



**LEVIN-TAITOKO**

**“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”**

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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent Year B**

21st March 2021

Our first BIW ended on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, leaving our volunteers very tired but happy over the process and its results. Following basic training on Monday, our volunteers advocates sat down with clients under the tuition and guidance of the wonderful B.E.S.T. staff. All visitors, clients included, could not say enough about the hospitality and the organisation generally.

A special vote of thanks goes to the hospitality volunteers for setting up and maintaining the friendly, welcoming atmosphere. More than one client expressed amazement at being individually welcomed and especially offered refreshments, the highlight being a bunch of students who were able to score a barbecued sausage! This attention helped to relax them in what may have been a very unfamiliar and scary location, a church.

Besides these, we could not have achieved what we did without the greeters and welcomers, the runners and, especially those who offered their services as advocates between the clients and WINZ. From being initially apprehensive and doubtful of their ability to do what was asked of them, they ended the week more

confident, enriched by the encounter with both trainers and clients, and considerably more knowledgeable than when they started.

Then there were the vital back office volunteers who printed posters and placed them around the town, looked after publicity for the event, and kept our communication lines open with each other and organisations involved.

We were privileged to have 60+ people through our doors during the four days and many of them left after their appointment with WINZ delighted in the knowledge that their financial situation would improve in the very near future.

Our parish has been truly blessed by this outreach, and we owe special thanks to Catholic Social Services for offering us this opportunity for mission, and to B.E.S.T. for their time, dedication to the cause and care for those struggling to make ends meet.

To all who have carried us in their prayers, thank you. We went forward in peace and walked in your strength. “Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us.” (Suzanne Aubert)

**Kilian de Lacy**

### **Readings at Sunday Mass**

**(21 Mar) 1st Reading:** Jer 31:31-34 ; **2nd reading:** Heb 5:7-9 ; **Gospel:** John 12:20-33

**Responsorial Psalm:** “Create a clean heart in me, Oh God.”

**(28 Mar) 1st Reading:** Isa 50:4-7; **2nd Reading:** Phil 2:6-11 **Gospel:** Mark 14:1-15, 47

## PARISH NOTICES

**STATION OF THE CROSS** on Lenten Fridays at 7pm

**RECONCILIATION** during Lent on Lenten Wednesdays from 7—9pm

**THE SOCIAL GROUP** invites everyone to join them every Tuesday from 1:30pm at the Parish Centre (back of the church)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE LEVIN** — Will you pray for 1 hour each week for the protection of UNBORN CHILDREN during Lent? Each Saturday 10am at Chapel St Joseph's Levin.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL** - in need of more writers for the weekend Masses. Guidelines will be provided. Please contact Bridget after Mass or on 021482178 or [bybridget@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bybridget@xtra.co.nz).

**FOLLOWING FRANCIS** – the next Lenten prayers lasting about 20-30 mins, and using the Caritas resources, will be on Wednesday 24 March at 9.30 am and 7.00 pm in the chapel.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** — More leaders needed! Please contact Teresa Mason Phone:- 022 139 7623 Or Email: [grandmateresa321@gmail.com](mailto:grandmateresa321@gmail.com)

**ST JOSEPH'S INDOOR BOWLING CLUB** welcomes all new members. We meet on a Tuesday evening at 7,15 pm in St Joseph's school hall, Durham Street. Contact: Richard Cradock 9613049.

**MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION** Thursdays 5pm, Side chapel. An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christian desert fathers and mothers. All welcome.

**SUNSHINE ROCKERS PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP** Picnic lunch in Tony and Helen Clifford's orchard, 153 Buller Rd. Please bring finger food to share and bag for PYO fruit. Sunday, 21 March at 12 noon.

**ANOINTING MASS** ON 24th March, Wednesday @ 2pm, St. Joseph Church. Afternoon tea follow. Please disseminate this info. We need hands for transport and food preparation.

**CHILDREN'S FIRST RECONCILIATION/ ADULT RITE 2 RECONCILIATION** on Friday, 26th March 2021 at 6pm, in the Church. Parents and parishioners are all welcome to be part of the sacramental celebration. Fish and chips follow after the sacrament.

