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"A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"

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Third Sunday in Lent Year B 7th March 2021

Tena koutou katoa,

I felt my blood racing to my head when I heard that we are going back to level 2. It almost came to boil. Our plans as we start our journey as a parish have been mocked, just before they were executed. And the only option left was to wait until we are back to level 1.

I feel relieved that Jesus too, was frustrated as shown in the gospel reading today: "Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" Jesus became angry. Is it wrong to get angry?

In Psychology Today, anger is an emotion "designed to produce action in response to the violation of social norms or to remedy situations that are wrong." Hence, anger is "meant to be an adaptive internal signal that cues self-protective action."

Fr. John Chambers, SJ, says, "It is not wrong if we follow a simple rule. The simple rule is: in our anger, attack the wrong, but never at the wrongdoer. Another way of saying it is, get angry at the fault, but never get angry at the fault-maker. Again, hate the sin, but never hate the sinner."

This reminds me that we are not in control. God is. It calls for a strong faith in God; everything falls to its rightful place in God's time. This reminds me of the Romero prayer which says "we are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs."

Meanwhile, our new website is up and running: www.stjosephlevin.com. And we have new email accounts that come with it. I have now an email: pp@stjosephlevin.com and the future secretary/admin personnel shall have: office@stjosephlevin.com.

Our bank account will be active in two weeks' time: **BNZ 02 0668 0115553 000**. Automatic payments forms are also available in the foyer. But please fill in the Parish Enrolment Forms first.

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30PM
Sunday Morning Mass	9:15AM
Weekday Masses	9AM Tuesday to Thursday 12:10PM Friday
Liturgy of the word	9AM Monday
Adoration Reconciliation	11:10AM Friday Friday after Mass

If you have free time any day this week, you can help me sort through past records and clean up the office. And then, I can fully say, "the office is open for business".

Na,
Pa Dennis

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

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)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL - we are in need of some more writers for the Prayers of the Faithful for the weekend Masses. Guidelines will be provided. If you are able to contribute please contact Bridget after Mass or on 021482178 or bybridget@xtra.co.nz.

FOLLOWING FRANCIS – the next Lenten prayers lasting about 20-30 mins, and using the Caritas resources, will be on Wednesday 10 March at 9.30 am and 7.00 pm in the chapel.

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.

SHARING OF STORIES will commence again today March 7th from 2pm at the chapel. Everyone is invited.

ST. JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY parish and school whanau picnic on the 19th March at the school ground from 5pm. More details in the next newsletter.

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.

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

MANNA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP will be meeting today Sunday 7th March at 12.30 pm for a Shared Lunch at John's.

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, First night 9th March. Contact: Richard Cradock 9613049.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meeting in the parish centre at 1.30pm on Thursday, 4 March. If helping struggling families appeals to you, you would be welcome to come along.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION: It's that time of the month again – the first weekend. All donations of food and funds will be most gratefully received. Many of us cannot imagine just how much practical help you enable us to supply each month. God bless your generosity.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM first session today right after the mass. Please proceed to the Parish Centre. Both parents and children need to attend.

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Wednesdays @ 1.45-2.45pm.
St Joseph's Whare Takaro (Play House)
If you have a child between 0 and 4 years of age
Contact NICOLE 022 350 4237

 NUMBERS MAY BE LIMITED TO ENSURE THAT FRIENDSHIPS CAN FLOURISH

With the continued support of your prayers, we step into unknown territory tomorrow. All volunteers are required to complete forms assuring compliance with the Cod of Ethics (of which there will be copies available) set out by B.E.S. T. so it might be a good idea to turn up a bit before 10am to do this. It would be helpful if hospitality volunteers in particular could arrive in plenty of time to set up morning tea. NB. Donations of food towards refreshments for the people involved would be gratefully accepted. Many thank

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2021

BRAIN TEASER:

Last week we heard the Gospel about the Transfiguration. When do we celebrate this feast?

Answer: August 6, but each year we also read a Gospel account of the Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent.

“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)
Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

(CONTINUATION FROM THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER)

2. Hope as “living water” enabling us to continue our journey.

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her “living water” (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of

the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would “be raised on the third day” (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father’s mercy. Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father’s forgiveness.

In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. [Laudato Si'](#), 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: “Be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God’s forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

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).

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.

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.

Our New BNZ Account: **BNZ 02 0668 0115553 000.**

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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.

Benigno Tapay Ruffa Illuminada Gliceria Tapay Severa Narval Marcelino Nacorda

WHY DO WE... celebrate octaves of some feasts?

An octave is the liturgical celebration of a feast for eight days – on the day itself and the following seven days. This practice has its origin in the Old Testament celebration of the Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles. Later in the Middle Ages, many feasts had octaves, but they obscured the proper celebration of the Liturgical Year. Eventually they were all suppressed except for the octaves of Easter and Christmas.

Each of these special solemnities has its own rules. The one for Easter does not allow any other celebration – in other words, each day of the Easter octave is treated with the same dignity as a solemnity during the rest of the year. Christmas is slightly different. For instance, there are several feasts in between Christmas and its octave: St Stephen, the first martyr; St John, the beloved disciple; the Holy Innocents; the Holy Family (if a Sunday falls between the two dates); Mary, Mother of God, on the octave day itself.

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

Monday , 8th March	9am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 9th March	9am	Holy Mass; Cardinal John Dew presiding
	1:30pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre
	6pm	Divine Mercy Devotion at the Chapel (Samoan Community)
Wednesday, 10th March	9am	Holy Mass
	9:30am	Following Francis Reflection/Study Group at the Chapel
	7pm	Following Francis Reflection/Study Group at the Chapel
	7-9pm	Individual Reconciliation
Thursday, 11th March	9am	Holy Mass
	5pm	Christian Meditation at the Chapel
Friday, 12th March	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12:10pm	Holy Mass with two classroom syndicate
	6pm	Choir Practice (Filipino Community)
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, 13th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 14th	9:15am	Morning Mass
	10:30am	Sacramental Program: Second Session on Reconciliation

Readings at Sunday Mass

(07/03/2021) **1st Reading:** Exod 20:1-17; **2nd reading:** 1 Cor 1:22-25; **Gospel:** John 2:13-25

Responsorial Psalm: "Lord, You have the words of everlasting life."

(28/02/2021) **1st Reading:** 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; **2nd Reading:** Eph 2:4-10; **Gospel:** John 3:14-21



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