

Welcome to St Joseph's Parish  
Hawera

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter  
"Good Shepherd Sunday"  
21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

#### PARISH INFORMATION

St Joseph's Church 38 Victoria St Hawera  
Sacred Heart Church 43 Ngatai St Manaia  
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Parish Priest Fr Vince Onesi 021 02287991



#### Mass Timetable this week

Saturday Vigil 5pm Mass

Sunday 9am Mass

#### Weekday Timetable

Tuesday 12noon Mass

Wednesday 9am Mass

Thursday 9am Mass Anzac Day

Friday 9am Mass

#### Adoration & Benediction

Tuesday 11.30am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 10am on 27<sup>th</sup> April  
or by Appointment

Anzac Day Mass

This Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

At 9am



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter

**First Reading Acts 407-12** Peter explains the cure of a cripple. It was a miracle performed in the name of Jesus, whom the people had rejected. There is no salvation except in Jesus.

**Second Reading 1 Jn 3.1-2** The Father shows his love for human beings by calling them his children. The world does not recognize the follower of Christ because it did not recognize Christ himself.

**Gospel Jn 10.11-18** Jesus calls himself the good shepherd. A shepherd cares for his sheep, lives and dies for them if necessary. There is to be one flock one shepherd.  
St Josephs Missal@

#### Diocese of PN Annual Report Presentation St Joseph's Church, Hawera – Wednesday 24 April 2024

We wish to invite you to our Diocesan presentation on our annual report. Liam Greer, Diocesan Manager will be introducing the report and will discuss key areas of focus for the diocese, followed by Bishop John Adam's, who will share some ideas for Parish renewal in our Diocese. The presentation will be held in the St Joseph's Church Meeting Room 38 Victoria Street, Hawera, Wednesday 24 April 2024. We will commence with a cup of tea/coffee at 5.00pm, followed by the start of the presentation at 5.30pm.  
All Parishioners Welcome

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Seminarian Appeal 21 April 2024** On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Time, 21 April 2024, we are invited to pray for those called to serve through priestly vocation. The day also marks the beginning of our National Vocations Awareness Week.

We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood.

Currently, we have one seminarian Dung Manh Phan at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. After returning from Vietnam, in July 2022 Dung studied papers for his degree. In 2023 he joined the year one cohort for his formation year 1 and this year, he is in year 2, studying fulltime towards his theology degree.

Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen, and Duy Pham, from Vietnam, arrived in New Zealand in 2022 to learn English before hopefully joining the seminary. However, it was with sadness that Duy returned to Vietnam early this year, due to health reasons.

For young people, remember that being a priest is always another option for your life. If you are thinking about it, please talk to any of our diocesan priests you may know. Parents, if your children are interested in the vocation of priesthood, please encourage them, and pray for them. Please feel free to contact our Diocese of Palmerston North Director, Fr Trung Nguyen on 022 062 6726 or email [vocations@pndiocese.org.nz](mailto:vocations@pndiocese.org.nz)

We ask you to please support our Seminarians with financial support and prayer. Please continue to pray for more candidates.

Thank you in advance for your contribution no matter how small.

There are specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit to St Josephs Parish (**02 0630 0288010 03**) your name as payee, and 'Seminary Appeal' as reference.

**CONFIRMATION** We are in the planning stages for Confirmation in our Parish. If you are aged 15 and over and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation see Fr Vince's message below:

### Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation. It deepens and strengthens in us the life we entered through Baptism. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens the Christian's relationship with God. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. In this way, the Christian, including YOU, is equipped to become a better witness to Christ in the world.

I hope that through the Sacrament of Confirmation, you will come to realise that you were created by God, loved by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit to make a difference in the world. You can be the face of Christ, sharing love and mercy, the hands of Christ to embrace the lost, and the voice of Christ, bringing peace and comfort. Please collect a form from the foyer, or email the office for a form to be sent to you. (Further information to follow.)

**PLEASE NOTE: Please ensure your Baptism Certificate is ready to bring.**

You must consider whether you can attend these sessions before enrolling.

An attendance record is kept, and completing sessions is required to ensure you are fully prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, **25th August 2024, 9am Mass**

Looking forward to see you all.

Fr Vince



We remember those who have died recently especially Maurice Toohey, and over the last 5 years in our Parish in April: Ray Gibbins, Anne McBride, Margaret Clark, John McPhillips, Alison Douglas, June Woodhead.

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

*Mass has been requested for Marie Bevan (Ann)*

**PRAYER CIRCLE** Parish ministry. Prayer requests for special intentions, Ph or text 021 265 3542 Sue, or leave written request in specially marked box in the foyer.

**Handy Person Sought** – We have a few unlevel paving stones on the Church path way off Victoria St that need lifting up, to the correct level, and placing back down. If there is a volunteer in the Parish who could do this small job, can you please contact the Office or speak to Fr Vince.

