

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



15th Sunday Ordinary Time
14th July 2019

The Good Samaritan

The priest and the Levite, both upright privileged people considered favoured by God, leave the unfortunate man in the ditch. Only the Samaritan, one of a group of people generally despised by many Jewish people of the time, offered any assistance. And it was no mere prayer or well wish. He went out of his way, cared for the victim, bandaged him, carried him, and paid for his stay at the equivalent of a hotel. Sometimes those who need to be helped want help on their own terms. But today's gospel is a reminder that to those in the ditch, help may come from the unforeseen or even unimaginable people. When we place limitations on even such things as who might lend us help or assistance, we might not be open to the mercy of God, which is extended in a variety of ways. Though this parable of the Good Samaritan is often read to mean we should be neighbourly and act mercifully, it can also be read in a way so that we are open to receive mercy and kindness from others, no matter who they might be. Jesus invites us to move beyond ourselves in moments of crisis and to be open to mercy from wherever it might come. In doing so, we die to our own preconceived notions and live anew with an openness broader than we had before. For if we in the ditch are not willing to see the Samaritan as a neighbour, and accept his act of mercy, we will surely die in that same ditch. Living Liturgy 2019©

PARISH NEWS

During the week, we experienced some vandalism in the church including theft of two sets of keys. Unfortunately, we are the victims of a small group of young people who have time on their hands and little or no regard for other people's property. Because of this we are faced with the cost of new keys and locks. Also, I have chosen to lock our church during the school holidays. This is not ideal but right now, I don't think we have any other option. If you want or need to get into the church, please collect a key from the Mission Centre in the mornings. Fr Craig

Church Gardens – The Garden Group meets this Wednesday at 1.30pm. An invitation is extended to anyone in the Parish who would like to help these hardworking parishioners out.

Annie Brydon Church Service- It is St Joseph's turn to host the Annie Brydon Church Service, at Annie Brydon 10.30am on Thursday 18th July. Parishioners are more than welcome to join with the residents for this service.

St Vincent de Paul Conference Annual General Meeting to be held on 24th July in the church meeting room. All Welcome.

PARISH INFORMATION

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 5pm 21 July Sacred Heart Manaia
Sunday Hoani Papita 4 August 11.15am Mass

Weekday Mass Timetable

Mon 9.00am Communion Service
Tuesday 9.00am Mass
Wed 10.30am Trinity Mass
Thursday 9.00am Mass
Friday 9.00am Mass

**We welcome into our Parish Family through Baptism
Aroha & Atawhai Fanene Matthews**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION lessons begin on Tuesday 30th July at 7.00pm for all children who are baptised and have made their First Reconciliation. For information about this programme and to register please contact the Parish Office.

ENHANCING OUR WORSHIP Last year we consulted you regarding the life of our parish and one of the issues raised was our Liturgical Music (hymns played at Mass). We have all had the experience of an uplifting Mass, where everyone joins in singing and praying. In our Mass, most people are happy to join in spoken prayer. Our sung prayer, is equally important. Here at St Joseph's we are blessed with dedicated musicians who spend a lot of their own time practising. We are equally blessed with some parishioners who sing very well, including on those occasions when we don't have a musician. We are also open to learning new hymns, which you do so, very quickly. We are also blessed with good acoustics in our church and good quality instruments. Having said this, we realise our music participation can be enhanced and we have identified the following areas of need. Currently, three musicians cover eight Masses a month and one musician plays for all our funerals and other liturgies. Next year we will be down to two! As a Liturgy Committee, we want to uplift our congregation with good music and we need you to make this happen. We need more musicians and cantors and everyone to sing. To help make this happen we are creating a Music Team. Members of this team do not need to be formally trained musicians but have a love of music and be open to learn new ways of worshipping together. If you have read this far, please contact:

Rachel Kowalewski our Chair on 021 106 2576 or rachel.kowalewski@hotmail.com

**You have identified this need. Your parish needs you!
What are you going to do about it?
Liturgy Committee**

Readers : The Parish Liturgy Committee is continuing our parish ministries renewal programme. Part II for Readers who missed out on the earlier session will be held on **Tuesday 16 July at 7.00pm. Eucharistic Ministers** will meet on **Thursday 18 July at 7.00pm.** Please contact Patrea in the office to register. Thank you

We need more people to operate the laptop to display our music at Mass. This is not a difficult ministry with

only a rudimentary understanding of computer use. Please contact Patrea in the parish office.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

50th Jubilee of Priestly Ordination Celebrations for Monsignor David Bell and Fr Peter Fahy - Please see poster on notice board for further information.

65th Jubilee of Priestly Ordination of Bishop Owen Dolan. NZ Catholic Bishops Conference seeking applications to fill 2 roles based in Wellington - further information available on the following from the parish office.

School of Ecumenism holding a course in Dunedin from 30th September to 4th October this year. Please contact the parish office for further details.

MISCELLANEOUS

PRAYER

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for July: The Mode of Life of Priests. That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

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

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 Prayers for the Dead We remember and pray for all our loved ones who have died recently especially, Mahuru Robinson, Stephen Hornby, Nola Pollock, Fr Bill Casey & Nicholas Brady. We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time in July: Gladys Kerrisk, Joyce Dowman, Helen Harrington, June Urlich, Kevin Dombroski, Criag Norgate, Jay Litt, Graeme Henderson, Patricia Wilson, Maurice McKenna, & Gerard O'Hanlon. May they rest in peace.

Mass has been requested for **Salome Ayila Orcine (24 June)**

ROSTERS

Hospitality: Noleen Dwyer Ph 2784004

Sunday Morning Tea: 21 July Arnold Family

Church Cleaning: 19 July Joan Whittington, Libby Whittington, Pam Hawken & Trish Hall.

Flowers: 13 July Carol Mack

Greeters: 20 July Ngaire Edwards Manaia

Greeters: 21 July Ken & Noreen Dombroski

Power point: 20 July Manaia

21 July Peter Orcine