

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



Christ the King 21st

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Christ the King Today the Feast of Christ the King brings us to the end of the liturgical year. Jesus is like no other king the world has ever known, no earthly palace or worldly riches, and a crown twisted from thorny branches. As we have travelled along the road since the First Sunday of Advent, let us hope we have grown to know him better, to trust him better, and to love him more, so that today we can rejoice in calling him King.



Here is an extract from the Bishops of New Zealand latest letter on guidelines.

Guidelines for worshipping and ministering with Covid-19 in our midst.

The 'traffic light' system will allow people to gather in churches under certain conditions; either in limited numbers if vaccination passes are not required, or in potentially unrestricted numbers by presenting proof of vaccination in the form of the official 'My Vaccine Pass'. As Church leaders, we have been struggling with how we might best and safely allow for church gatherings to take place under this system without people feeling alienated. We believe that churches should be safe places for all people, physically, emotionally and spiritually. In the spirit of the Gospel, we also want our churches to be places of hospitality and inclusion, open and welcoming to all without prejudice or discrimination. With that in mind, we have agreed to the following guidelines:

- Parishes will provide Masses for people with a My Vaccine Pass while ensuring there is the opportunity for people without a pass to access a separate numbers-restricted option where possible.
- Accordingly, we anticipate that parishes will, either singly or in collaboration with neighbouring parishes, provide worship opportunities for the vaccinated (requiring proof of vaccination) as well as separate gatherings, subject to number restrictions, that will be open to vaccinated and unvaccinated alike (no proof of vaccine required).
- All lay people involved in public-facing public ministries related to a worship service or other parish ministries (ushers, readers, ministers of the Eucharist, collectors, those leading liturgies of the Word, Communion to the sick, home visitation) will need to be fully vaccinated at vaccination-only Masses and when performing other work where vaccination is required.
- Priests who are not fully vaccinated will, under the current public health orders, be significantly constrained in their ministry; they will be unable to exercise pastoral care in aged-care residential settings or hospitals as well as schools. Priests who are not fully vaccinated or who do not wish to declare their vaccination status will not be able to attend and preside at vaccinated-only Church events.
- When asking a fully vaccinated priest to preside at a service open to both vaccinated and unvaccinated, parishes and priests need to give due consideration to any specific health conditions a priest may have which could make him more susceptible to the health consequences of being infected by Covid-19.
- Similarly, all church workers (whether paid or voluntary) involved in home-based pastoral care visitations need to have regard for the vaccine status of those they are visiting, along with their own health conditions which may make them more susceptible to the health consequences of being infected by Covid-19.
- Pending any changes accompanying the 'traffic light' system, the current situation also demands that parishes continue with measures designed to minimise the risk of transmitting Covid-19, such as encouraging the use of masks, social distancing, communion only in the hand, no holy water for blessing, and no shared hymn or other books

Synod the Listening Stage.

On Wednesday 25 people joined together to answer the Synod questions as small groups. For others there is still time to complete an online response at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AotearoaSynod1>, or by email to synod@pndiocese.org.nz. Copies of the Participation Document and questions are still available from the Parish Office.



Prayer Service of Remembrance will be held this Thursday 25th November at 7pm. During this time we remember those who have died from July 2020 to June 2021.

As we are restricted to 100 people, could you please contact the office by email or phone by 22nd November if you intend to attend. Current covid restrictions will be in place.

Parish AGM will be held next Sunday November 28th at 10.45am in the Church Hall.

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

Finance Committee Meeting this Wednesday 24th at 5.30pm.

Cleaning Position Our Parish Church Cleaner has retired and we require a new person to take up this paid position 5 hours per week. It would suit someone interested in part time employment. A police check and employment contract will be necessary. Please apply in writing with your expression of interest to Cleaning Position St Joseph's Parish PO Box 488 Hawera or deliver your envelope to the Mission Centre by November by 3rd December. A Job Description is available from the Parish Office between 9am-12noon weekdays.

Daily Mass Calendars for 2022 are available from the Parish office they are \$3.50 each and the Little Blue Book for Advent is \$6.50. St Joseph's Missals are delayed again this year, but will notify you when they arrive.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Hawera Tertiary Study Grant St Vincent de Paul Society, Hawera are offering Tertiary study grant for those first year students attending University or Polytechnic in 2021. Applicants should have attended St Joseph's Primary School or are members of the St Joseph's Parish. Application forms with criteria, are available from the St Vincent de Paul Shop, 234 High Street, Hawera and close on the 31st January 2022. Recipients will be notified in February.

Prayer Circle: If you have a special prayer request during Level 2 you may contact our Prayer Circle Coordinator Sue directly on 021 265 3542.

Holy Souls Box If you wish to pray for a Holy Soul during the month of November, please place your intention in the Holy Souls Box in the Church foyer.

Change of Mass Venue while we are in level 2 our Saturday Vigil will be in Hawera at 5pm.

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED:

Please pray for all who are sick and all who care for them. Please pray also for all who have died recently, especially Patricia Spurdle and those in November over the last 5 years Rona Schrader, Celine England, Eric Cresswell & Patricia Hickman. Mass has been requested for Pat Spurdle by SVDP. May they rest in peace.

The Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection - Sunday 28 November 2021 The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciative especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity.. Mons Brian Walsh, Vicar General. If you do not have a special please place your donation in an envelope, marked sick priests, include your name if you require a receipt. **If you wish to give online through our Parish send to St Josephs Parish Account 02 0630 0288010 03 Reference- your name pg number and SP**

Jubilees of Ordination 2021 The annual diocesan Mass to celebrate the priestly ordinations will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, on Tuesday 30th November at 12.05 pm. Because of Covid 19 restrictions this year we are not able to have hospitality in the Cathedral gathering area after the Jubilee Mass.

With the End-of-Life Choice Act coming into effect last 07 November and NZCBC issuing guidelines for ministering with people contemplating assisted dying, we are running an online event entitled "Catholic Responses to the End-of-Life Choice Act" on Wednesday 01 December 6:00-7:00pm presented by Dr John Kleinsman (Director of the Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics) and Rev Dr Mervyn Duffy (CTC Degree Programme Head). We would like to invite you to participate and also request that you invite people especially those who are ministering to the sick. Registration details and Facebook links are below: Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212121?pwd=ZUd-MSpjMqG9ZusLZTVVvsxmoW_xu_3Pt0V

COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL TWO: Masks are recommended to be worn by everyone while in church. People entering the church must sign in using the COVID-19 tracer app (or sign in manually) and use hand sanitizer. Children over 12 must sign in. Limit of 100 people. Communion in the Hand. If you are unwell, please stay home.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday	5.00pm	St Joseph's Hawera
Sunday	9.30am	St Joseph's Hawera

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday	9.00am	Communion Service
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Thursday	9.00am	Mass
Friday	9.00am	Mass