



LEVIN-TAITOKO

"A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Holy Day links Mary's unique destiny with her role as the Mother of God. Her privilege is a sign and promise for all the People of God. The Gospel for the day 15 August, is Luke 1:39-59 which includes Mary's jubilant song of praise. It's a mosaic of phrases from the Old Testament and relates in particular to the song of Hannah at her son Samuel's birth. Luke presents Mary bringing to fulfilment the long succession of Israel's "poor in spirit". She gathers their prayers together in one great hymn of blessing we call the Magnificat. We too magnify the Lord by our prayer and action.

One of the great ways to magnify the Lord is the event so special for our country Aotearoa New Zealand - Mass of rededication of Aotearoa New Zealand to Mary Mother of God. While the bishops will gather for Mass on Sunday 15 August at St. Mary of the Angels in Wellington, the same rededication rite will be made at every Mass in New Zealand on that day.

In our parish, we will have the community singing of Marian Hymns from 8.15am till 9.15am. In the Mass, we will have Mo Maria, the hymn composed by Bishop Pompallier, as our entrance hymn. After the homily, we will have the simple form of the renewal of Baptismal promises, Asperges, and prayer of rededication.



After the mass, I would like everyone to please gather at the front of the altar to for a photo - with hands in an action of blessing the land. This is personally requested by the bishops.

The school have invited their children to come to the Holy Day of Obligation wearing their uniform. Hence, may I invite everyone to please **BRING A PLATE**.

Fr. Dennis Nacorda

Saturday Vigil Mass
Sunday Morning Mass
Weekday Masses

Liturgy of the word with Communion
Adoration
Reconciliation

5:30 pm
9:15 am
9.30 am Tuesday to Thursday
12:10 pm Friday
9.30 am Monday
11:10 am Friday
Friday after Mass

P A R I S H N O T I C E S

THE SOCIAL GROUP invites parishioners to the socials every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30pm at the Parish Centre behind the church.

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION - Thursdays at 5pm at the chapel.

HALF WAY THERE already is Kati in her wish to get the Recumbent Trike to participate in the annual Halberg Games eventually. Please support Kati financially.

READING PRACTICE for Sunday Masses every Friday at 5.30pm.

CHURCH REFORM AND ITS MISSION - a presentation by Chris Duthie-Jung, a theologian and the Director of Church Mission in NZ. An interactive presentation, no heavy academics and at a level we will all understand and enjoy. Sept 8th, 7pm in the church.

SCOOTER AVAILABLE from SVdP. Wondering if anyone in the parish in need of one. Please contact Simon 0274445757.

COME AWAY AND REST AWHILE – short retreat on Saturday 25 September 3 - 5pm in the Parish Centre. Theme – “My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour”. All welcome. Please register your interest with Bridget 021 482 178; or bybridget@xtra.co.nz

CATHEDRAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS

JOURNEYING THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

with Cardinal John Dew; on 8 September 2021, 6pm; at Aries Restaurant, 1/7 Tennyson Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011; \$55 including full course dinner; contact Noeline Matthews at 499 9631 or email MCSHCaminoDinner@gmail.com

SINGING PRIEST CONCERT Chris Skinner; on Sunday 26 Sept at St Mary's Hall, Thorndon at 2-3 pm. \$30.00. Email 26sept21concert@gmail.com or ring Josie on 021 066 8538 or the Cathedral Parish Office (04) 496 1700

From the Lay Formation Committee

Church reform is not a singular action but a process of discernment.

Jesus was a reformer, he often challenged the religious authorities of his time, who were stuck in rigid structures and rules.

Jesus preached in the way of spirit and truth.

For Catholicism to survive and thrive we must surely agree we need a renewal of mindset and culture.

A teaching church must also be a listening church. We must have trust that the Holy Spirit is always present to guide his people.

The reform of the church engaged by Pope Francis begins in a face to face approach; to addressing the urgent issues of our time.

The conversation of the heart is central to reform efforts that put the human being at the center of a new global narrative - one without distinction for race, religion, or nationality.

The global leadership of the Pope is based on the substitution of particular interests; (economic, political, financial) with a singular interest in human dignity.

On the **8th of September** we welcome **Chris Duthie-Jung**, who will give us an entertaining and interactive presentation on this subject. Please refer to the Parish notices of this newsletter for details.

Blessings to you all,
Harry Bennik

If you are sick, please stay at home.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Thanks to all who supported the successful Garage sale held last weekend. Money raised

continues to support our activities helping those most in need in our community.

