

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday 14 April 2019**

## **Palm Sunday**

With today's celebration of Palm Sunday we enter a week that we call Holy Week. While every week is holy, in this Holy Week we face death. While some will simply look back two thousand years and recall the historic events of Jesus' suffering and death, we Christians today make a decision to walk this path to the cross with Jesus. Not that we will necessarily die this week, but every one of us will face death in some way: uncertainly in a relationship, work and home worries, financial insecurity, anxiety about those we love. Each of these unwanted experiences is a taste of death and very week is holy when we remember the cross of Jesus. As a child I recall crucifixes hanging prominently in Catholic homes and classrooms. In recent years we seem to have thought it better to focus on the resurrection, egged-on by an emphasis on positive thinking urging us to look on the bright side of life. But our challenge is to recall that resurrection only makes sense for the one who has died, and death (because of the death and resurrection of Jesus) is no longer the problem in life or the obstacle to growth but the pathway to intimacy with God and others now and eternally. And the Sign of the Cross, the best known of all Catholic prayers, even when signed in silence in a moment of need, is the most simple and profound of all prayers.

**An Invitation:** Take this week ahead, the journey to Easter, as a retreat in daily life. While you maintain all necessary family, work and social commitments, take time every day to sit with the crucifix. Feel with Jesus the pain of being betrayed and abandoned by friends and unjustly punished and crucified. Know that the crucifix is the reminder that our own struggles, anxiety and suffering when lived with Jesus, is our path to the abundant life we seek here on earth and for eternity.

Fr. John O'Connor [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

## **Holy Week Easter Celebrations in our Parish**



**HOLY THURSDAY** Mass of the Lords Supper St Josephs Hawera 7pm

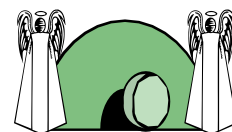
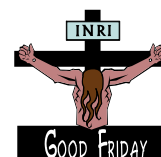
**GOOD FRIDAY** Stations of the Cross St Josephs Hawera 9am

**GOOD FRIDAY** Walk of Witness 9am

**GOOD FRIDAY** St Josephs/Hui Aranga at the Hub Camberwell Rd 3pm

**EASTER VIGIL** St Josephs/Hui Aranga at the Hub Camberwell Rd 7pm

**EASTER SUNDAY** Mass St Josephs Hawera 9.30am



**Communal Reconciliation tonight Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm St Josephs Hawera**

### **PARISH INFORMATION**

St Joseph's Church 38 Victoria St Hawera  
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(Office Hours Mon – Fri 9.00am – 12.00noon)

### **SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE**

Vigil Mass Hui Aranga at The Hub 7pm 21 April  
Sunday Mass 9.30am St Joseph's Hawera  
Sunday Hoani Papita 5 May 11.15am Mass

### **Weekday Mass Timetable**

Mon, 9.00am Communion Service  
Tuesday 9.00am Mass  
Wednesday 10.30am Mass Trinity Rest Home  
Thursday 7pm Mass

**Little White Book:** The little white book for Easter has arrived at a cost of \$6.50.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** This week members of the Confirmation Group will be attending the Mass of the Oils in Palmerston North.

**Finance Meeting** this Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm.

**Planned Giving:** Please make sure you are using your new planned giving envelopes. Some numbers have changed so it is important that the correct numbers are used. There are still a number of envelopes that have not yet been picked up. Planned Giving Receipts will be out by the end of April.

**Church Gardens Working Bee** at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th April. A great opportunity to have the gardens looking beautiful for Easter. All welcome.

**Church Service at Annie Brydon** this Thursday. You are most welcome to come and join in the singing and prayers and spend time with the residents. Time 10.30 a.m.

#### MINISTRIES

**Power point Operators: Please** - We require more power point operators for our weekend Masses. This ministry would suit anyone with basic computer skills.

**Little Company of Mary:** – Next meet Monday 6 May at 2pm in the Church.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Mass of the Oils Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7pm.** All Welcome.

**Caritas Envelopes** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent – Living Our Lives with Love. As we approach Holy Week our attention turns to our remembrance of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, we recall again the theme of Lent: Pope Francis' call to be "living our lives with love". We look to join in the hope of his approaching resurrection, to share in peace and eternal life. Injustice is never invincible.

**Please Support the Good Friday and Easter Sunday Collections**  
The drama of Holy Week, captured in today's Gospel account of the Passion, is played out in people's lives today too. Hope hovers behind oppression, compassion shames corruption, goodness triumphs in so many acts of sacrifice. A particularly troubled people are the ancient but fragile Christian communities in the Middle East and the Holy Land. They often face repression and harassment yet they remain courageous in their charity, hope and their appreciation of our sacred liturgies. It is to them that our annual Good Friday collection is destined. You can support this appeal by placing a donation in an envelope marked *Good Friday Collection* on the Friday itself or in the usual Sunday collection basket. Among the projects you will support are school fees for Iraqi and Syrian children, aid to families in refugee camps in Jordan, University scholarships for Palestinians and others, health clinics in Eritrea and Ethiopia. Our prayers for peace in the region are also much appreciated. See: [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org)

**Easter Sunday Collection** This collection is a "thank you" for our priests. It is divided equally among them and used for holiday

costs, books and periodicals, and the priests own charitable donations. We are blessed with the service of our priests whose workload is far from light. This is one way to show your appreciation. Thanks everyone. Kia ora tātou.

Bp Charles

**The Euthanasia bill** [www.carealliance.org.nz](http://www.carealliance.org.nz) or [www.defendnz.co.nz](http://www.defendnz.co.nz)

We encourage every one of you who will be of voting age at the next election (currently aged 17yrs+) to sign the Care Alliance Petition to let your MP know your opposition to this Bill. There will be opportunities to do this at Masses in the parish the weekends of 6-7 April and 13-14 April.

**Icare Badges are available for \$10 at Mass.**

PASSIONIST YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS RETREATS 2019

Registrations are open for this year's Passionist Retreats!

Youth retreat: July 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, Camp Rangī Woods, Palmerston North. Ages 15+

Young adult retreat: July 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, Magnificat Retreat Centre, Featherston. Ages 18 – 30

Register online at [www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats](http://www.passionistfamily.org.nz/retreats) or pick up a registration form. For more info contact Penelope 027 485-3269 (youth) or Nick 021 822 814 (young adult)

#### PRAYER

**Prayer Circle:** Prayer requests can be left in the specially marked box in the foyer. Alternatively you can contact our coordinator Sue directly on 278 4635.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April– Universal – Workers in War Zones.** For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

**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 especially Ray Gibbins, and Tadhg McColl, remembering also the people of Christchurch who have lost their lives. We also pray for those who's anniversaries occur around this time in April Bill Finlay, Ron Sutton, Mirko Radich, Peter Tutauha, Joan McCarten, Frances Hermann, Gordon Sutton, Marie Bevan, Anne Hawken. May they rest in peace. Mass has been requested by SVDP for Ray Gibbins.

#### ROSTERS

**Hospitality for Funerals:** 14 April S McGlinchey Ph 2785549

**Sunday Morning Tea:** 21 April Arnold Family

**Church Cleaning:** 19 April R Ingram C & J Walsh A Mathieson

**Flowers:** 20 April Carol Mack