2023, is celebrated in parishes and



communities across Aotearoa New Zealand this weekend. It is a day to remember the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert. While we wait and pray for Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert to be beatified, we continue to unite to promote her message of compassion and love

throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and the world.

[www.compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday](http://www.compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday)

Suzanne Aubert – Meri Hōhepa

A woman of Great Faith  
He wahine whakapono nui

This year we are guided by Suzanne's own words  
**"Let us have nothing so much as to work for the good of all"**

## PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF SUZANNE AUBERT

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint. Amen.

**Congratulations to Bishop John Adams on his Ordination to be Bishop of the Palmerston North Diocese.**

**Invitation to our Parish for this afternoon TODAY Rosary Aotearoa Sunday 1st Oct at 3 pm Invite the Catholic Parishes of Hawera to participate and lead one decade of the Holy**

**Rosary.**<https://www.rosarynewzealand.org.nz/how-to-connect-to-the-zoom/>

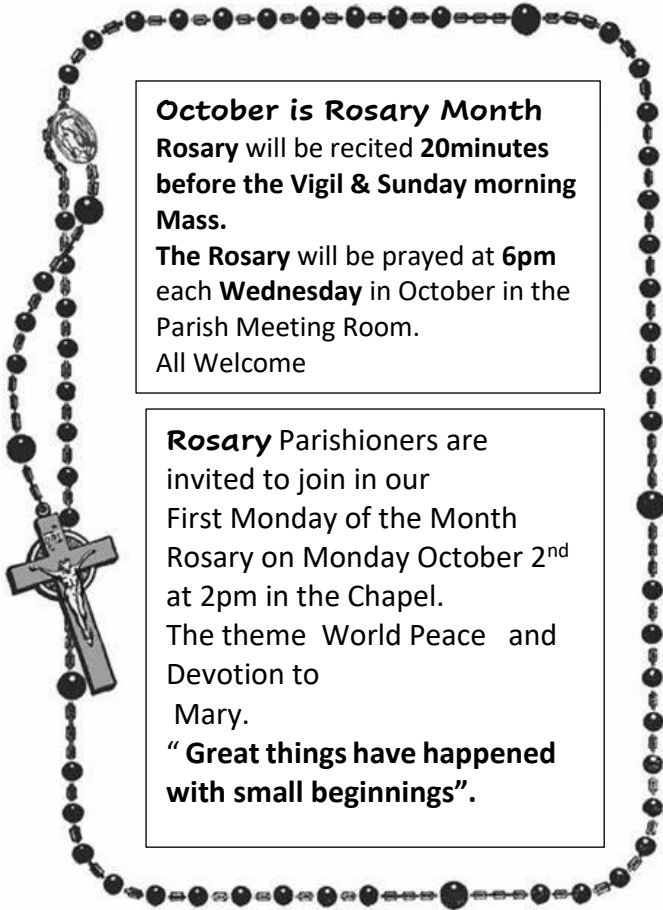
**2. Zoom Meeting ID: 9764693294**

**3. Password: 341341**

## Parish News

**Good News** the Parish Defibrillator taken from the church in August has been found due to serial identification and returned to the church.

**Baptism Preparation** If you are planning a Baptism for your child or baby our next Baptism preparation class will be held next Saturday 7 October at 10.30am. Please register for this next group at the Parish Office.



**October is Rosary Month**  
Rosary will be recited 20minutes  
before the Vigil & Sunday morning  
Mass.

The Rosary will be prayed at 6pm  
each Wednesday in October in the  
Parish Meeting Room.  
All Welcome

Rosary Parishioners are  
invited to join in our  
First Monday of the Month  
Rosary on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 2pm in the Chapel.  
The theme World Peace and  
Devotion to  
Mary.  
"Great things have happened  
with small beginnings".

### Up Coming Retreat with Fr Alan Roberts

Dear Parishioners,

Over the years I have become more convinced than ever that parish renewal, and even individual renewal of faith, can never happen unless each of us makes the effort to learn to pray with the Scriptures.

When we come to Mass on Sunday, there are two major parts to our worship: the readings from the bible, then the Eucharist. These are known as

#### Liturgy of the Word & Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Both are equal in importance. Both contain the power to feed our souls. We need both.

The sad thing is that many of us just pay little attention to the scriptures. If we have no idea what the readings will be before we come to Mass, they will have little impact on us when we do come. For this reason I will be running a 3 day retreat, hopefully to help you experience the scriptures in a more life-giving way.

You are all warmly invited.

Every blessing in Christ,

FR ALAN ROBERTS.

Invitations have been sent online & there are hard copies in the Church also.

### Parish Retreat-8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October

*Begins: Sunday 8th Oct, 5pm for everyone*

*Choose one session each day only:*

Monday. 10 am. or 7 pm

Tuesday 10am. or 7pm

Wed. 10am. or 7pm

Everyone is welcome- if you know you are definitely coming, please notify the office, as a guide for photocopying etc.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation Adults).** If you would like to join the RCIA programme, please let Fr Vince or the office know.

**ANointing**-If you know of someone who is sick, in hospital or needs anointing, please call Fr Vince directly.

**Visiting**-If you would like a house visit from Fr Vince, please call him or leave a message at the office.

**PRAYER CIRCLE** if there is someone you would like prayed for (including yourself) you are invited to write out a prayer intention and place in the specially marked box in the foyer.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK** If you are housebound or require Communion to the Sick please contact the office during week mornings 2785656.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED** - Please pray for all those who have died recently including, Ruth Powell, Ray Osborne, Rosa Hooegeveen, & Peter Muller. We pray also for those who have died over the last 5 years in October: Gesildo Martelletti, Terry Bigham, Rudi Milesi & Cholita Rosales.

**Mass Requests** for David Ingram (Ann).

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

**Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October** is the weekend of Support Life Sunday 2023. The theme this year is *Te Kahu o te Ora - A Consistent Ethic of Life.*

**Prayers for the Synod** Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the Synod Assembly starting in Rome on 4 October, has invited all the faithful to participate in prayer for the Synod with Prayers of Intercession. The prayers can be found at [www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/prayers-for-the-synod-in-rome/](http://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/prayers-for-the-synod-in-rome/)

**Bishops' 2023 Election Statement** The NZ Catholic Bishops have published their 2023 Election Statement, which urges the politicians elected on 14 October to focus on issues that matter to the people of the nation rather than the trivia and scandals that dominate public debate. Read the statement at [https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC\\_Election2023\\_A4.pdf](https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC_Election2023_A4.pdf). Limited printed copies are available in the church foyer.