

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



21st Sunday Ordinary Time
25th August 2019

A Message from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops to Parishioners

Every pregnancy involves at least two lives – the child and the mother. Every abortion takes away an innocent life.

Protecting and caring for life from conception to natural death stands at the core of our Catholic faith. From the moment an embryo comes into existence, a genetically and spiritually unique human life has begun. It is already the human being it will always be. It will only grow in size and complexity and is therefore entitled to be treated with the same respect as other human beings.

Our parliament is currently debating a significant revision of our abortion laws. This is a matter of serious concern. There are three ways we need to respond:

Political: We are called to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We have an obligation to advocate for the right to life of the unborn child and the well-being of mothers. We encourage every one of you to exercise your democratic right to make a submission to parliament and to contact your local MP.

Prayerful: Every human life is a gift from God. Just as parents spontaneously pray for their unborn child, so we are called to pray for all the unborn, as well as for their parents and extended families. We also pray for wisdom for our MPs.

Pastoral: Our belief in the sanctity of life is demonstrated in the way we show love for both unborn children and their mothers. The message others hear from us will be shaped not just by our words, but also by the way in which we speak and act. We need to ask: 'After this debate is over, will our faith communities be seen as places of love, compassion and care that women facing the challenges of a pregnancy will want to turn to?'

We urge you to inform yourselves about this issue and take a stand for life. A guide about how to prepare a submission is attached to this newsletter. Please take the time to write a submission and pray for those who are elected to represent us in government. There is also information from Family First in the foyer which makes some good points. Submissions close Thursday 19 September

PARISH INFORMATION

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SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 5pm 31 August St Josephs Hawera
Sunday Hoani Papita 1 September 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

Parish News

Please pick up your Rosters for September, October & November.

St Vincent de Paul Society meet this Wednesday 28th August in the Parish Meeting Room at 1.30pm.

First Holy Communion 5th Lesson this Tuesday 27th August in the Parish Meeting Room at 7pm. First Communion Celebration 8th September 9.30am

Health & Safety: Our Parish is looking for a volunteer to help with the implementing of all our Health & Safety practises at St Josephs in Hawera/Sacred Heart Manaia. If this is you, please contact Fr Craig or the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Education Sessions

The Catholic Church in New Zealand is committed to the safeguarding of those in its care and creating safe places for Church life and ministry. As part of this commitment, the Catholic bishops and congregational leaders released, in 2017, a set of guidelines. The guidelines include the need for training on safeguarding practices for those involved in ministry with children, young people, and adults who are vulnerable.

The diocese is starting the process of holding training sessions and the expectation is that all those involved in the respective ministries attend. If you cannot make the date for our region further sessions will be held next year.

The current schedule is:

- 3 pm Wednesday, 28 August – North Taranaki Session 1 (St Joseph's NP)
- 5.30 pm Wednesday 28 August – North Taranaki Session 2 (St Joseph's NP)
- **2 pm Thursday 29 August – South Taranaki Session 1 (St Joseph's Hawera)**
- **7 pm Thursday 29 August – South Taranaki Session 2 (St Joseph's Hawera)**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2019 GIVE A PRESENT WITH A DIFFERENCE THIS CHRISTMAS Shoeboxes to be in by the 31st of October. ***Shoeboxes available in the church foyer or Mission centre.***

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Young Catholic Leader Programme 2019. This programme is for Year 12 students preparing for year 13 and going into a leadership role in 2020. Monday 9th December – 13 December 2019. The cost is \$230 per student, \$200 if paid by 25 October. If you are a member of St Josephs in Hawera, and you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office. Registrations close 9th November.

Māori Catholic Education Collection Sunday 25 August. If you wish to give to this Collection and don't have a planned giving envelope, please place in the collection in an envelope marked Maori Collection.

Christus Vivit – Christ is Alive! is the new document from Pope Francis on young people and the church is making waves through the Catholic world and beyond!

1. Pope Francis understands it's easy to fall into complacency or cynicism. If you have lost your inner vitality, your dreams, your enthusiasm, your optimism and your generosity, Jesus stands before you as once he stood before the dead son of the widow, and with all the power of his resurrection he urges you: "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (Lk 7:14). (Paragraph 20)

The Diocese of Palmerston North, in conjunction with the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North, the Tindall Foundation and Catholic Social Services, is seeking applications from parish groups, agencies and Church organisations. We are looking for applications that support families and social services in the areas of early years, youth development, budgeting, literacy, Maori/cross-cultural, housing, and community service and development. Application forms and criteria for funding are available from the Mission Centre or you can download a copy of the application form from the diocesan website <https://pndioocese.org.nz/news-and-events/application-for-funding/> Applications are to be sent to reach the Diocesan Office by 30 September 2019.

Allocations will be made on 30 October 2019.

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 Saturday 11am

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 Bruce Wright. 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, Ian Houghton, Clare Hikaka & Patrick Myers. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS

Hospitality : 25 Aug Bev Dietschin Ph 2785619

Sunday Morning Tea: 1 Sept Torres Group

Church Cleaning: 30 Aug, S Gestro, P Clement, B Fowler, E Hurley

Flowers: 31 Aug L Gerrand

Greeters: 31 Aug B Hurcomb & P Linn

Greeters: 1 Sept Tom Butler & Reyma Hilaga

Power point: 31 Aug Michael Brady
1 Sept Peter Orcine