

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year C

23 January 2022

Word of God Sunday

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God.

God's Words are Spirit and Life

Jesus announces his mission to the people of Nazareth by quoting the prophet Isaiah. Jesus was always faithful in worship and reading Scripture. We also treat our book of Scripture with reverence and respect. We have a special place for it beside a lighted candle, we process with it, the priest kisses the book and handles it with reverence. Just as Jesus did we know it is the Word of God for us today and always.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."*

Finance Committee Meeting this Wednesday 26th at 5.30pm.

Rosary – Parishioners are invited to join in Saying of the Rosary First Monday of each Month beginning February 7th at 1.30pm at the Church.

The theme of World Peace and Devotion to Mary.

"Great things have happened with small beginnings, we can do this."

Rosters for February will be out this week. Please consider joining a new ministry. If you are away during this time please let us know.

Parish Changes in February will see Fr Joseph based in Stratford to serve collaboratively with Fr Craig across the South Taranaki region including Stratford, Kaponga, Eltham, Hawera, Manaia, Patea, Waverley & Hoani Papita. Fr Craig will also continue his role as Local Administrator of the Diocese until a Bishop is appointed. Our Parish leadership will meet with leaders from parishes in Central & South Taranaki in the coming week to work out how we can respond in such a way that is realistic and sustainable. We ask for your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED:

Please pray for all who are sick and all who care for them.

Please pray also for all who have died recently, especially Cynthia Collins and those in January Elaine Reed, Robin Sutherland, Bart Harrington, Joan Brennan, Eileen O'Keefe, Shirley McLoughlin, June Cox, Charlie Chamberlain & Colleen Bulman. May they rest in peace.

PARISH INFORMATION

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(Office Hours Mon – Fri 9.00am – 12.00noon)

CURRENT SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm(Vaccinated Congregation)

Sunday 9.30am (Vaccinated Congregation)

Sunday 11.00am (Open Congregation)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday - Friday 9.00am. Mass