

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



20 June 2021

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

We encounter storms of one kind or another during the course of our lives – troubles, disappointments, quarrels, setbacks, illnesses Every storm severely tests our faith in God. Though we turn to God in the midst of the storm at the same time we often doubt him. Today's Gospel shows Christ present with his disciples in the midst of the storm. He is also present in our storms.

Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

In 2021, the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants falls on 20 June, the twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Pope Francis has drawn our attention back to the Holy Family when discussing migrant and refugee issues. He likens the Holy Family's experience of fleeing to Egypt to the journey that countless refugees and migrants must take. Much like the experience of the child Jesus from the persecution from King Herod, Pope Francis reminds us that "half of today's refugees in the world are children, blameless victims of human injustice" (Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to Performers and Organisers of the Christmas Concert, 2018).

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In Pope Francis' apostolic letter *Patris Corde* (2020) on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as patron of the universal Church, Francis proclaimed it to be the Year of St Joseph and considered Joseph to be "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty."

Francis describes St Joseph as a man on a journey as he was instructed by an angel in a dream to take Mary and Jesus and flee to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-23). Francis reaffirms Joseph's courage in how God entrusted Joseph with the most precious treasures of our faith – Jesus Christ and Mary his Mother.

With millions of displaced persons in the world, we see that there are countless modern-day Josephs who have fled their home alongside their families. Most especially in this Year of St Joseph, we look to Jesus' earthly father as an example of complete trust and courage.

Prayer by the example of St Joseph As cited in the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.



Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked. Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places. Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials. Grant to those who welcome them some of the

tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way. May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will. Amen.

La fuga in Egitto, Massimiliano Ungarelli



Please join us for our Parish Potluck Brunch and Entertainment this Morning after Mass.

Finance Meeting this Wednesday 23rd at 5.30pm.

St Vincent de Paul Hawera meet this Wednesday 23rd June at 1.30pm in the Church Meeting Room. All welcome.

Right of Christian Initiation of Children: Forms to register for Baptism, First Reconciliation & First Communion are available in the church foyer.

Baptism Preparation for Children will be held on Tuesday 29th June 11am-3pm. (Parents are welcome any time during school hours).

A Parents meeting will be held on Tuesday Evening 29th June 7-8pm. Baptisms to be celebrated on Sunday 4th July. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion will begin in the 3rd term.

Peters Pence Collection –Next Sunday we have the collection for Peters Pence. This collection is to support the Pope and his works of charity. If you wish to give online to the Peters Pence Collection 02 0630 0288010 03, please enter your name and the initials PP followed by your PG number. There are also some envelopes marked Peters Pence in the church foyer, if you wish to give cash.

Children’s Liturgy on a Sunday: With the new safeguarding standards, we require two adults to attend children’s liturgy each week. We would appreciate some people being the second person, but they must be over 18 years of age.

CHEQUES: We can no longer accept cheques.

Eltham Vigil Mass for June and July is now at 5.30pm.

COVID19 Vaccination Programme: Love your neighbour as yourself – get vaccinated Following the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, the free Pfizer vaccine is now being offered to members of the public, starting with those most at risk. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops are urging you to get vaccinated to protect yourself, your whanau and your community. You will also be protecting those who cannot receive the vaccination; those with underlying health conditions who would be at higher risk of catching the virus and young children. The Pfizer vaccine is safe and effective, and has been given to hundreds of millions of people worldwide. People can be reassured that any personal information gathered during the vaccination process will not be shared with Immigration New Zealand. Love your neighbour as yourself, get vaccinated. please visit www.get-vaccinated-catholic.co.nz

New Office Professional Standards (NOPS): The Church takes all complaints of abuse seriously. We encourage anyone who has been abused by a priest or religious to contact them, for your story to be heard and your complaint to be investigated.

Alternately you may choose to go directly to the Police, and the Church will support anyone who requires assistance to do this. Email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz

ANOINTING If you or a loved one are unwell and would like a visit from a priest, please call Fr Joseph on 027 232 7532 or Fr Craig 021 272 4401

Prayer Circle: If you have an intention you wish prayed for, please leave a note in the prayer circle box in the church foyer.

Pro Life Facts Voice for Life has been made aware of a recent case involving a healthy New Zealand infant who was born alive after an unsuccessful late term abortion (at more than 21 week’s gestation) and then left gasping without medical assistance for two hours before dying. This incident took place at a hospital and was witnessed by a healthcare student who was present during the ordeal. For more pro-life information, visit voiceforlife.org.nz

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES Please pray for all who are sick and all who care for them. Please pray also for all who have died recently, including Margaret Vaoga, Cynthia Cunningham, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time including Sue Garvey, George Wright, Maurice Andreoli, Trevor Powell, Omahuru Robinson, Raymond Edwards. Mass has been requested by SVDP for Margaret Vaoga.

PARISH INFORMATION

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 26 June 5.00pm St Josephs’ Hawera
Sunday 27 June 9.30am St Joseph’s Hawera

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 11.30am, or any time by appointment.