

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



**5 Sunday Ordinary Time  
Sunday 10 Feb 2019**

## LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

So often today's Gospel is read symbolically so that the tearing nets mean one thing and the great number of fish mean something else. The boat's near sinking is sometimes interpreted symbolically too. But it can be more fruitful simply to read Luke's story on its own terms, without fishing for meaning so to speak.

Jesus provides more than enough. There is bounty with Jesus who surpasses every expectation. When experience teaches Simon that there is hope, or no use in trying, Jesus encourages him nonetheless and provides excess. This dramatic scene captures something of the initial excitement, humility, and genuineness that often accompanies the early stages of true discipleship. It is then that we die to our own preconceived notions and our own experience, and open ourselves up to the munificence of the divine. That is when our cup overflows with the good things God wants to provide. In the face of such generosity, we can only be humble. Simon knows he did not earn this miraculous catch, but it was a free gift. May we, too, die to our own self-importance and grandiosity and recognize that the good things we have are a gift of God. *Living Liturgy 2019©*

## FR CRAIG'S MESSAGE

As I mentioned at Mass last week, I am away 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 weeks! God bless Craig

### PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish Priest Fr Craig Butler 06 2785656  
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(Office Hours Mon – Fri 9.00am – 12.00noon)

### SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Vigil Mass Sacred Heart Manaia Sat 16 Feb at 5pm  
Sunday Mass 9.30am St Joseph's Hawera

### Weekday Mass Timetable

Mon, 9.00am Communion Service  
Tuesday(C/S) Thursday(C/S) and Friday 9.00am  
Mass  
Wednesday 10.30amC/S Trinity Rest Home

**Please note there will be Communion Services in  
place of Weekday Mass until 14 Feb inclusive.**

## PARISH NEWS

**Visiting Priests** This weekend we welcome Fr Peter Fahy who will be with us to celebrate our weekend Masses. Communion Services will be held this week until Friday when we will be joined by Fr John Dykes.

**Mass with the School Staff.** At last Friday's morning Mass we were joined by the Staff at the School for a blessing Mass, as they prepare for the new school year ahead.

**Sacrament of Confirmation.** If you are over the age of 15 and are not yet Confirmed, we invite you to a Confirmation Information Evening in early March.

An opportunity to meet other young people, eat some food, watch a movie and hear about this year's Confirmation programme. If you would like more details about this evening, and to give us an idea of numbers please email [stjoshw@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stjoshw@xtra.co.nz) or ring the Parish Office 2785656 to indicate your interest. No strings and no commitment asked.

**Baptism.** 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

**Flowers:** Thankyou to all those who so kindly left beautiful flowers for us to make our Christmas masses display with. We really appreciate all the flowers left for us and also to those who allowed us to pick from their gardens. Your generosity when you want your own gardens looking good makes our job so much easier. Thankyou also to the girls who helped with the arranging of these flowers, you are a great team to work with. God bless you all. Noleen



**Time & Talent Sheets.** Please drop your time and talent sheets into the Parish Collection or the New Parishioners box in the foyer.

**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.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**New to Hawera.** New Parishioner forms are available in the church foyer.

**Ice Cream Containers** If you have any spare (clean) Ice Cream containers, with lids, please drop them off to Mission Centre or contact Trish Coleman directly.

**Pro Life Facts** Founded in March 1970, Voice for Life (VFL) is a voluntary organisation that works to inform the public about the intrinsic value of human life from conception to natural death. It speaks out on women's health, and lobbies our decision-makers on important life issues including abortion and assisted suicide. *For more pro-life info, visit the Voice for Life website [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz).*

Message from Bp Charles Kia ora tātou A couple of Sundays ago I was celebrating a 'usual' Sunday Mass. What was different, was that I was among a crowd of 750,000 (the large majority in their 20s). World Youth Day, in Panama City, Central America was the venue, and the presider was our Pope, Papa Francesco. This was the first WYD I have been to. Before leaving my expectations had been neutral, but I returned from our two weeks in Panama (about 25 Kiwis contribution to the 750,000!) invigorated and in deep awe of the gift of our universal Church and faith. Papa Francesco was in great form and the welcome of the Panamanian people was infectious. Please follow my Facebook [www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan](https://www.facebook.com/BishopCharlesDrennan) blog and photos of Panama WYD, or read more on our diocesan website site [www.pndioocese.org.nz/](http://www.pndioocese.org.nz/). My reflections are heartfelt and I thank the Holy Spirit for ensuring the Church keeps dynamic in all we seek to be for Christ.

## 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 whose 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.

## ROSTERS

**Hospitality for Funerals** 10 Feb J Saxton Ph 2786832

**Sunday Morning Tea** 17/2 T Coleman. B Rogers, S Malekar.

**Church Cleaning** 15/2 S Kissick, C Fevre, E Mamangun

**Flowers** 16/2 E Wilson

**Greeters** 16/2 May Mullholland  
17/2 K & N Dombroski

**Power point** 16/2 Manaia  
17/2 J Dionisio