

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



**19th Sunday Ordinary Time
11 August 2019**

WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE

"Do not be afraid... Sell your possessions, and give away money to the poor" Jesus of Nazareth

If we were to do that wouldn't we have even more reason to be afraid? Our greatest fear is that we will be left with nothing.

We know that money doesn't bring happiness, but we continue to pursue it as if it did. Why is that? While perhaps not expecting it to bring us happiness, we hope it will at least take away our misery. But it doesn't. It only enables us to be miserable in comfort - then we can really concentrate on our misery.

Be alert, be ready, be waiting: that is the advice given in today's reading. "Be like those who are waiting for their master to return.... Be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour." A full purse, like a full stomach, makes you want to go to sleep. You become oblivious to everything except the stock market or your business - and that is a kind of sleep. All great religious figures kept shouting, 'Wake up!' It is not that everyone was dozing in the sun; no they were not: they were making money.

In an organised society money is necessary to live. It is a great convenience. It is about shortcuts. Instead of being a hunter-gatherer yourself, you pay someone to do your hunting and gathering for you, while you do some other useful thing. But we also know from experience that a shortcut can be the longest distance between two points. Some shortcuts lead you into the middle of a bog. Money is seductive because it appears to be the key to everything and everywhere: it is nothing in itself (it would be useless to you on a desert island), but it carries a promise of everything. Even when it fails you, it just changes its face (money has no face of its own) and seduces you in a different way. It lives on promise; it is a promissory note. And it has this additional quality: just as it never shows you its real face (because it has none), it never shows you yours. Instead, it flashes an image before you of what you could be. It never warns you that when you are rich you will still be just a poor man with money.

There was once a wealthy man who decided to donate a large amount of money to a monastery. To his great surprise, the abbot said, 'No thanks, we have enough at present.' The rich man pressed him to take it anyway, but he refused politely. Suddenly the rich man began to weep. 'You have made me realise how poor I am,' he said, 'I have nothing to offer you except money.'

Jesus gave many warnings about the seductions of wealth. There is nothing wrong with the material things of the world in themselves. It is our greed that makes them seductive. If my purse is always full, I will think only about getting a bigger purse. And it will fade gradually from my awareness that half the world is hungry. And I may also fail to notice that I am hungry myself, because my heart is empty. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." If money is my treasure, there will be nothing in my heart except money. *Donagh O'Shea OP*

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 5pm 17 August 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 Feast Assumption
Thursday 10.30am	Mass Annie Brydon
Friday 9.00am	Mass

First Holy Communion 3rd Lesson this Tuesday 13th August in the Parish Meeting Room.

Session Four 20 August

Session Five 27 August

Session Six 5 September

First Communion Celebration 8th September 9.30am



This Thursday 15th August we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption.

We celebrate the life and death of Mary, the Mother of God, and her assumption, body and soul into heaven. Mass will be held at St Joseph's at 9am.



An Anointing Mass will be held at Annie Brydon this Thursday at 10.30am. (This Mass replaces the regular monthly service that we host).

We are in the process of contacting those from our Parish who did not complete a Parish Census. **If you have arrived in our Parish over the last year and have not yet registered with our Parish, we would love to hear from you.** There are forms available on the table in the foyer, or alternatively you can call into the Mission Centre during the week.

Rosary Beads- We have had a request for any old or broken rosary beads. These can be left in the container in the foyer marked rosary beads.

Rosters for September, October & November will be out next weekend.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Holy Cross Seminary, The Diocese of Palmerston North & The Diocese of Christchurch cordially invite you to attend the Diaconate Ordination of **Peter Trung Nguyen & Anthony Tang Phan** through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands by the Most Rev Paul Martin, DD Bishop of Christchurch, on the Feast of St Matthew Apostle and Evangelist **Saturday 21st September 2019 at 16 Vermont St Ponsonby Auckland.**

Application Forms for Funding with Diocese PN, Catholic Charities, Tindall Foundations, Catholic Social Service, are available. Applications close on the 30th September with Allocations made 30th October. Forms available from the Mission Centre or by downloading <https://pndioocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/>

MISCELLANEOUS

It is that time of year once again to organise this amazing event, an alternative to Halloween. This is well appreciated

& supported by the community, with nearly 300 attending. Several of our key people have indicated they are now unavailable to help us with this. Therefore a meeting will held on **Wednesday 14th August 2019 at 3.30pm**, at **The Salvation Army** in Regent Street, to gauge interest, & if this event can proceed. For this to happen we are needing support financially, ideas & man-power, particularly on the night. Please ring 027 295 9029 if you would like to be involved & are unable to attend the meeting. Lyn Beets-Captain The Salvation Army Hawera

Operation Christmas Child- Shoeboxes this year are destined for Cambodia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and The Philippines. Shoeboxes to be returned by 31st October. Shoeboxes and instructions are available in the church foyer.

Pro Life Facts Parliament voted to change the End of Life Choice Bill to allow both doctors and nurse practitioners to intentionally end patients' lives by administering lethal "medication". On 21 August the debate on the Bill will continue. **For more information phone 0800 42 76 42 or see euthanasiafree.org.nz.**

PRAYER

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August: Families Schools of Human Growth. That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

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. We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time in August: Christine Fairweather, Francis (Jack) Murray, Lynne Yurisich, Melva Yarrow, Ron Nolan Alexander Thomson and Ian Houghton. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS

Hospitality: 11th August Shirley McGlinchey Ph 2785549

Sunday Morning Tea: 18 Aug Torres Group

Church Cleaning: 16 Aug P Annabell, B & S Williams, L James

Flowers: 17 Aug Noleen Dwyer

Greeters: 17 Aug M Mullholland

Greeters: 18 Aug B Hughes & F Weinberger

Power point: 17 Aug Manaia

18 Aug Christine Ross