

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



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Sunday 12 May 2019

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today's gospel invites us to think about the role each one of us is called to in the church. The first thing we need to say on this day is that every single person here has a vocation, every single person here has been and is being called by God through the Holy Spirit to offer their special gifts to the rest of the community. What is your vocation? What is your special gift? What contribution are you making to the life of this parish – both inside the Church and outside it?

We are constantly being asked to pray in a special way for particular types of vocations which are very necessary for the life of the Church. We need pastoral shepherds for our parish communities and we do not have enough. We need the special witness that priests give through lives of celibacy and obedience.

What we are praying for is not so much more vocations, because the Holy Spirit is surely calling those who are needed for the service of the Church. Rather we are praying that those who are being called will answer the call.

At the same time, while we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and give generously to the collection for the seminary, there is a real danger that we are praying for other people's vocations, for other parents generously to allow their children to enter the seminary of the convent.

No, Vocation Sunday is for all of us here. On the one hand, each one needs to reflect on what my particular calling is and how I can respond to it for the wellbeing of the whole parish community. Secondly, I need to help and not be an obstacle to others in responding to the particular calling or grace that God through his Spirit is giving them.

We sometimes talk about a "vocation crisis". There is no vocation crisis in the sense that everyone has a vocation. There is no vocation crisis in that far more lay people are now being formed for pastoral service in the Church than was the case in even the relatively recent past. There is a crisis in that too many are not aware of their vocation or, if they are, they are not responding to it. Let us pray today that every one of us here will be sensitive to the guidance of the Spirit in our lives and that we may respond generously to the calls which he is making on us. If we all actively responded to that call what a wonderful community we would be!

PARISH INFORMATION

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 5pm 18 May Sacred Heart Manaia
Sunday Mass 9.30am St Joseph's Hawera
Sunday Hoani Papita 2 June 11.15am Mass

Weekday Mass Timetable

Mon, 9.00am Communion Service
Tuesday 9.00am Mass
Wed 10.30am Trinity Mass
Thursday 9.00am Mass in Room 9 School
Friday 9.00am Mass

PARISH NEWS

First Reconciliation Sacramental Programme will begin in June. If you wish for your children to receive this Sacrament and they are over the age of 7 please register at the office or online through the Parish Website.

Baptism for Older Children – The Parish is currently holding an older children’s Baptism Programme. Next Meeting:

Thursday 16 May 7pm
Thursday 23 May 7pm
Baptisms will be held on Sunday 26th May.



Confirmation- Last Sunday the young Adults from our Parish, all students of Hawera High School were confirmed by Bishop Charles. A special thanks to all those that contributed to making this a very special Mass. Special thanks to Fr Craig, Kristina & John Wyatt and Sue Pollock for their support in preparing these adults. Thanks to the music group for their spiritually uplifting hymns, and to those who helped serve the morning tea after the Mass.



Planned Giving Tax Receipts for the April 18-March 19 year are now available in the Church Foyer. We would appreciate it if you could please pick these up.

Thursday Class Masses: Our Parish weekday Mass on Thursday for the next 4 weeks be held in various classes in the school at 9am.

16 May Room 9 24 May Room 5
30 May Room 4 6 June Room 1

MINISTRIES

Rosters for June, July and August will be shortly. If you are going away during this time could you please notify the office so we can work around dates. We would also appreciate more power point operators. We invite you all to join more ministries.

MISCELLANEOUS

Up From the Waters. A one day retreat for men. Led by Fr Joe Grayland and Fr Robin Kurian. Covering: Baptismal Spirituality & Calling, Adult Faith, and Discernment of Spirits. Our Lady of Lourdes, Shamrock St, Palmerston North. Saturday 27th July 8am to 6.30 pm. Koha on the day to cover costs. Hosted by Joshua Catholic Men’s Fellowship PN. Registrations and or enquires to John Hammond jo.mo.hamm@gmail.com

The Catholic Bishops of NZ are urging the laity to oppose Act Leader David Seymour’s End of Life Choice (Euthanasia) Bill which will likely be voted on at its second and critical reading on Wed 22nd May. Unless we take immediate action there is a danger that this dangerous bill will pass. We urge you to immediately contact your local Electorate and List MP’s to ask them to vote against the bill. This can be done very simply using the following web address. This connects to a page on the DefendNZ website. Please visit n2as.nz or phone 0800 42 76 42. Please pray for the defeat of this evil bill. For more information please contact ken@righttolife.org.nz

Vocations Sunday Today all the baptised renew their commitment to creating a culture of vocational discernment in our parishes. In particular on this Sunday we focus on the priesthood and encourage young(ish) men to seriously consider a call to serve God’s people as diocesan or Religious priests. Of course marriage is in a sense the mother of all vocations and so I also encourage parents to see themselves as the first promoters of vocations within our whānau of the Church. Please note that our Diocese will be having a Vocations Retreat for men and women on the weekend of 30 August to 1 September. For further information contact me on: cdrennan@pndioocese.org.nz

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 May– The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity: That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Adoration Fridays at 8.15am before Mass.

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 Margaret Clark, Annie McBride, Ray Gibbins, and Tadhg McColl. We also pray for those who’s anniversaries occur around this time in May: Geraldine Hall, Tony Buhler, Geoff Purser, Jayne Sullivan, Bruno Stutz, Kieran McCarten and Molly Hall. Mass has been requested for Graham Coleman by SVDP.

ROSTERS

Hospitality: 12 May Bev Dietschin
Sunday Morning Tea: 19 May Joy Torres Group
Church Cleaning: 17 May C Lord, P Linn, B Hurcomb
Flowers: 18 May Sue Williams
Greeters: 18 May May Mullholland
19 May Jill Saxton & Adele Orr
Power point 18 May Manaia
19 May Ricson Torres

Happy Mothers Day