

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



**3rd Sunday Easter Year C  
Sunday 5 May 2019**

When we are in doubt we often return to what we know: *the past*. When we don't know where we are going, we turn back. When Jesus was dead his disciples returned to their former way of life: they tried to go back to fishing. But "they caught nothing that night." Even the past could give them no reassurance; they had nowhere to go. They had no future, they thought, because Jesus was dead. Then, suddenly, in the midst of their failure, they saw Jesus. On the shore of the lake Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?" People like to connect this with Peter's triple denial of Jesus: he was being given a chance to undo the damage, layer by layer. In addition, something else is happening in the original language, something that doesn't appear in English. There are several words for 'love' in Greek. 'Philein' means to love someone as a friend; 'agapan' means to love someone in the distinctive way that Jesus loved: unselfishly, creatively, unconditionally, endlessly. This second kind is mysteriously deeper and wider than the first, because it doesn't depend on like-mindedness as friendship does; it can even reach out to include one's enemies! Jesus first asked Peter, 'Agapas me?' (Do you love me with this kind of love?) Peter replies, 'Philo se'. (I love you as a friend.) The second time the words are the same. But the third time, Jesus asks him, "Phileis me?" And Peter answers as before, 'Philo se'. Peter wasn't yet able to love Jesus in the way that was being asked of him; he could love him only as the friend he had known for three years. Jesus steps down, as it were, to accept what Peter was able to offer at that time. All forms of love and friendship are capable of advancing gradually towards 'agapè', the heroic kind of love Jesus shows. How do we go along that road? *By doing the best we can at the time*. Peter was not able to rise to heroic love on that occasion. But he understood friendship. Friendship is the best rehearsal for *agapè*. This transition is a mystery in itself. Peter had to allow himself be dragged into the future, even though all his instincts rebelled against it. He is a sign to me and every believer. My temperament may try to drag me into the past, but there before me stands the humble figure of Peter, the crowing cock by his side. If the compassion of Christ extends to him it extends to me too. If Christ trusts him to feed his lambs, his sheep, he trusts me too. In early Christian art Peter was always portrayed with the crowing cock beside him; this identified him. It was to give courage to the many Christians who had buckled under persecution and, like Peter, had betrayed the Lord. If he was received with mercy by Christ, so, they knew, would they be received. But in later times, when the Church turned to ways of power, Peter was portrayed holding the keys of the Kingdom. St Paul knew the paradoxical ways of God: "When I am weak," he wrote, "then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). It is true of Peter too. Peter was told by Jesus, "Strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). It is in his very weakness that he does it. In the light of what we are going through as a church maybe this image suits us better. Adapted from an article by Donah O'Shea

## PARISH INFORMATION

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## SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 5pm 11 May St Joseph's Hawera  
Sunday Mass 9.30am St Joseph's Hawera  
Sunday Hoani Papita 2 June 11.15am Mass

## Weekday Mass Timetable

Mon, 9.00am, Tuesday 9am Communion Service  
Wed 10.30am Trinity Communion Service  
Thurs 9.00am Mass Room 11  
Friday 9.00am Mass

## PARISH NEWS

### Confirmation

We welcome Bishop Charles to our Parish today, to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young adult parishioners.

During Mass, Perline Orcine, Sam Landers, Michael Hipp, Elyssa Urgino, Emily Boulton, Yani Remoto, Oliver Arnold, & Olivia Morgan will receive the Sacrament.

We would like to thank Kristina & John Wyatt and Sue Pollock, who have prepared these young adults for Confirmation. As part of the programme these young people have done some active service at Trinity Rest Home & were fortunate to attend the Mass of the Oils in Palmerston North.

**FR CRAIG** This week I will be in Dunedin for three days with some of my classmates to help one of them celebrate his 25th jubilee of Ordination. In the "good old days" there were young priests everywhere and there was a tremendous sense of camaraderie. Today, we have to travel.

Communion Services will replace the usual Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday. I am grateful for your understanding. Fr Craig

### Baptism for Older Children

If you have an older child that has not yet been baptised You are invited to enrol for the Older Children's Sacramental Programme which begins this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 7pm in the Meeting Room.

Meeting Dates as follows Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7pm  
Thursday 16 May 7pm  
Thursday 23 May 7pm

Baptisms will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Please fill out a Baptism enrolment form at the Mission Centre, or contact the Parish Office.

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.

**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.

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

**Thursday Class Masses:** Our Parish weekday Mass on Thursday will for the next 5 weeks be held in various classes in the school at 9am.

9<sup>th</sup> May Room 11      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 out in May.** Please notify the office if you are going to be away at this time.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**PASSIONIST YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS RETREATS 2019**



As previously advertised 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)

**Tui Motu Evening – Palmerston North – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 5.30 p.m. ...Diocesan Centre, 33 Amesbury Street.**

We invite Subscribers and friends of Tui Motu to a gathering, starting from 5.30p.m. with refreshments- meeting commencing at 6.30p.m.

Come and meet the Board and the Editor and give us your feedback.

Everyone is welcome – so bring along interested friends.

### 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 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.

Voice for Life (VFL) is New Zealand's largest and oldest voluntary prolife organisation – with branches all over the country. For more than 40 years, its members have been committed to peaceful advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable and voiceless members of our communities. **For more information please visit the VFL website at [www.voiceforlife.org.nz](http://www.voiceforlife.org.nz)**

**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 Margaret Clark by SVDP.

### ROSTERS

**Hospitality** 5 May Ann O'Connor Ph 2784917

**Sunday Morning Tea:** 12 May T Coleman, S Malekar & B Rogers

**Church Cleaning:** 10 May S Kissick, C Fevre, E Mamangun

**Flowers:** 11 May Erin Wilson

**Greeters:** 11 May Carroll & Janice Walsh

**Greeters** 12 May Volunteers

**Power point** 11 May Mike Brady

12 May Peter Orcine