Through our own work and contact with various agencies locally, we are very much aware that there is significant need in our community for food, shelter, warmth and even just a friendly face and word. Your continued prayer and practical support greatly helps us in the mission of us all to step forward in service. **Next meeting on Thursday 17 August at 7pm.** (SVdP Levin Bank A/c for direct donations: 11 6932 0308328 11)

TE ARA A MARIA

How did New Zealand come to be dedicated to Mary Assumed into Heaven? The original dedication of New Zealand to Mary Assumed into Heaven involved incredible commitment, partnership and endeavour.

Our first Bishop, Jean-Baptiste Pompallier, was a Marist Frenchman born to a well-to-do family with aristocratic connections. An attraction to Missionary work would see him venture to the Southern Hemisphere with a small team of Marist Fathers and catechist Brothers on Christmas Eve 1836. However, they faced restrictions in entering Tahiti or Tonga, so they headed to Sydney with few crew members disembarked at both the Wallis and Futuna Islands.

Thomas Poynton, born in Ireland in 1803, settled in the Hokianga in 1828. He initially opened a store there but eventually would become involved with farming and timber milling. He wanted, together with his wife Mary Kennedy from Sydney, to have their children baptised. After their voyage to Sydney, Thomas petitioned the Bishops in New South Wales to send clergy to New Zealand.

With time, Poynton would welcome Pompallier to his home. With the Bishop's arrival a number of locals gathered at Poynton's home in Totara Point to celebrate the first Catholic mass on mainland New Zealand. It was during this heartfelt service that the Bishop felt moved to consecrate his mission in Aotearoa to Mary under the title of Mary assumed into heaven, and his vast Pacific vicariate to Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

While in the Hokianga, the missionaries would learn about Māori language, custom and spirituality. The first church was opened at Papakawa on 29 June 1838. With the arrival of a second group of Marists in 1839 Pompallier moved to Kororāreka (Russell) in the Bay of Islands.

YOUTH EVENT

15th August 2021, at the Parish Centre, right after the morning mass. Everyone aged 13 up are all invited.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM resumes next Sunday 22nd August 2021, right after Mass.

BRAIN TEASER: When was the Assumption of Our Lady declared as an article of faith?
IX.
since it was declared in 1870 by Pope Pius
only time papal infallibility has been used,
Answer: 1950, by Pope Pius XII. It is the

Faith on Line

Vatican.va/content/Francesco/en/audiences/2021.index.html#audiences
Pope Francis' general audience talks on Prayer. 38 of them from 2020-2021

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

Lynette Buckley Vera Dwyer Ruth Fenerty Bill Lucy Paul Bargh
Lucy Kelly Robert Spiller Helen Forth Mary Ann Cleverly Carmel Spiers



WHY DO WE ... ordain our clergy?

Ordination is the liturgical act of conferring Holy Orders on a candidate, thus giving him an ecclesiastical office in order to minister to the Church. There are three 'orders' bestowed in this way - the offices of deacon, priest and bishop – and they are conferred on the individual by the laying on of hands and the consecratory formula (the essential 'sign' of the sacrament). The purpose of the ceremony is to demonstrate the passing of Christ's priestly power to the candidate, thus enabling him to administer the sacraments to the faithful.

Ordination is one of the sacraments which is considered to endow a special character on the soul, one which means it cannot be repeated. Hence the saying "once a priest, a priest forever." A priest or bishop can certainly be stripped of his office and forbidden to carry out any form of ministry, but the power given him by ordination remains. Thus should a laicised priest give absolution to a penitent, for instance in the face of death, this absolution holds. The action is unlawful, but valid.

W E E K L Y S C H E D U L E

Monday, 16th August	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, St Stephen of Hungary
Tuesday, 17th	9.30am	Holy Mass
	1pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre
	6pm	Divine Mercy, Samoan Group at the side Chapel
	7pm	SVdP Meeting at the Parish Centre
Wednesday, 18th	9.30am	Holy Mass
Thursday, 19th	9.30am	Holy Mass, St John Eudes
	5pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition at the chapel
Friday, 20th	11.10am	Exposition
	12.10am	Holy Mass, St Bernard
	1pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Reading practice
Saturday, 21st	5:30pm	Vigil Mass, St Pius X
Sunday, 22nd	9:15am	Morning Mass

BOOKINGS FOR CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE
USE is in the foyer. To avoid conflict in use, please write your booking early.

Readings at Sunday Mass

(14/08/2021) **Vigil Mass 1st Reading:** Apo 11:19,12:1-6,10 ; **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 15:20-26;
 Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Responsorial Psalm: "Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness."

(15/08/2021) **Morning Mass 1st Reading:** Apo 11:19,12:1-6,10; **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 15:20-26;
Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Responsorial Psalm: "The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold."

(22/08/2021) **1st Reading:** Josh 24:1-2,15-18; **2nd Reading:** ;Eph 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69