



## LEVIN-TAITOKO

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

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## 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Kia ora koutou katoa,

It's been almost a month since we were on Alert Level 4 lockdown, and thank God that we are now on Alert Level 2. Once a week since the 27 Aug, One in Faith Youth Group of St Joseph's Parish (SJP) has Zoom informal sessions to do a welfare check on everybody.

For teenagers and young adults, friends are hugely important, and they are supposed to be. Bonding with peers is one of the essential developmental tasks of adolescents. So, we made sure that we created a way to get still connected even virtually. The youth group was assured of the support from the parish and that they should not hesitate to reach out if they need somebody to talk, or to help with their distance learning schoolwork or food parcel for their family if needed.

Loneliness is considered a critical risk factor of lockdown for mental health and wellbeing. Our current situation can be very stressful, and it slowly creeps up, even for children and young people. We are lucky that, despite unfortunate events, calling a friend or seeking help is just one click away in this generation.

There will not be a Zoom session this week, but Whaea Anna, Fr Dennis, and I are opening our lines for the youth in our community who may be vulnerable at this time. Being on Alert Level 2 or 1 should not stop us from reaching out.

I hope and pray that despite uncertainties around us, one thing will remain certain: we continue to keep our faith in God, and things will be better.

Please check the Youth Group's FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/One-in-Faith-Youth-Group-SJP-105972808399526> for the latest happening in store for the youth.

God bless everyone, and stay safe. Hope to see you all on Level 1!

Nāku iti noa, nā

Gladys Fermo



**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

# PARISH NOTICES

**YOUTH QUIZ EVENT** 3rd September 2021, link will be available at the youth Facebook page.

**CHURCH REFORM AND ITS MISSION PRESENTATION** postponed indefinitely until we are back level 1.

**TIME AND TALENT SUNDAY** postponed indefinitely until we are back to level 1.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK** discussion on the theme "the Beatitudes" on Wednesday 15th Sept; 10.30am and 7pm in the Parish Centre is **now canceled** due to Covid Level 2. You can access the prayers etc through the Caritas website.

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

**LITURGY SEMINAR** in Palmerston North (The Evolving Church) is **postponed** until 29th-31st October. Please register asap at [www.tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2021/06/te-hahi-hurihui-the-evolving-church-liturgy-hui](http://www.tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2021/06/te-hahi-hurihui-the-evolving-church-liturgy-hui)

**MEALS ON WHEELS** duty on 20th - 24th September. Please contact Kerry for your day. 027 3586108

**If we are going back to level 1...**

**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 *If this has to be cancelled, due to Covid restrictions, a new date will be planned.*

**LITURGY WORKSHOPS** on Sacraments; Sept 25th; 1.30pm-3.30pm Sacred Heart, Petone

**BRAIN TEASER:** 12 Sept 2021: Pope Francis has very much promoted vaccination. How does he describe it?  
*"Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable."*  
**Answer:** As an 'Act of Love'; Drawing on Catholic Social Teaching he said,

## Season of Creation

Restoring Our Common Home

1 September - 4 October 2021



***Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.*** (Pope Francis: Laudato Si' paragraph 217)

**Week 2 Reflections** are available on: <https://www.stjosephlevin.com/activities>

### Online Masses:

**Bishop Steve Lowe** (Hamilton) is saying Mass everyday during lockdown at 9am. Click on this link and follow the directions <https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream>

**Sunshine TV Mass** at Sunshine TV Channel at around 2pm.

Visit our **Facebook page** @ <https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Catholic-Church-Levin-102314338086230>

**PARISH BANK ACCOUNT:** St. Joseph Catholic Parish (BNZ) 02 0668 0115553 000.

**PARISH REGISTRATION** and **AUTOMATIC PAYMENT FORMS** available in the foyer.

### ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CORNER

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/stjoeslevin.school.nz](http://www.facebook.com/stjoeslevin.school.nz)

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# SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

12th - 18th September 2021

Social justice is the promotion of just societies and treatment of individuals and communities based on the belief that we each possess an innate human dignity.

*“God has made the earth and all that it contains for all to share. The earth’s goods must be divided fairly and this right of everyone to a just share comes first. All other rights must help, not block, this basic right of every human being.”*

Populorum Progressio, Pope Paul VI, 1967

It is the promotion of respect for creation, and principles of stewardship, participation, the common good, solidarity, subsidiarity and the preferential option for the poor and the vulnerable.

Social justice activists aim to see this achieved in the world that we live in now and for future generations. Social justice issues revolve around structures or

human actions within society that result in people being treated unfairly or unjustly. Addressing social justice issues could mean:

Working against discrimination

Mitigating the effects of climate change on communities

- Ensuring workers are valued and treated fairly
- Preventing the marginalisation of people from society
- Challenging unjust government policies that contribute to the oppression of some people in a society
- Ensuring the powerful don't abuse their power
- Promoting peace instead of violence
- Ensuring men, women, and children are able to flourish
- Preventing corruption and promoting transparency and accountability

*From CARITAS NZ website*

## READ: Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church

[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/pontifical\\_councils/justpeace/documents/rc\\_pc\\_justpeace\\_doc\\_20060526\\_compendio-dott-soc\\_en.html#Justice](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_pc_justpeace_doc_20060526_compendio-dott-soc_en.html#Justice)

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.

