



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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1st May — FEAST DAY OF St JOSEPH THE WORKER

2nd May — 5TH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Devotion to St Joseph was first observed in the 14th century when his feast day was established on March 19th, considered to be the traditional date of his death. In the 16th Century St Teresa of Avila promoted the devotion to him. In 1955, Pope Pius XII established the Feast of St Joseph the Worker on 1 May, as a counter celebration to the Communist May Day, or International Workers' Day. Pope Francis has a particular devotion to Joseph, knowing that even while sleeping he is working for the church. The Pope describes taking his problems to Joseph – he places a note under the statue of the sleeping Joseph, so that the saint can dream about it.

St Joseph has been much lauded by previous Popes who have declared him Patron of the Universal Church (Pius IX) and the Guardian of the Redeemer (John Paul II). Many churches and schools have been dedicated to him, including our own. Last year, on December 8, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, on St Joseph, to mark the beginning of the Year of St Joseph. In that letter he reflects on the many qualities of Joseph and his inspiration for us today.

Recently Pope Francis talked about the importance of prayer in the life of the Church. He reminds us that when we make decisions, we must include prayer and not just have a discussion or make proposals about what to do. He tells us, “Prayer is what opens the door to the Holy Spirit”. He goes on to say, “Holy men and women do not have easier lives than other people. Even they have their own problems to address. Their strength is in prayer. Through prayer they nourish the flame of their faith, as oil used to do for lamps. And thus, they move ahead walking in faith and hope.”

St Joseph is a great example to us of bringing his worries and fears to God. He had many frightening times, when he felt the safety of his beloved Mary and Jesus, was threatened. Not only does he listen to God's messages to him, but he acts on them, and, in doing so, makes good decisions.

St Joseph pray for us!

Bridget Taumoepeau

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30 pm

Sunday Morning Mass

9:15 am

Weekday Masses

9.30 am Tuesday to Thursday

12:10 pm Friday

Liturgy of the word with Communion

9.30 am Monday

Adoration

11:10 am Friday

Reconciliation

Friday after Mass

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

THE SOCIAL GROUP invites everyone to join them every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30pm at the Parish Centre (back of the church)

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH – Google the video **‘A Good man is Hard to Find: St Joseph in Art’**. The presentation is about 40 minutes with interesting depictions of St Joseph, and then there are questions from the audience.

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION - No Meditation on Thursday this week. Resuming following week as usual.

DRIVE SLOWLY posters are visible in our carparks hoping to remind everyone using the space that they are not alone.

PLEROMA STALL - Rosary Decade Bracelets for \$5 - \$8. Other items: cards, Rosary Beads, First Communion & Confirmation gifts, statues etc. available.

FOLLOWING FRANCIS – no session until after the winter months. Watch this space.

CHILDRENS LITURGY - starts again on 9th May at Sunday Mass. Children 4 - 8 years are welcome. Please contact Teresa Mason at 022 139 7623.

SCHOOL PARKING: please **DO NOT** park on the red brick pavers, as the pavers are **NOT** designed to be driven on or parked on. There are more than **20** actual carparks to use, **PLUS** the driveway.

MANNA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP -will be meeting on Sunday 2nd May 2021 at Monica and Corrado's home for afternoon tea at 2pm.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE celebrates 110years by organizing a **World Day of Prayer** with theme **“Called to Shine”** at St Joseph’s Church, 2pm, 5th May 2021. Followed by Afternoon tea.

This weekend is the monthly Food and Funds collection for St Vincent de Paul’s outreach to the community. This work continues with the generous support of our Parishioners donating food, funding, and other goods – your generosity makes a real difference in helping to support our calling to go out and provide a hand up to those in need. Thanks to you all. (SVdP Levin Bank A/c for direct donations: 11 6932 0308328 11)

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

FUNDRAISER RECUMBENT TRIKE for Kati. Born with Skeletal Dysplasia, she is limited to activities she is able to participate in like recumbent trike. She is raising funds to be able to buy one for herself. If you are able to help, please see her poster in the foyer for details.

FR CHRIS SKINNER CONCERT: at 2pm on Sunday 23rd May. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Please book at St Brigid’s Parish: (06) 323 3980 or stbrigids@xtra.co.nz .

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MOTHERS – “Come away with me.” Saturday 8th May 10am-3:30pm at Our Lady’s Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay.

