

Welcome to St Joseph's Parish Hawera Newsletter



2 February 2025 Presentation of the Lord Year C
Opening of the Year of Jubilee in our Diocese.

PARISH INFORMATION

St Joseph's Church 38 Victoria St Hawera
Sacred Heart Church 43 Ngatai St Manaia (Closed)

Parish Office -Mission Centre (located behind the church in a
Combined Office with School Hours 9-12weekdays)

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday Mass 9am

Weekday Timetable

Tuesday 12noon
Wednesday 9am Mass
Thursday 9am Liturgy of Word (Waitangi Day)
Friday 9am Mass Parish & School
(Weekday Mass usually in the Chapel)

Adoration & Benediction

Adoration Quiet time 11.30am
Mass 12noon
Rosary after Mass

Reconciliation

February or by appointment

Rosary World Peace Devotion to Mary

1.30pm begins 3 March Chapel

Hoani Papita First Sunday Month 11.15am

**Our Tuesday Mass time reverts
back to 12noon from this week.
Adoration begins at 11.30.**

THE PARISH OFFICE- MISSION CENTRE

The delayed St Joseph's Missal has arrived at the
Parish Office, this year they are \$15.00.

Baptism Candles available \$8-\$10, also
available, Books, Bibles, Prayer Cards, Rosary
Beads.

Presentation of the Lord

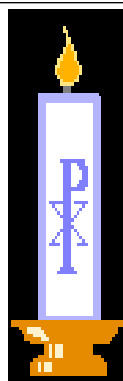
First Reading Mal.3.1-4
Second Reading Heb 2.10-11, 13b-18
Gospel LK 2.22-40 or 2.22-32

Reflection from Gods Word©

Today's Gospel is our story because it parallels the story of how
our parents took us to be initiated into the Christian
community. Moreover, at baptisms we have attended, we have
prayed that the child being baptized will be healthy, free from
harm, grow in faith and not be a cause of grief, harm or shame
in later life to family, friends or strangers.

We have all met Anna in the elderly women who are the glue of
our parish communities and who have held firm to their faith
when those they trusted have faltered and failed. We have also
met Simeon-men who have grown old gracefully, who beam
with delight at the sight of infants being brought into the faith
community by proud and loving parents; men who have
wrestled with questions and struggled with doubts but have still
stayed faithful to God. These characters stand as beacons of
hope, trust and courage for us all.

Let us pray today that, like them, we will remain true to God
who loved us into life, especially when we struggle to reflect
that love to others. Doing that will lead us to the day when, with
Simeon, we can pray: 'Now God, I am ready to go home in
peace'



*Baptism Preparation in our Parish is held in the
church on the 1st Saturday of the Month at 10am.*

If you are seeking Baptism for your children, you
must attend a preparation class before a date is set
for the Baptism. Please call the office to register,
and to receive the relevant paperwork.

This weekend we welcome through Baptism
Charlotte & Celine Marbebe, children of Joame &
Virgilio, who will be baptized after Mass this
morning.

For those who have Died: We remember those who have died recently, especially Jimmy Kelly, Cia Nicholls and Ramona Rongonui and over the last 5 years in February Kevin Goodin, Rosemary Mills, Betty Andreoli, Freda Hurley, Alby Schuler, Roger Frampton, Allan Hunt



*Eternal Rest grant to them O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon
them. May they rest in peace.*

Rosters for March April will be out the last week in February. If you are going away, please let us know your dates. We invite you all in this Year of Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope to join our many ministries. , Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Host Cuppa on Sunday after Mass, Children’s Liturgy Helpers, Power Point Operator at Mass, Mass Coordinators, Communion to the Sick on Sunday, or our Committees, Finance, Parish Council & Liturgy. We are always looking for new people, to replace those who have served their time, or have moved away.



Today In the Diocese of Palmerston North, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord we begin the 2025 Jubilee Year, a time of renewal, healing, and liberation. Drawing inspiration from the words of the Prophet Isaiah, “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me... to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour,” this year invites each of us to discern how we might help liberate hearts, open ears to the Gospel, and bring freedom to those bound by sorrow or regret.

To mark this special time, the official Vatican calendar has been adapted to meet our local needs. Each Jubilee weekend will be filled with special prayers, reflections, and events that align with the themes of mercy, renewal, and hope.

We will begin our Mass in Hawera this weekend with the Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025 “Pilgrims of Hope”

Let us come together as pilgrims of hope, embracing this opportunity to experience God’s favour and share His love with the world.

Looking for something voluntary to do in 2025, Our Parish Council & Our Parish Finance Committee need new members.

Both committees are currently without chair persons. The Parish Council is responsible for the Pastoral needs of our Parish and the Finance Committee, is responsible for maintenance & Church Finances. Both committees meet monthly. We welcome new input to these committees. If you are interested talk to Fr Vince or contact the Parish Office for more information.

PRAYER CIRCLE If you wish for prayers for a special intention call or text Sue our Prayer Circle Co-ordinator 021 265 3542

Children’s Liturgy will begin again on the 16th February.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

