

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



19th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

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JESUS NEEDED TO GRIEVE - JUST LIKE US

This Sunday our gospel tells the story of Jesus walking on water. What do you think was going on in Jesus' own heart and soul leading up to this event? Remembering last Sunday's gospel, Jesus had been hit hard by news of John the Baptist's death. So he had taken a boat to a deserted place in order to grieve, quietly, by himself. But the crowd got there first and he spent his time and energy talking to them and healing them and feeding them. Jesus' heart had been moved by the needs of the suffering people, sacrificing his own need to grieve and share his grief with his Father.

Following on from last week's gospel, we are told Jesus sent the crowd away. This is followed by him sending the disciples ahead of him in a boat, to the other side. Why send them ahead? Why stay there alone? The answer is simple. He still needed time alone, to process John's death. He climbed up the mountainside and took his own time to spend in prayer with his heavenly Father. The gospel says that by now it was evening, and that Jesus prayed well into the night.

A gusty wind came up. He could not have been comfortable. What was his prayer like? We can be sure he poured out his grief to the Father. Maybe he asked for renewed trust in the face of his deep and very personal loss. Perhaps the Father reassured him that even against the evidence all human beings have to rely on God, especially when it seems that tragedy has the upper hand. Jesus was divine, but he was also fully human. After spending time in prayer with the Father, Jesus' normal level of trust in God was made even stronger. In the same way that he "learned obedience through what he suffered" maybe he had to learn a deeper level of trust through loss.

Trusting is not a sheer act of the will, not simply a blind decision, but a quiet re-emergence of God's faithful love. Then, at last, Jesus does walk on water. How must it feel to leave the solid ground and walk on slushy liquid? Perhaps this walking was symbolic of the deeper trust he had come to in his night of prayer. Maybe trust feels like walking on water. Adapted from an article by John Foley SJ

PARISH INFORMATION

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday	15/8	5.00pm	Sacred Heart Manaia
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	Mass
Wednesday	10.30am	Mass (Trinity)
Thursday	9.00am	Mass
Friday	9.00am	Mass

FAITH

“Faith begins when we realise we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we founder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God’s strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.” *Pope Francis*

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: Mass this Saturday 15th August at 9.am to celebrate The Feast of the Assumption.

ANOINTING MASS at Trinity this Wednesday 12th August at 10.30am.

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 11.30am or any time by contacting Fr Craig

OLDER CHILDREN’S BAPTISM: We will be running a programme beginning on Tuesday 1 September and celebrating the sacrament on Sunday 20 September. 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

15th August: Manaia Judy Brown, Tony Landers.

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

22 August Ann O’Connor Pam Hawken, Erin Wilson, Diane Bourke, Margaret Ingram,

23 August Shirley Werder, Peter Kuklinski, Trish Armstrong, Ken Dombroski, Pauline Fensom, Pauline Hurley.

Communion to the Sick:

16 August: Fred Kersten, Peter Kuklinski, Shirley Werder

23 August Christine Ross, Shirley Werder, Bryan Williams

Cuppa on Sunday: **16 August:** Trish Coleman, Christine Ross & Barbara Rogers. **23 August** Sophie Cunningham & Jan Bigham

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

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.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2020: This year the Shoeboxes will be delivered to Children in Cambodia, Fiji, Papa New Guinea and The Phillipines. Shoe boxes containing all the information are available from The Mission Centre or Church Foyer. Shoeboxes must be returned by 31st October.

PROLIFE FACTS: The Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion (Safe Areas) Amendment Bill was introduced by Louisa Wall (Labour) on 28 July. According to the General policy statement, the purpose of the Bill is to “provide a regulation-making power to set up safe areas around specific abortion facilities, on a case-by-case basis.” For more pro-life information, visit Family Life International at fli.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 and Agi Poole. Mass has been requested for John Hartley, Emmett Myers, Christine Fairweather (Ann) Ann Fraser (Ann) Tom Hickman, Desmond Williamson & Ray Edwards.