Please register by Monday 3rd May, with Lucienne Hensel at Family Ministry: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or 04 496 1715 / 021 164 5800

LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT— if you have or know somebody who has a house for rent, please contact Atina Telea at 0211 423 758. They are in desperate search for a new abode.

LOST and FOUND JEWELRY in the church. Come to Fr. Dennis and describe the type of jewelry to ascertain its yours.

S T V I N C E N T
D E P A U L C O R -
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Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 May at 1.30pm. We are looking at ways in which we can be more visible in our community and also expand our outreach to those who need help. If you can help us in this regard, please do as the disciples did when they met Jesus and asked where he lived. His invitation was “Come and see”.

BRAIN TEASER 2 May 2021

What is the current title of the previous Pope? How old is he?

Answer: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. He has just turned 94, which means he is the longest living Pope. Leo XIII died in office, aged 93.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The **tax receipts** is now available in the foyer, please have a look for your envelope.

Parish Enrolment Form are available in the foyer.

Total amount returned to St. Joseph Parish after the separation from St. Mary Otaki: NZD 113, 538.70

Our **New Parish Bank Account**:

St. Joseph Catholic Parish (BNZ) 02 0668 0115553 000.

Automatic Payment Forms are available at our website and in the foyer. Please fill this form and take this to your respective bank.

The **envelopes for planned giving** are in the foyer. If you have transferred to automatic payments, you will still need the brown envelopes. Please collect the brown ones and leave the white ones.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CORNER

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A R E M I N D E R

Changes to the Mass times for the week-day Masses from 9am to 9:30am will take effect on the first week of May (from the 3rd, 2021).

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

“Peace be with you.”

We have heard those words more than once in this Easter Season so far, spoken by Jesus in the Gospels and spoken at Masses by the priest who stands there and uses the words of Jesus. We are privileged to use those words and I hope that all priests remember when they use those words at Mass that they are saying them as Jesus, because we are Jesus to God's people.

Remember, “Peace be with you” is not just a platitude or a trite saying. The question therefore that we all ask ourselves is “How is Jesus speaking to us today in these words?”

Thomas Merton once wrote “In a world of noise, confusion and conflict, it is necessary that there is a place of inner silence and peace, not the peace of mere relaxation but the peace of inner clarity and love.”

There is no doubt that we do live in a world of noise, confusion and conflict. Do we take the time, make the time to listen carefully for Jesus saying to us “Peace be with you”? I believe that it is not just a matter of listening to Jesus but listening and waiting patiently for him to speak to us.

From the April Newsletter of
Cardinal John Dew



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

Cherry Legaspi Justiniano Legaspi Soledad and Domingo Zaragoza
Matilde and Andres Canero Eli and Ramuel Zaragoza Bobot Canero
Special Intentions of Acushla Hayne



WHY DO WE... speak of a 'character' with regard to certain sacraments?

The sacramental character is defined as the indelible seal impressed on the soul through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. This 'sign' is believed to last into eternity and signifies that the recipient now relates to Christ in a special and unique way. More specifically, you could say that this character is a spiritual power to receive or generate something sacred. This is why these three sacraments are received only once in a lifetime. The other sacraments may be received multiple times.

This relationship with Christ brings with it the ability to participate in the Priesthood of Christ, thus giving the recipient the privilege of participating in the public worship of the Church. Initially, this participation begins when the character is imprinted on the soul by the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Thus, the faithful offer to God, along with the priest, the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

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

Monday , 3rd May	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 4th	9.30am	Holy Mass
	1pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre
Wednesday, 5th	9.30am	Holy Mass
	2pm	CWL: Day of Prayer at the Church
	1pm	Knitting Group at the Presbytery
Thursday, 6th	9.30am	Holy Mass
	1:30pm	SVdP Meeting at the Parish Centre
	2pm	RCIA at the presbytery
Friday, 7th	11.10am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.10am	Holy Mass
Saturday, 8th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 9th	9:15am	Morning Mass

Readings at Sunday Mass

(02/05/2021) **1st Reading:** Acts 9:26-31; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 3:18-24;

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Responsorial Psalm: " I will praise you Lord, in the assembly of your people."

(09/05/2021) **1st Reading:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; **2nd Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10;

Gospel: Jn 15:9-17



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