John Allen Ailsa Lyons Patricia O'Rourke Exequiel Ptalainghug Evelyn Abesa

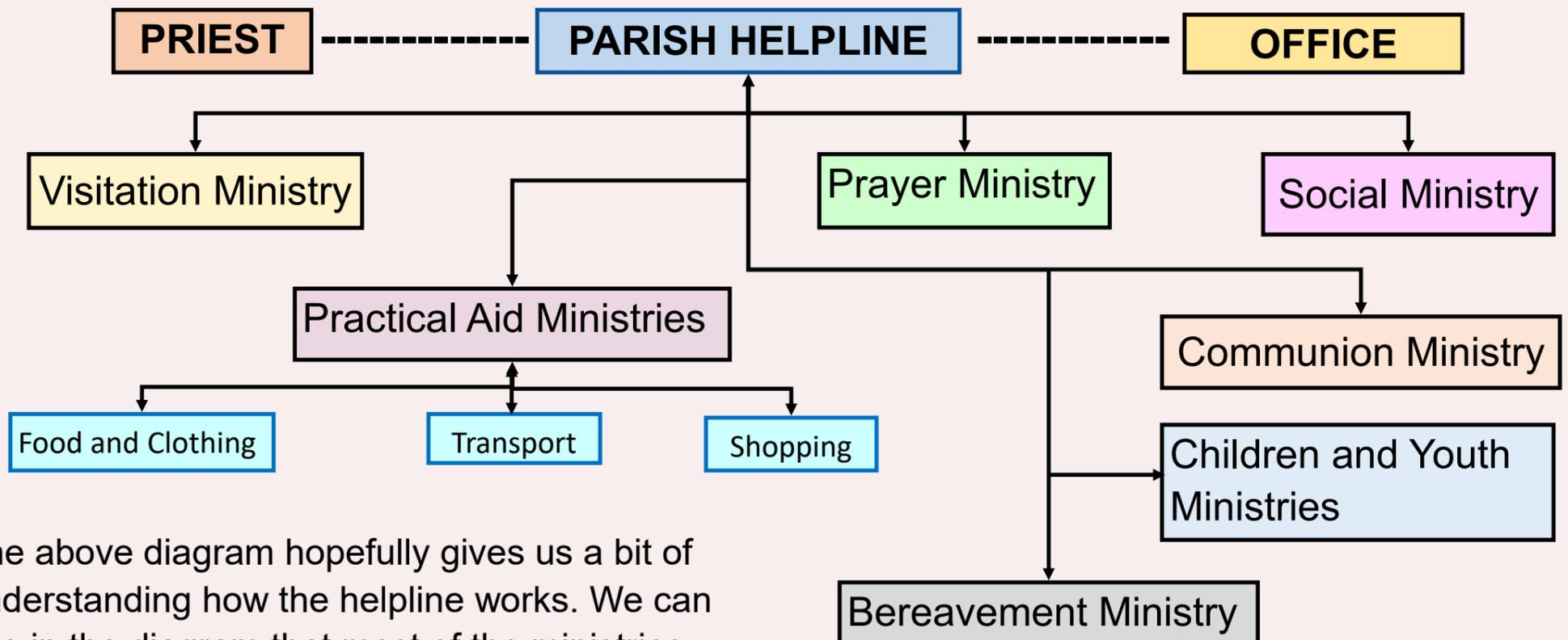
**Sincere Thanks:** Kilian would like to thank all those people who supported her in the death of her husband, Bruce Twidle, recently. The calls, cards, flowers and, above all, prayers have helped greatly during this difficult time. May God bless you all.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

Lockdown has presented “new” challenges for SVdP. Our focus has been on the delivery of food but in addition also some activity providing household items to those desperate for help. The team have pulled together to make sure that these demands have been met – packing, delivering, shopping together with the essential support and generosity of the business sponsors and those donating food items and financial support. Our Pope Francis talks of seeking ways to “save the lives” of others while giving ourselves. So many linked to SVdP are absolutely doing that. May you all be greatly blessed. Thank you.

(SVdP Levin Bank A/c for direct donations: 11 6932 0308328 11)

### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF PARISH HELPLINE



The above diagram hopefully gives us a bit of understanding how the helpline works. We can see in the diagram that most of the ministries are already in place, except for few practical aid and visitation ministry. In looking at those ministries, one question that needs to be answered is: to whom are these ministries for? What the question seeks is “who are they in the community.”

Since we were restored as a separate and independent parish, our new parish roll does not tell us exactly who belong to our parish community. Hence, the question above needs actions from our part. While we cannot go back to the Church because of the lockdown, please think who are those whom we have not seen for a long time. Then if you still have their contact numbers, give them a ring or visit them to the address you know.

Of course, I would like to know them and visit them myself, especially now that the admin, finance, and pastoral stuff are sailing forward. But I do need your help and cooperation. The HELPLINE structure would guide us to where we can ring not just to update the parish roll but also to establish relationship as a parish with the person. Should there be some needs identified, these can easily be referred and addressed using the HELPLINE.

Hence, the HELPLINE may be a brilliant idea but it will remain an idea if we do not bring life to it. Please reach out to those whom we missed. Also, please ponder on which ministry you are called to.

#### Readings at Sunday Mass

(12/09/2021) 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9; 2nd Reading: James 2:14-18;  
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

**Responsorial Psalm:** “I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living”

(19/09/2021) 1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; 2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3,  
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37