



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Since I came to Levin in 2017, I have witnessed the growth of the Kiribati Catholic community and its involvement in the parish.

The Levin community forms part of the wider Our Lady of Kapiti Kiribati Catholic community when Fr. Tikoua Kautu came to the archdiocese and lived in Paraparaumu.

Eventually, in 2017, we were named as Our Lady of Kapinua – a combination of Kapiti and Horowhenua. Now, we are named as “St. Mary Kiribati Catholic Community.”

In 2008, when Fr. Michael was here for a holiday, he helped organized the wider Wellington community. The leaders were Rose Sinclair as president, Kateata Iaon Kaitara as a Vice President, Lydia Ietaake Tokataake as a Secretary, Bauro Tiibin as a Treasurer and Iaon Binoka as a choir master.

Here are the reasons for the establishment of our Catholic community:

- To strengthen the faith as foreigners in New Zealand
- To sustain our cultural values in worship.
- To build a community of faith for our children
- To support a parish in whatever needed
- Enhancing the good spirit of unity
- To support families

Now we are represented in the Liturgy committee. Some of us are involved in different ministries in the church and our youth also participate in the parish youth group.

In the month of May this year, we started our house-to-house Rosary and Novena devotion to Our Lady. We are organized a new ‘Legion of Mary’ prayer group named as ‘Bukin Kabaiara’ (the Cause of our Joy) right after the end of May.

Our wish is to be able to acquire a place that brings us together as a Kiribati Catholic community. We have been raising funds to make this happen and if you know any place suitable for us, please let us know.

Taarita Santaake Teawaki

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

CONFIRMATION MASS July 11th 2021, Sunday, at 9.15am. Youth and adults who have done the preparation, please return the forms to the office ASAP.

CONFIRMATION MASS PRACTICE for children, youth, and adults on Friday, July 9th from 5.30 pm in the church.

CONFIRMATION MASS MUSIC PRACTICE next week 7pm Thursday 8th, at the church. This is for all singers combined.

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

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

TELLING OF STORIES 4th July 2021 at 2 pm followed by a cup of tea at the side chapel featuring Luda Goggin.

MANNA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP will be meeting this Sunday 4 July 2021 at Murrayfield Cafe for lunch at 12.30pm.

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

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

MIHA MAORI PRACTICE in the Parish Centre on the 8th July and 15th July, 5pm all parishioners are welcome.

MIHA MAORI on Sunday 18th July, 9.15am

HALF WAY THERE already is Kati in her wish to get the Recumbent Trike. She was born with physical (skeletal) deformities which limits her movements. But she is a fighter and she is walking! Her wish is to participate in the annual Halberg Games eventually. Please support Kati financially.

READING PRACTICE for Sunday Masses every Friday at 5.30pm.

CATHEDRAL STRENGTHENING FUND-RAISING EVENT, Guest Speaker Anand Satyanand with soloist Katheryn Ennis-Wilson and Janet van Polanen. Tickets at \$20 from Josie McCrone at 04 478 3422. Sat 10 July, 2pm at Malvina Major Rest Home, Khandallah

KUKU MASS Sunday 4th July 2021 at 8.30am. Everyone is invited to join.

LITURGY WORKSHOPS

August 5th "Prayer of the Faithful" 6.30pm-7.00pm Tea & Coffee available. Workshop 7.00pm-8.30pm St Theresa's, Plimmerton

September 25th "The Sacraments" 1.30pm-2.00pm Tea & Coffee available. Workshop 2.00pm-3.30pm Sacred Heart, Petone

THE NZ CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE has chosen *Te Ara o Maria: Mary's Way* as the formal name of the proposal to renew the country's dedication to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. A formal Mass for the renewal will be celebrated at St Mary of the Angels church in Wellington on 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption, followed by a hikoi of a new artwork of Mary and Jesus around Aotearoa New Zealand.

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S T V I N C E N T D E P A U L C O R N E R

If you are interested in joining our ranks, please do not hesitate to drop in. With so many people needing help these days, we can use all the workers we can muster. If you are not able to join us actively, of course, your prayers and contributions in food and funds are always deeply appreciated. (SVdP Levin Bank A/c for direct donations: 11 6932 0308328 11)

Lord I am Not Worthy....

