

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



5th Sunday Ordinary Time
5 February 2023

This weekend we welcome Fr Vince Onesi as our Parish Priest. Fr Vince comes to us from the Tararua Area. Fr Vince is responsible for the South Taranaki Parishes & Churches of, Hoani Papita, Sacred Heart Manaia, St Josephs Hawera, St Patricks Patea and St Francis de Sales Waverley. Welcome Fr Vince, our Parishes are looking forward to getting to know you.

Salt & Light

Our bodies need a certain salinity to function properly, indeed, even to sustain life. The human body needs light not just to see, but to manufacture vitamin D through exposure to sunlight. Salt and light are essential for life. Christ is our salt and light, essential as life as disciples.

Jesus challenges his disciples to move outwards through “good deeds” towards others: they are to be the salt that seasons the life of others, the light that is Christ’s shining Presence for others. But the response of the disciples in this gospel is not recorded. This is perhaps because the responses cannot be theirs alone, but must be spoken-through both word and deed-by all those who are Jesus’ disciples.

Jesus calls us to stay true to who we are-disciples who bring to others the “salt” that sustains their life. Jesus also calls us to be true to what we do: shed light everywhere we go; show “good deeds” before the world; glorify God. We cannot, however, be salt and light for others if we do not first let Christ be salt and light for us.

Living Liturgy©

On Monday this week we will have a Mass at 9am for Waitangi Day.

ROSARY-Parishioners are invited to join in The Rosary on Monday 6th February at 1.30pm In the Chapel. Theme World Peace and Devotion to Mary.



Change of Mass Time This Tuesday our morning Mass will be at 9.15, and we will be joined by the students & teachers of St Josephs school for their opening Mass of the school year.

Dear parishioners. I want to take this opportunity to thank you. Thank you for your kindness and your generosity over these past six years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on this side of the mountain. I’ve enjoyed getting to know you and your families in my time as parish priest. I know I’ve had too much on my plate and I apologise that I haven’t always been around. Thank you for your understanding. Lastly, thank you for your kind farewell and generous gift. Please continue to pray for me as I take on this new responsibility and continue to look after the diocese. May our good God bless you and your families, today and always.

Arohanui Craig

The first Welcom Magazine for the year is available this weekend. Please pick up your copy. **Contents include:**

- Pope Benedict XVI, 1927–2022. Cardinal John Dew message: ‘Each of us is made in God’s image.
- ‘Is there a way out? – Taking responsibility for Climate Change. Br Peter Bray’s tour in New Zealand on Bethlehem University. Remembering Richard Tiki Te Aroha Puanaki. Caritas Aotearoa Lent Appeal 2023.
- Synod’s Continental Stage – New Zealand Catholic response document published.
- Plus, more features, local and international news and views, Young Church.

If you are also new to our Parish a warm welcome. Please make yourselves known.

If you are a parishioner who has moved house, or changed phone numbers, please let the office know.

If you would like to receive our newsletter via email, or access it through the Parish App, (which you will have to download) please let us know.

ROSTERS Our Rosters will be out later this month for March & April. If you are going to be away during this time, please let us know, it makes it easier when co-ordinating the roster.

If you are new to our Parish, or are not currently on a ministry, we encourage you to offer your talents. We need more volunteers for all areas of ministry. If you are currently on a ministry, and are unavailable when rostered, please find your own replacements.

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

Little Black Books for Lent are available from the office. They are \$8 each. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 22nd February.

GLASSES – A pair of bifocal reading glasses have been handed into the office, found in the church.

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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED - Please pray also for all those who have died recently, including Mons John Carde, Mary Purser, Ann Ramsbottom (Mary Mulligans mother), Barbara Rogers, Lina DeCastro, Bob Wright & Angus Nuku, and in February over the last 5 years Peter Bradford, Kevin Goodin, Rosemary Mills, Betty Andreoli & Freda Hurley. May they rest in peace.

Mass has been requested by SVDP for Bob Wright, Lina DeCastro, Barbara Rogers and Ann Ramsbottom Donald Hopkirk & Mary Purser.

Other Mass requests for Ann Ramsbottom, Bob Wright, Peter Bradford (Ann), Noel Robinson(Ann) the repose of the soul of Oscar & Norma Mamangun, Natividad & Gerardo Honrado, Teofisto and Milargros Alvares, Amado & Claro Trinidad, Gus San Miguel, Cholita Rosales, Fr Anthony Htun, Rene Santos, Rosabel Book.

For the speedy recovery of Noel Baylis & those who cannot see a doctor or buy meds due to poverty & for the forgiveness of those souls in purgatory.

St Joseph's Catholic School, Stratford | 125th Jubilee 18 March 2023. Registrations are now live for the 125th Jubilee which is to be held 18th March 2023. We will leave the registrations open for now, so please, if you can, share our registration link to anyone who would be interested in coming along. For those that have registered and paid, thank you. If our original plan does not go ahead, we will organise something on a smaller scale at school. Please join our Jubilee Facebook page for more information, or email admin@stjosephs-stratford.school.nz <https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Catholic-School-Stratford-125th-Jubilee-2023-105382145087004> <https://forms.gle/PMhewcRiT8zqDv7c7>

Emergency Appeal | Flood Response

With heavy flooding continuing to batter the Auckland diocese, Bishop Steve Lowe has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. His foundation, the Catholic Caring Foundation, is accepting donations to help agencies in the Diocese deliver vital help to the many families severely impacted by the floods. Donations received will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Donations can be made directly online to the Foundation so that assistance can get to families quickly. Many of the Foundation's partner agencies mobilised early to ensure that people were safe and they are now working quickly to get help to those who need it. Donations can be made online <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> Or by direct bank transfer to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-000 (With your surname and initials as reference. Please email info@caringfoundation.org.nz with your email details for a receipt.)

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 11th February 5pm

Sunday 12th February 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES AND COMMUNION SERVICES

Monday 9am Waitangi Day Mass

Tuesday 9.15am Mass with School

Wednesday 9am Mass

Thursday 9am Mass

Friday 9am Mass

Exposition & Adoration Friday 8.15am