### Planned Giving Tax Receipts

Are available for pick up in the Foyer. These receipts cover 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023-31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and includes two Easter and Holy Places collections.

We are very grateful to all those who support our Parish through Planned Giving. Should you wish to join planned giving, please give the office a call.

Rosters will be out next week. If you have plans to be away for May & June, please let us know by 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

The Parish Office Mission Centre still have St Josephs Missal 2024 available \$15.00.

St Vincent de Paul meeting this Wednesday 24th April in the Parish Meeting Room at 1pm.

**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.

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



**Altar Servers Required** – Fr Vince invites those children who have made their First Communion to be Altar Servers at our weekend Masses. If you would like to serve in this ministry please speak to Fr Vince

**Parish Council** meeting held this week- reminder to all parishioners that Bishop Adams visit this Wednesday 24th all parishioners are invited to come along to the meeting room at 5pm for a cuppa at 5.30pm Bishop Adams and Liam Greer to present Diocese annual report.

**Parish Council** is planning a Parish function for Sunday June the 19<sup>th</sup> June for all parishioners. This will take place after the 9am Mass with a cuppa then a Brunch and a Quiz. If you are elderly and need transport please call Patrea at the office before the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2785656. Please bring a plate of food to share if you are able.

Congratulations Fr Craig Butler, Whanganui Parish Priest, who will represent the Catholic priests of Aotearoa New Zealand at a gathering of 300 priests from around the world at the Vatican at the “Parish Priests for the Synod: An International Meeting” in Rome from 28 April to 2 May. Fr Craig was nominated by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference to attend the gathering, which is being held as part of the countdown to October’s second session of the Synod on Synodality. Fr Craig has been a priest for nearly 30 years in the Diocese of Palmerston North, including 22 as a parish priest. He is a member of the diocesan College of Consultors, the Council of Priests and was the Local Administrator for several years until Bishop John Adams was appointed bishop last year. His work has included youth ministry and helping international priests to settle in New Zealand. “I’m humbled to be asked to go,” says Fr Craig. “I’m looking forward to the experience and the chance to meet Pope Francis there, something I never thought I would experience. I wrote to the priests of New Zealand recently saying I’ve been asked to go to Rome as a parish priest, knowing I couldn’t possibly represent them all, and asking if they would share with me their experiences of the synodal process. While I wasn’t hugely involved with the Synod process at the parish level when it began, when I became Local Administrator, I became very involved. It’s a wonderful way to hear what the Holy Spirit has to say to us from people whose voices are not always heard.” Further information is online here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/300priests/>

***Come work for us – Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand*** *Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops’ agency for justice, peace and development, part of a global federation. We’re on the hunt for an experienced Executive Assistant (EA) to support the Chief Executive. The ideal candidate will have plenty of EA experience, excellent communication skills, and the ability to manage time well. Reporting to the CE, they will need to be able to handle sensitive matters with discretion, demonstrate attention to detail, and understand modern business systems. Affinity with Caritas’ mission is a plus. This role offers an exciting opportunity within a close-knit Wellington-based team. For more information, visit <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>.*

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme Pilgrims of Hope, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

Internationally, preparations for Jubilee 2025 are underway. The Vatican’s Dicastery for Evangelization has prepared supporting resources and has asked local bishops’ conferences to promote and distribute these as well as to collaborate in the preparation of local opportunities. In response, the NZCBC has created an informative, indexed webpage dedicated to Jubilee 2025. It contains background information, links to online resources, and links to other websites for a broader coverage.

The page is here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> more information to come.

No Faith in Fossil Fuels Climate Action Week | 3 – 12 May

Following on from the immensely successful ‘E tū te Mana o Te Ao - Building a Climate of Hope’ Webinar Series and Palmy Climate Conversation Starters held in June last year, the Religious Diversity Centre’s Climate Action Group have partnered with Greenfaith and other local groups to organise and promote ‘No Faith in Fossil Fuels week’ in Palmerston North. Everyone is welcome to attend, no registration needed.

Two events are organised:

Friday May 3rd, 10am-1pm

A Solidarity March at Te Marae o Hine, in The Square with MP Teanau Tuiono as guest speaker, organised in conjunction with Extinction Rebellion Manawatu. Participants are invited to carry banners that call attention to the urgent need for a just transition to renewable energy, a sustainable future, an end to fossil fuels, and a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty.

Sunday, 5 May, 7:30pm A Multi-faith Prayer Vigil at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Broadway organised in conjunction with Palmerston North Interfaith Group with the theme: “Hear the Cry of the Earth! Hear the Cry of the Poor!”

St Peter’s College 50th Jubilee

St Peter’s College in Palmerston North is celebrating their 50th Jubilee on Labour Weekend. More information and registrations at <https://www.stpeterspn.school.nz/50-jubilee>.