**TRANSPORT HELP NEEDED** for a woman needing to go to Remutaka Prison to visit a relation, and has no car. She will contribute towards petrol costs. Contact Krista 027 4916384

**MEALS ON WHEELS** 5th -9th April. Those available to do the deliveries please contact Kerry 027 358 6108



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

We are looking for men to be part of the organizing committee.

**YOU are the one we are looking for...**

Please contact the office 06-210-2891 or email at [office@stjosephlevin.com](mailto:office@stjosephlevin.com)



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If you have a child between 0 and 4 years of age  
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**BRAIN TEASER:** Pope Francis celebrated the anniversary of his election on 13 March. How old is he? How long has he been a Jesuit? How long has he been a priest? How long was he a Cardinal? How long has he been Pope?

**Answer:** 84 years; 63 years; 51 years; 12 years; 8 years.

## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021

**“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)**

**Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love**

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with “speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be “willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give

the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference” (*ibid.*, 224).

*Through recollection and silent prayer*, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. *Mt 6:6*) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

*To experience Lent in hope* entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is “making all things new” (cf. *Rev 21:1-6*). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being “prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]” (*1 Pet 3:15*). (TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER)

Parish new website is [www.stjosephlevin.com](http://www.stjosephlevin.com). Please visit.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday** 5:30pm and 9:15pm

**Holy Monday** 9am (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)

**Holy Tuesday** 9am (Mass)

**Holy Wednesday** 9am (Mass)

**Holy Thursday** (7pm )

- Mass of the Last Supper
- Reception of the Oil
- Washing of the Feet
- Reposition and Adoration of the Blessed sacrament

### **Good Friday**

- Stations of the Cross @10am
- Good Friday Liturgy @ 3pm

**Mass of the Resurrection (Easter Vigil)** 8pm

**Easter Sunday** 9:15am

### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CORNER

St Joseph's School need a **part-time gardener** for approx. 2 hours per fortnight (paid position).

Please see Nicki at the School Office for more information.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER** — production has been stopped. For information about the school and its activities, please refer to their:

Website: <https://www.stjoeslevin.school.nz/>

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjoeslevin.school.nz>

### **CARITAS : THE LENT APPEAL 2021**

You can help the church make a difference in those who need help and support. Please support this social justice ministry of the Church. Lenten Giving Envelope Packs have been made available in the foyer.

*Rest in Peace*

May the souls of our beloved dead and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Maryanne Buckley Maurice Conaglen Anthony Conaglen Cecily Gregory Gergory and Whitehouse Families

## **WHY DO WE... Celebrate solemnities?**

Solemnities are liturgical celebrations having the highest rank in the Church's calendar. They take precedence even over Sundays. Often they are assigned a Vigil Mass, when Mass is celebrated on the preceding evening, as well as on the day itself. The two big solemnities, Easter and Christmas, in addition to the above, have an octave, lasting for the following week, so as to extend their celebration as befits their rank.

In addition to the movable feasts like Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost, the calendar for the Universal Church (that is, the Church throughout the world) contains fourteen solemnities: Mary, Mother of God; Epiphany; St Joseph; the Annunciation; Trinity Sunday; the Body and Blood of Christ; the Sacred Heart; the Assumption; All Saints; Christ the King; the immaculate Conception. Not all are designated Holy Days of Obligation but Catholics often celebrate Mass. In New Zealand, The feast of the Assumption of Our Lady is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mary being the patron of our country.

### **S C H E D U L E O F T H E W E E K**

Monday , 22nd March	9am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 23rd	9am	Holy Mass
	1:30pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre
	2pm	RCIA 3rd Session
	6pm	Divine Mercy Group
	7:15pm	Indoor Bowling at the School Hall
Wednesday, 24th	9am	Holy Mass
	9:30am	Following Francis Reflection/Study Group
	1pm	Knitting Group at the Presbytery
	7pm	Following Francis Reflection/Study Group
	7-9pm	Individual Reconciliation
Thursday, 25th	9am	Holy Mass, Day of Prayer for Family Life (Feast of Annunciation)
	5pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition at the chapel
Friday, 26th	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12:10pm	Holy Mass with school children
	4pm	Formation for Confirmation (Youth) at the Presbytery
	6pm	Filipino Choir Practice at the Presbytery
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 27th	10am	Vigil for Life at the main Church
	5:30pm	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, 28th	9:15am	Palm Sunday Morning Mass



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