

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



3rd Sunday Lent
7th March 2021

Living Liturgy

The gospel tells us something today that we often overlook. The temple is not only a physical place in Jerusalem, but metaphorically it is Jesus' very self. By extension, the human body is a place of God's presence. To be holy is not merely to go to the physical temple to purchase a "pre-certified and quality assured" sacrifice. If the human being is a dwelling place of God, then true worship becomes how we treat ourselves, and how we treat the other. But treating another kindly, patiently, and with love is much more difficult to commodify. It seems easier to say, "buy this" and all will be well with you and God. But God's grace is not dependent on somebody else, what they sell us, in deed or in word.

Rather, our relationship with God is dependent upon how we treat the other, who is a dwelling place of God in our midst. It can be difficult to die to our preconceived notions of God, to let go of the idea of an accountant God who takes stock of each and every sacrifice, ensuring it is without blemish. Instead, Jesus invites us to a relationship with God based on Jesus himself, the enfleshment of God. If Jesus is the incarnation of God, if humanity is a dwelling place for the divinity, then proper worship becomes how we treat our neighbour. Living Liturgy 2018©

Parishioners are invited to join with Fr Joseph for Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour on Fridays during Lent at the Church at 5pm.

Mass this Wednesday at Annie Brydon at 1.30 pm. This will only be held at Level One.

Communion to the Sick- If you are a recipient of Communion to the Sick on Sunday, and plan to be away, could you please let the Parish Office know before Friday Morning. Phone 2785656.

PARISH INFORMATION

St Joseph's Church 38 Victoria St Hawera
Sacred Heart Church 43 Ngatai St Manaia
Mission Centre (Parish and School office)
Little Regent St behind the church
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(Office Hours Mon - Fri 9.00am - 12.00noon)

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Fr Joseph Tha Khu 027 232 7532

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 13 March 5.00pm Sacred Heart Manaia
Sunday 14 March 9.30am St Joseph's Hawera

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Monday	9.00am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday	10.30am	C/S Trinity
Wednesday	1.30pm	Mass Annie Brydon
Thursday	9.00am	Mass
Friday	9.00am	Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 11.30am, or any time by appointment

Stolen :To those parishioners that were unable to join us at Mass last weekend, we notified parishioners that our Planned Giving and Caritas collection was stolen from the Church, Sunday 21st February. No money=No Receipt, and we apologize for this. The Police and Caritas have been notified.

Planned Giving: Our new lot of envelopes have arrived. **Before they are allocated, if you would like to change to online banking can you please contact the office.** We will not be able to accept cheques very soon.

Rosters will be out mid March for April & May. If you know the dates you are away, please contact the office. Should you wish to join a ministry, please enter your name and phone number on the sheet in the foyer.

Cuppa on Sunday – We need more people to join this roster. The more people the less often you are called.



Caritas There are resources available for Lent check out the Caritas Website www.caritas.org.nz This includes Lenten Reflections.

Lenten Giving Envelopes – This gives the option of giving online by direct deposit. Include your name and Caritas Number if you know it, You can then fill out the purple Lenten Envelope and place it in the Parish Collection.

3rd Sunday Lent – Changing Hearts and Minds: Caritas participates in advocacy work in New Zealand and internationally to amplify the voices of those in need. Caritas works to bring the needs of the poor and vulnerable to the attention of national, regional and global communities with the hope to change minds and hearts and drive positive action. Throughout the year, Caritas leads advocacy programmes on environmental justice, refugees and migrants, and poverty; writes submissions to Parliament to advocate for the poor and vulnerable in Aotearoa New Zealand; and produces resources for students of all ages to learn about and recognise social justice issues.

Funding: The May 2021 Funding Round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open. Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group. (see noticeboard in church for more information & application forms) Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Catholic-Charities-Application-form-2020.pdf> or please contact

Wendy Silver at wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 833

March WelCom Contents include:

- Year of Saint Joseph 2021.
- Cardinal John's column – Lent – 'a time to make deep changes in our lives'.
- Climate Change Commission report – welcomed by Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Landmark study on the Irish in New Zealand.
- First woman appointed to Vatican's office for the Synod of Bishops.
- Catholic College 2020 achievers and 2021 leaders.
- Local and international news and views.

Year of St Joseph - Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became a man. Blessed Joseph, show yourself to us and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Pro Life Facts MPs will soon vote on Louise Wall's Abortion Safe Areas Amendment Bill to ban prayer vigils and sidewalk counsellors outside abortion clinics. This will deny expectant mothers considering abortion a chance to be offered and potentially accept help to continue their pregnancies. For more information on pro-life issues, visit www.voiceforlife.org.

A FRESH LOOK AT LENT- 2021

Fr Don Hornsey, Columban Missionary with Rex and Theresa Begley invite you to join them in a Lenten Retreat at the Magnificat Retreat Centre, Cross Creek Road, Featherston from 6.30 pm on Friday 19th March until 4.00 pm on Sunday 21st March 2021. Cost \$190. Registration required. Contact: rexandtheresabegley@gmail.com

Covid Level 2: As well as rules for Level One. Weekday Mass will be held in the Main Body of the Church. We are limited to 100 people.

Covid Level 1: During level 1 we encourage people entering our churches to be aware of the following:(1) Scan the covid-19 QR codes or use the manual sign in register.

- (2) Sanitise hand on entry.
- (3) The sign of peace is omitted at this time.

- (4) If you are unwell please stay at home and contact health line or see your GP.



PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED: We remember and pray for all those who have died recently, especially Freda Hurley, Basil Hurley, Betty Andreoli, Rosemary Mills, Kevin Goodin, John Gunn, and all whose anniversaries are at this time in March: Daniel Hurley, Shirley Johnston, Matilda Radich, Tadhg McColl, Allan Jones & Joyce Cann. Mass has been requested by SVDP for Freda Hurley and Luise Zeller.