

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



**4 Sunday Ordinary Time  
Sunday 3 Feb 2019**

## LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Mark Twain once said, "What gets us into trouble is not what we don't know. It's what we know for sure that just ain't so." Our brains are wired to be comfortable with the familiar. We don't need to think about walking; we simply walk. We don't need to invest much mental energy in routine tasks simply because they are so familiar. The human brain spends minimal mental energy on the routine. And this is a good thing as the brain can then spend its mental energy on other more critical tasks.

But this can also be a problem in that unexpected, by definition, does not conform to routine. So being open to the unexpected is probably a good habit for us to cultivate. Aware that we are hardwired for routine, it takes extra energy to be open to new things and new experiences, even new information that does not conform to what we already know or even "know for sure that just ain't so."

When we take in new information that causes a change in our way of thinking we experience a metanoia, to use a favorite term of Luke. We die to our old preconceived notions and allow something new to rise up. But sometimes our first reaction can be like the townspeople of Nazareth, and we can seek to destroy the messenger. Allowing new information to influence us and ultimately to shape or even change our minds is a difficult process. We let go of the past; we let go of our old ways of thinking. We let go of what "just ain't so" and embrace something new. This is kind of a paschal mystery. Living Liturgy 2019

As I mentioned at Mass last week, I will be on holiday for the next three weeks. I am fortunate that Fr Peter Fahy and Fr John Dykes have made themselves available to supply over this time. As you are aware, it is not just our need for young priests. In years past there were enough priests in the area to cover for one another, but this is no longer the case and so I am grateful for your understanding when it comes to Communion Services. I will be turning my phone off while I'm away, not to be rude but I need a proper break and I'm really looking forward to it. I will be equally pleased to return in three week! God bless Craig

### PARISH INFORMATION

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

### SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Vigil Mass St Joseph's Hawera Sat 9 Feb at 5.00pm  
Sunday Mass 9.30am St Joseph's Hawera

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Mon, 9.00am Communion Service  
Tuesday Thursday and Friday 9.00am C/S  
Wednesday 10.30 C/S at Trinity Rest Home

**Please note there will be Communion Services in  
place of Weekday Masses until 14 Feb**

## PARISH NEWS

**Clean up.** Over the past few weeks we have had a clean out, including a lot of sorting out, and cleaning of, our church and hall facilities. We have cleared a lot of “stuff” which has cluttered our work space and things which have not been used in the past two years have put into storage. The blue fabric backed hall/meeting room chairs were all professionally cleaned last week and they have come up looking so much better. Thank you to the three women who worked hard to restore them last week.

**Church Building Maintenance and Repair.** As you know our church has suffered from leaks for a number of years. Together with the structural work which is needed on the outside quotes have been sought and our hope is that this work will begin as soon as possible. The internal damage done to our ceilings in the toilets, Sacristy and kitchen will be covered by insurance and completed when the leaking has been resolved.

**Weekly Mass Timetable** Communion Services will be held daily during February while Fr Craig is away. On the weekend of 9/10 Feb we will be joined by Fr Peter Fahy and Fr John Dykes will be here from 14 – 24 Feb. If there are any funerals during this first week, the priests of New Plymouth will come through to help out.

### Baptisms

This weekend we welcome Maddison Webb, And Jonathon Webb into our Parish Family through Baptism. Maddison is the daughter of Jessie Webb and Jonathon the son of Danyelle Ryan-Harrop and Shayden Webb.



**Sacrament of Confirmation** This year we invite all young people to a social evening to meet other young people, eat some good food, watch a movie and hear about this year's Confirmation programme. No strings and no commitment asked. If you are aged 15 or above and would like to know more, please contact Patrea in the Mission Centre. See the front page for contact details.

Every month we welcome infants into our faith community through the sacrament of Baptism. Our parish needs a couple of young couples to help the parents of these children prepare for the ceremony and, more importantly, helping these parents to lead their child in a life of faith. This work is very rewarding and would suit a younger couple who can relate to other young parents of a similar age.

## MINISTRIES

**Time & Talent Sheets** We invite you to fill out a time and talent sheet this weekend, if you are not already committed to ministries. This is a way of actively participating in our Parish.

**Ministry Rosters** – These will be out soon. If you are away March April or May, please let the office know the dates. It makes it easier for planning the rosters.

**Reading Ministry** If you love the Word of God and you are a good reader, you are invited to give your name to Patrea in the office. We need a few more people to share their gifts of proclaiming the Word, in time for our next roster in March.

**Bereavement Care** Every year a number of our parishioners go home to God. This leaves their families to prepare a funeral and then learn to live with the loss of their loved one. Right now, we are dependent upon one person to do this vital work and he would like a small team to work with him. A

formation session will be held early this year, covering the basics of death and grief, funeral preparation and follow up. If you know someone who you think could do this well please talk to Fr Craig

## MISCELLANEOUS

**New to Hawera?** If you are new to Hawera, (even if you have been here a while) please make yourself known to us. We would like you to feel welcome and see St Joseph's as your spiritual home. New Parishioner registration forms are available from the Mission Centre (parish office) and at the back of the church.

**Church Security** We have been blessed with relatively few acts of vandalism and we want to keep it this way. Recently however, vandals set off the fire alarm at a cost to us of more than \$500.00 and lost a few light bulbs. To help prevent unwanted visitors I have asked that the back door to our church be kept locked on Saturday's and school holidays. We have also introduced a Security team of people to lock and unlock the church. The church will be unlocked before 8.00am in the morning and locked at 5.00pm at night. If you need access outside of these hours, please see Patrea in the office to get a key and the code to the alarm.

**Calvary Flats (Trinity)** One Pensioner flat to rent. Please contact Anne Hook, Acting Manager, or Erin Wilson, Resource Manager at Trinity on 278 4189

## PRAYER

**Prayer Circle** If there is someone you would like to be prayed for (including yourself) you are invited to write out your intention and place it in the specially marked box in the foyer. Alternatively you can contact our coordinator Sue directly on 278 4635.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February** For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence.

**Adoration** Fridays at 8.15am before Mass and on Tuesdays from 1.00pm - 2.00pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** before Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 4.30pm or anytime by contacting Fr Craig by mobile.

**Evening Prayer of the Church** Sundays 5.00pm.

**Prayers for the Dead** We remember and pray for all our loved ones who have died recently including Eileen O'Keefe, Joan Brennan, Bart Harrington and Noel Bridgeman. We also pray for those who's anniversaries occur around this time including Lech Jarowiecki, Margaret Busby, Patricia Green, 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 Mary Tihema, Peter Bradford (Ann) Jack Curtin (Ann) & for Eileen O'Keefe at the request of SVDP.

## ROSTERS

**Hospitality for Funerals** 3/2 R Mills Ph 278 4778

**Sunday Morning Tea** after Mass 9/2 Pauline Annabell & Christine Ross

**Church Cleaning** 8/2 D Henry, B Pittams, S Palmer

**Flowers** Saturday 9/2 Sharon Gestro

**Greeters** Saturday 2/2 Ngaire Edwards

Sun 3/2 Janice and Carroll Walsh

**Powerpoint** 9/2 M Brady 10/2 Perline Orcine