

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



7th Sunday Ordinary Time
23 February 2020
Year A

ALPHA is coming soon. ALPHA is an interactive learning experience for people who want to know more about what they believe, for those who want to deepen their faith in Jesus the Christ and others still, who want to know what Christianity is all about. ALPHA is contemporary, lively, challenging, encouraging and designed to both help disciples of Jesus grow in their faith and shed light on him for those who have only ever heard *about* him. ALPHA is about encountering and coming to *know Jesus*, by moving beyond just knowing *about* him. ALPHA is a twelve week programme designed to engage people in conversations about the big questions of life, including "Who is Jesus?", "How do we pray?", "How does God guide us?" and more. Every ALPHA session includes three things: food, a contemporary 20 minute video presentation on Christian faith, and a small group discussion. Even though each of these elements will always be involved, every ALPHA is going to look a little different depending on your group and context. This year we will begin *our* ALPHA programme on

Friday 6th March at 7pm in the large meeting room



It is my dream that *everyone* in our parish including our school community will work together on this project to make Christ known. I am encouraging you, together with our Parish Leadership Team to make space for this and attend. If the time doesn't suit, we will make another time. Fr Craig



ASH WEDNESDAY

9.00am Parish School Mass

5.30pm Evening Mass

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS We have 6 black reflection books available for Lent. They are \$6. They are available from the Sacristy after Mass.

WELCOME This weekend we welcome through Baptism Liam Keady Ingram, who is the 4th son of Joseph & Karen and grandson of Anne and Terry Ingram.

PARISH INFORMATION

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(Office Hours Mon – Fri 9.00am – 12.00noon)

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 5pm 29 Feb St Josephs
Sunday Hoani Papita 1 March 11.15am

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
Saturday 11.30am Rite 1 Reconciliation
(or any time by appointment)

THANK YOU to everyone who organised and contributed to my 25 anniversary of ordination celebration, last weekend. I had a wonderful day! Since then, I've had a number of lovely comments from parishioners and family and friends, who were present. Comments included praise for: our wonderful Filipino Choir, the beautiful gardens, the great liturgy, the beautiful food and hospitality and warm welcome received by all. I could not have asked for more. In particular, my family were made to feel very welcome and that was just marvellous. Lastly, thank you to everyone who gave me a gift. I am a bit overwhelmed by your generosity. I can now afford to take the rest of the year off and go on holiday... This is a joke, but having said that, I would like to do something later in the year and your gift will help get me there. I will leave the last word to one quick wit, who texted the following "*Happy anniversary of ordination. 25 years is a pretty good start*". You only get one guess who sent that. Craig

INTRODUCING FR JOSEPH SAW THA KHU – Part 2 When I passed the High School Final Exam, I went to Minor Seminary, Bago to join the Vocational Retreat. The vocational retreat is for the boys those who want to be the priests so that they could make the preparation or decision rightly. My home parish is St. Andrew Parish, Nyaungdon Township, Ayerwaddy Division, and my diocese is Arch-Diocese of Yangon, Yangon Division. I entered intermediate seminary in 2001. I studied Philosophy and other minor subjects for two years (2004, and 2005) in St. Joseph Catholic Major Seminary, Pyin Oo Lwin, upper part of Myanmar. In 2004, I got the DEGREE OF BA-HISTORY from YANGON-UNIVERSITY. In 2006, I studied for spiritual practices, meditations (including of eastern way) in St. Michael Seminary (Spiritual Year) of Taunggyi, Shan State, eastern part of Myanmar. And I studied Theology for four years (2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010) in St. Joseph Catholic Major Seminary, Yangon, lower part of Myanmar. In 2011, I gained a BACHELOR OF SACRED THEOLOGY through the PONTIFICAL URBANIANA UNIVERSITY of ROME. In February 11, 2012, I was ordained by His Grace Archbishop Charles Bo, Archbishop of Arch-Diocese of Yangon (now he is a Cardinal) at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Nyaunglebin Township. After my ordination, I was sent as an assistant priest to my home parish. In 2013, I was sent to Solomon Islands to serve in Gizo Diocese for two years. In 2015, I came back to Myanmar and served as the associate priest in three parishes (one is in remote area and two are in urban area). And then in 2019, I was sent to Palmerston North Diocese, New Zealand to serve you, here. *We are the Universal Priests of the Universal Church.* Fr Joseph

Finance Committee meet this Tuesday 25th February at 5.30pm.

St Vincent de Paul meet this Wednesday 26th February at 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Rosters are available in the foyer. Please pick up your copy. Thanks to all those who generously give of their time to fulfil these ministries.

SAFEGUARDING- Those issued with police vetting forms, for children's liturgy & communion to the sick, please return your completed forms to the Parish Office along with two types of id A primary ID eg birth certificate or passport & a secondary id eg drivers license, utility bill etc. Feel free to call into the Mission Centre Friday 28th February 9.30-10.30 to fill these forms out.

Found: The family heirloom rosary beads have now been found and reunited with their owner.

Little Company of Mary- Next meet Monday March 2nd at 2pm in the Church.

Planned Giving. We have 5 weeks until the end of the financial year. If you wish to change your method of payment, envelopes to AP, or you wish to join planned giving, please contact the office.

Caritas – Theme this Lent - Renewed by the Spirit
Lenten giving Envelope Packs have been distributed today at Mass. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. NZ post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2020 will be sent receipts for 2019/20 tax year. Donations after 1st April will be sent receipts for 020/21 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

Prayers for the Dead: We remember and pray for all our loved ones who have died recently especially Tilly Riddick, Shirley McLoughlin. We also pray for those from our Parish whose anniversaries occur around this time in February over the last 5 years, Barbara Patterson, Florence Hussey, Bill Orr, Bob Green, Corrie Roodbeen, Monica Roberts, John O'Dea, Joe Busby, Charles Tumoana, Peter Bradford.

Mass has been requested for Fr Tom Lawn, Shona Lawn & family.

Catholic Charities Funding Allocation forms are available diocesan website <https://pndiocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/> Applications are to be sent to reach the Diocesan Office by 31 March 2020. Allocations will be made on in May 2020.

Hospitality : Ann O'Connor Ph 2784917

Sunday Morning Tea: 1 March Annette Orchard Ph 2726524

Flowers: 29 Feb Erin Wilson

Greeters: 29 Feb Pam Linn & Barbara Hurcomb

Greeters: 1 March Carol & Fred Kersten

Power point: 29 Feb Carol Curtis

Power point: 1 March Ricson Torres