

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



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What do you do when you are facing problems!

What do you do when you are facing difficulties? Not all difficulties are of the same magnitude. Some are more like annoyances while others involve life and death. When it's big, we sometimes look for a place to run and hide, to just be by ourselves, to sort out our feelings and decide how to move on.

It was probably like that for Jesus, when he learned that his cousin, John the Baptist, was murdered by a vain king who was enchanted by a young child, to satisfy the wishes of her mother. We can only imagine the emotions Jesus must have felt: anguish, torment, and perhaps even anger, as he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But after Jesus arrived at that place, did he find the solitude he was looking for? Far from it. A crowd of at least five thousand people waited for him, people who were there not to comfort him in his anguish, but rather, to ask him to attend to *their* personal needs, to cure them, and to hear him speak. How did Jesus respond - what did he do? We are told that "his heart was moved with pity for them, he taught them and then he cured their sick." After doing all this he fed them.

Where did Jesus' resilience come from, that allowed him to face the multitudes when all he really wanted to do was to be alone? The answer is so simple that we sometimes overlook it. Jesus gained his strength from his relationship with God he called Abba or Father. As with any good relationship Jesus knew the importance of communication. His daily prayer life filled him with strength and courage and grace. The Gospels have numerous passages in which Jesus speaks to his need to be by himself in prayer with his Father, to nurture and deepen his relationship with God, so that in times of deep distress he would have the wellspring of grit and compassion necessary to rise up to the occasion and deal with the hardship of his life on earth. The same is true for each and every one of us!

Do you pray to God every day? Do you entrust your day to him and seek his advice along the road or do you follow another god and do everything on your own. The past months have been hard on most of us. A global pandemic which is not going away soon, international civil unrest, a potential global financial crisis and our own personal problems can leave us exhausted and looking for a way out. For most of us, that is not an option. Instead, we need to understand that our daily prayers and quiet times of reflection and solitude are as important for our well-being as daily exercise and healthy eating is for our bodies.

Focused time spent in prayer with God can strengthen our resolve and provide us with guideposts to follow when we are faced with difficult problems. We can pray for strength and courage to endure the hardships. Lastly, we need to be fed with God's word and the Eucharist every week. Jesus' body and blood give us strength and like other food we need regular spiritual sustenance.

PARISH INFORMATION

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday	8/8	5.00pm	St Joseph's Hawera
Sunday	9/8	9.30am	St Joseph's Hawera
Sunday	2/8	11.15am	Hoani Papita Marae

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Monday	9.00am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00am	Communion Service
Wednesday	10.30am	Mass (Trinity)
Thursday	9.00am	Mass
Friday	9.00am	Mass

ALPHA RETREAT Today after Mass.

ANNIE BRYDON MASS this Wednesday 5th August at 1.30pm.

LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY Meet this Monday 3rd August in the Church at 2pm.

OLDER CHILDREN'S BAPTISM: We will be running a programme beginning on Tuesday 1 September and celebrating the sacrament on Sunday 20 September. If you have children to baptise, or you know someone who has children they would like baptised, or could help run the programme please contact the parish office. Forms are available in the church foyer, at the Mission Centre, or by emailing stjoshw@xtra.co.nz.

FOODBANK: Our Parish has supported the Hawera Food Bank for many years. Please leave your food donations in the cane basket in the foyer at our Vigil or Sunday Mass.

ROSTERS Preparation is underway for the next lot of rosters, September, October & November. We need some new people to volunteer to replace those who have chosen to stand down after many years of service. **What ministry could you partake in?** – Reader, Eucharistic Ministry, Power point Operator, Children's Liturgy, Communion to the Sick, Flower Display, Hospitality, Cuppa on Sunday, Greeter, Mass Coordinator, Musician.

CLEANING ROSTER: Every one is busy, but we need some younger parishioners to join the cleaning roster. If you can spare 1 hour every three months to vacuum and sweep the interior body of the church and foyer, please call or email the office. Family groups are most welcome.

The more volunteers, the less you are required.

ADDITIONAL ROSTERS

Eucharistic Ministers 8th August: Eileen Martelletti, Eileen Malcolm, Sharon Gestro, Diane Bourke, Erin Wilson.

9th August: Ann Dombroski, Peter Kuklinski, Mary Kalin, Pauline Fensom, Fred Kersten, Hanny Mansvelt.

15th August: Manaia Bev Diestchin, Judy Brown, Tony Landers.

16th August: Glenda Nicholls, Ken Dombroski, Annette Orchard, Trish Armstrong, Jill Saxton

Communion to the Sick: 9 August: Carol Kersten, Dorothea Henry, Hanny Mansvelt.

16 August: Fred Kersten, Peter Kuklinski, Shirley Werder

Cuppa on Sunday: 9 August: Pauline Annabell Libby & Joan Whittington **16 August:** Trish Coleman, Christine Ross & Barbara Rogers.

Children's Liturgy: 9 August Marie Bird, 16 August Susan Bradley.

PLANNED GIVING: A number of people have not yet picked up their specials & planned giving envelopes. They are still in the foyer. Please consider joining planned giving by automatic payment. The Parish banks with the BNZ and they have notified us, that they will not be accepting cheque next year.

THANK YOU: I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and help that was given to us over the last few weeks after my operation. The good wishes received was very encouraging. I'm well on the mend now and just able to drive. The love and care from my wife and family helped make recovery easier. The Doctors and nursing care at Hawera and New Plymouth Base Hospital was excellent. Thanks again Tom & Anne Butler

PRAYER CIRCLE Prayer requests can be left in the specially marked box in the foyer. Alternatively you can contact our coordinator Sue directly on 278 4635.

COAST TO COAST ROSARY for Life and Faith will be held at St Joseph's Hawera at 3pm on Saturday 15th August.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION This sacrament is available at any time, by appointment.

PROLIFE FACTS: Janice-Tetley Jones started Pregnancy Choice in a storefront in Bethlehem outside Tauranga in 2013, catering for women and girls facing unexpected pregnancies. There are plans to build a network of pregnancy similar care centres around the country. For more pro-life information, go to voiceforlife.org.nz

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED

We remember and pray for all those who have died recently, especially Joyce Holland, Norah Sutton, Judith McCallum, John Hartley, Dorothy (Dot) Powell, Rosa Rowland, Ray Edwards and all whose anniversaries are at this time including Lynne Yurisich, Melva Yarrow, Ron Nolan, Alexander Thomson, Ian Houghton, Clare Hikaka, Patrick Myers, Bruce Wright, Gerard Kissick & Agi Poole. Mass has also been requested for Ian Houghton (Ann), Greg Sloane & Bill Frengley, and for Joyce Holland, Norah Sutton & Judith McCallum at the request of SVDP.

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