You may be aware that there is controversy raging in the US, and the wider church, over the US Bishops' decision to issue a document on the Eucharist, and whether someone can be denied communion. This came from a working group concerned about President Biden's political position on abortion. In the many comments and opinions that have followed, some interesting issues have emerged. A poll determined that many Catholics did not believe that the Eucharist is truly the body and blood of Christ, which is a key Catholic doctrine. Also, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston and a member of the Pope's Council of Cardinals, has written very thoughtfully of the changes in the way we prepare for communion.

Cardinal O'Malley describes the pre-Vatican II requirements for preparing for the Eucharist, from fasting from midnight to having been to confession. Many were deterred from receiving communion if they thought, for example, that they had swallowed some water while brushing their teeth on Sunday morning. At that time the priest was the only one allowed to touch the host and the Chalice was not given to lay people.

After The Vatican Council there were many liturgical changes, but often with little explanation or teaching about the reasons for such changes. The Council document, Sacrosanctum Concilium, encouraged active participation by the faithful in the liturgy, which, as well mandating celebrating in the local language, stated they all 'should be formed by God's word, and be nourished at the table of the Lord's body.' Furthermore, the document requires 'full participation of all God's holy people in the Eucharist', including communion under both kinds, as well as encouraging 'a sense of community within the parish'.

Cardinal O'Malley goes on to say that he would welcome good catechesis about how to prepare to receive the Eucharist worthily. This would include a true understanding of this most precious sacrament. Pope Francis has described himself as 'a sinner' and others have commented that none of us, from the Pope to the lowliest parishioner are really worthy to receive. But Francis has told us in Evangelii Gaudium that 'the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Most important of all, we have the knowledge of a merciful compassionate God and the beauty of the prayer before communion – 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed'. Sincerely said, asking for mercy, and having truly examined our conscience, we are assured that God will grant that word of healing and that we, albeit imperfect, are welcome at the Lord's table.

By Bridget Taumoepeau

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*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.

Owen O'Neill, Suzanne Perry-Woodward, Robert Tierney, Norah Shaughnessy, Mary McKeefry

BRAIN TEASER: The Feast of Sts Peter and Paul was celebrated on June 29th. Where are the saints buried?

Answer: In Rome, where they were martyred. St Peter under St Peter's Basilica and St Paul under the church of St Paul Outside the Walls.



WHY DO WE...use the term 'worship' only in regard to specific examples of holiness?

The term 'worship' is applied to the prayerful homage and recognition given to God by acts of the body or mind, or both, to acknowledge His dignity, superior position, worth and, primarily, supreme dominion. Worship is a genuine expression by which humanity demonstrates its dependence on the loving Creator.

The term is certainly applied to the act of adoration to God alone. However, when it is used in relation to the Mother of God or the saints, because of their special relationship to God, it is more properly termed 'veneration'. We Catholics are sometimes accused by non-Catholics of 'worshipping' Mary in the sense of 'adoration' of her, but this is not the case. Apart from our relationship with God, the two terms are not interchangeable. Our ultimate form of worship is the Sacrifice of the Mass, followed by the Sacraments through which we receive the grace necessary to eventually achieve an abundant and everlasting life.

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

Monday, 5th July	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word, Communion, St. Anthony Zaccaria
Tuesday, 6th	9.30am	Mass, St Maria Goretti
	1pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre
	6pm	Divine Mercy, Samoan Group at the side Chapel
Wednesday, 7th	9.30am	Holy Mass, The First Martyrs of the Church
Thursday, 8th	9.30am	Holy Mass
	5pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition at the chapel
	7pm	Music practice for the combined Mass
Friday, 9th	11.10am	Exposition, St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
	12.10am	Holy Mass with school children
	2pm	RCIA at the presbytery
	5.30pm	Reading and Confirmation practice
Saturday, 10th	3pm	Wedding Mass for AJ and Gretchen
	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 11th	9:15am	Morning Mass — Confirmation
	11am	Youth Meet and Greet at the Parish Centre
	2pm	Sharing of Stories at the side chapel

Readings at Sunday Mass

(4/7/2021) **1st Reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5; **2nd Reading:** 2 Cor 12:7-10; **Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6
Responsorial Psalm: "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy".
 (11/7/2021) **1st Reading:** Am 7:12-15; **2nd Reading:** Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10;
Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

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