



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

THE COMMUNITY OF ST JOSEPH

O TE PARIHI O HATO MERE RAUA KO HOHEPA

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Parish Priest

Fr Dennis Nacorda

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30PM

Sunday Morning Mass

9:15AM

Weekday Masses

9AM Tuesday to Thursday

12:10PM Friday

9AM Monday

11:10AM Friday

Friday after Mass

Liturgy of the word with Communion

Adoration

Reconciliation

First Sunday in Lent Year B

21st February 2021

Tena koutou katoa,

Indeed, we have received the news that St. Joseph Community will be restored back as a standalone parish. This draws many reactions both positive and negative.

I can only sympathize with you as you feel that you could have been spared from undergoing those psycho-emotionally difficult process of joining with St. Mary's Otaki. I can only affirm to you that there was an oversight.

We are now well into the process of separation. The urgent need in the process is about the financial matters. Thanks to the Finance Committee, we are well within the timeline. When the new financial year starts on April 1st, our new BNZ account will be active.

This entails that those in our community who are in automatic payments to the existing common bank account, will need to be transferred to our new account.

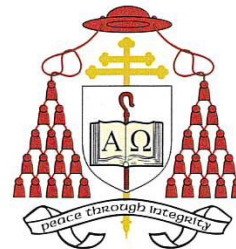
Also, the parish roll has to be separated. Within the five years of being together, there were cross-overs between two communities. And it is hard to presume by virtue of geographical boundary or church attendance that indeed St. Joseph Parish is where your heart belongs.

Hence, starting next Sunday, a form will be inserted in the newsletter. This will also be available in the church foyer, parish Facebook Account and online google survey. This will give us the opportunity to declare our choice of affiliation/membership and also make some changes with how we contribute financially for the running and upkeep of the church.

I hope for your patient cooperation as we undergo the transition.

Na,

Pa Dennis



Archbishop of Wellington

PO Box 1937, Wellington 6140, New Zealand

DECREE

It is decreed that having consulted the Archdiocesan College of Consultors in December 2020 and in accordance with the requirements of Canon 515 and Canon 121, the Parish of Hato Mere raua ko Hato Hohepa (the Parish of St Mary and St Joseph) Otaki and Levin within the Archdiocese of Wellington will with effect from 28th February 2021 be suppressed to become two Parishes [Canon 518] to be known as St Mary's, Otaki and St Joseph's Levin. The boundaries of the parishes will be defined as what they were before the two parishes merged in January 2015.

The new parishes will acquire the patrimonial good and rights of the former parishes of St Mary's and St Joseph's.

It is further decreed that the Churches of St Mary's Otaki (Hato Maria) and St Joseph's Levin (Hato Hoepa), will retain their original names and will continue to be used at this time of the Parishes for divine worship.

Given at Wellington on this 28th day of February 2021

John Cardinal Dew

Archbishop of Wellington



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PARISH NOTICES

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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)

FOLLOWING FRANCIS – during Lent, starting from Wednesday 24 February there will be the opportunity to gather together on Wednesdays to pray using the Caritas resources – 9.30 am and 7.00 pm in the chapel. The **LITURGY COMMITTEE** is looking for volunteers to usher people to available seats inside the church. If you are interested, please contact Kerry at 027 358 6108

INDOOR BOWLING GROUP — will resume soon. Everyone is invited to join. Please approach Richard and Cecilia.

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.

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

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CORNER

VOLUNTEERS — the school is in need of volunteers for this school year to support children in their learning. Please approach Ms. Maria Lyne, the principal, for more details.

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>

PARISH FINANCE REPORT

Monthly Collection for Dec 2021– NZD 4301

Monthly Collection for Jan 2021—NZD 3317

The pandemic has greatly affected our financial situation. Our collections went even below 50% in the months of April and May 2020.

Though the trend is improving but we are still in the negative side of the scale. As of January 2021, we are still in –13.37%.

The amount that goes to St. Joseph's Parish will be roughly around NZD120,000. Exact amount will be reflected in the newsletter a week after the separation.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If you have a child aged 8 years or older, please take him/her to this program in preparation for the reception of the sacraments Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please take a form in the foyer and return it to the parish office or email it to:

hatohepakitaitoko21@gmail.com

THE KUKU CHURCH MASS: This will be transferred back to 8.30am on the 1st Sunday of March. A discussion on the continuation of this Mass will take place after, so please give it some thought before then. *Fr Alan*

B E N E F I T I M P A C T W E E K

Our sincere thanks to all those who have volunteered their services to our mission to assist the needy in our community. We realise not everyone can assist us in a physical manner, but prayer is above all what we need. Please keep our volunteers, those who are helping us, and our potential clients, that God may be glorified in our work.

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father’s will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

Fasting

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (*Phil 2:8*). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the “living water” of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illuminated by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. *Mt 6:1-18*), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity. (TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER)

BRAIN TEASER: Which are the 7 penitential psalms, that express sorrow and awareness of sin?

Answer: 21 February 2021: Answer: 6, 31, 37, 51 (50), 102 (101), 130 (129), 143 (142). The numbers in brackets are those in Catholic Bible editions or Missals. Psalm 51/50 is the great Miserere. Look them up!

CARITAS : THE LENT APPEAL 2021

During Lent, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops invite us to provide for the needs of the poor through the work of Caritas. Money raised through the Bishops' Lent Appeal helps us to fund both development and emergency relief work around the world.

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs have been made available in the foyer. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A free-post envelope is available for this option.

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2021 will be sent receipts for the 2020/2021 tax year. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2021/2022 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

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.

Anne Francis

Eutiquio Nacorda Sr

WHY DO WE... take, or bestow, a Saint's name at baptism?

In the early days, a priest could, and often did, refuse to baptise a child whose name did not include that of a saint. The idea behind this command of the Church was to ensure the child possessed a heavenly patron, who was also expected to be a role model for the newly-baptised. The chosen saint was expected to watch over the person's soul until the time of death when the he/she would join his/her patron in heaven. During life, it was presumed that the person would try to imitate the virtues and holiness of the saint.

Just how many Catholics were aware of these expectations is questionable, especially if the saint was not very well known or if the lifestyle of the saint was totally unrelated to that of the baptised. However, the custom was based on the sound principle that a person is more likely to follow the way of the Lord if he/she has a reliable model to follow. Needless to say, the most common names invoked in the old days, and even today, were Mary, Joseph and the apostles.

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

Monday , 22nd Feb	9am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Feast—St. Peter's Chair
Tuesday, 23rd Feb	9am	Holy Mass
	1:30pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre
	7pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, 24th	9am	HolyMass
	7pm	Following Francis Reflection/Study Group
	7-9pm	Individual Reconciliation
Thursday, 25th	9am	Holy Mass
Friday, 26th	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12:10pm	Holy Mass
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 27th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 28th	9:15am	Morning Mass

Readings at Sunday Mass

(21/02/2021) **1st Reading:** Gen 9:8-15; **2nd reading:** 1 Pet 3:18-22; **Gospel:** Mark 1:12-15
Responsorial Psalm: "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."
 (28/02/2021) **1st Reading:** Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; **2nd Reading:** Rom 8:31-34; **Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10



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