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29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Hello my fellow parishioners,

This weekend starts Pope Francis's universal call to church synod here in New Zealand.

In the coming weeks you will be invited to join in small group engagement sessions for discernment on the culture of the church going forward to setting a new foundation for its mission in the world for in the 3rd millennium, you will also be encouraged to reach out to members in your family and friends and to the wider community, people you may know who may feel disconnected from the church at this time, for whatever reason they may have, talk to them and invite them to come and join us, as anyone and everyone will be warmly welcomed,

in the small group sessions you will be asked to share your considered opinions on any related topics you may choose, they are yours and you own them, we are not there to preach or to judge, nor to engaged in debate although some very limited discussion may happen, the purpose of these sessions are, and I cannot reinforce this enough, is to listen, you may be for maintenance or reform but we want to hear it.

We as baptized Christians are called to be proactive in our faith and in the mission of the church, this is an opportunity to have a input, to pave the way for new possibilities, the purpose of the synod is not to produce documents, but to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, and give strength to our hands.

Blessings to you all

Harry Bennik

Parish Pastoral Council Chair.



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

COME AWAY AND REST AWHILE – the short retreat is **POSTPONED** until Saturday 6 November from 3-5.00 pm. The theme is “My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour”. Please register with Bridget, on 021 482 178 or bybridget@xtra.co.nz Could those of you who registered before please **RE-REGISTER**. Thank you.

OCTOBER is the month of the Rosary. Please pray the Rosary.

MASS AND LITURGY are back in the church. Please see the mass and liturgy schedule sent to your email.

CHURCH AND PARISH CENTRE are now available again for use. Please book in the logbook in the Church foyer as soon as possible to avoid conflicting times.

CHURCH GATHERINGS AND USUAL ACTIVITIES can resume but needs to follow the protocol.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CORNER

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stjoeslevin.school.nz

Website: www.stjoeslevin.school.nz

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.

BRAIN TEASER: 17 October 2021

Pope Francis has called 4 Synods of Bishops. What were the topics discussed?

Answer: 2014 and 2015 – the Family; 2018 – Youth; 2019 – Amazonia.

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

A celebration of parishioners turning 80 years old this year. If would like to be part of this celebration please contact Carolyn Johns 06 368 0958 or 0274 632 042 for further information. Proposed date Sat 13th November.

PARISH FINANCE

The parish finances has been adversely affected by the lack of Masses for 6 Sundays in a row. Thanks to those who are enrolled in automatic payments (and envelope when the envelopes come in), there was a substantial amount coming in. I am inviting again everyone to please consider moving to automatic payment if you have not enrolled yet. It is a great help for the parish to be able to finance the different activities of the Parish and Archdiocese.

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

PARISH REGISTRATION and **AUTOMATIC PAYMENT FORMS** available in the foyer and in the website: www.sjosephlevin.com.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Firstly, we want to express our sincere thanks for your outstanding generosity especially during this current Covid lockdown time. Your support has ensured the continuity of our work for the needy in our community, despite the surge in requests that we have received. Current SVdP activity to reach out further to the community has included the start-up of a SVdP Levin Facebook page (St Vincent de Paul Society Levin Conference) as well as inclusion in the SVdP Kapi-Mana area website (<https://vinnies-kapiti-mana.org.nz/>). Further plans to extend the ministry are also underway and once confirmed will be shared with you as soon as possible.

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

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis is asking everyone to be involved in a global Synod, “*For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission*”. The synod opens on 17th October.

In Wellington, the opening Mass will be at St Teresa’s Pro-Cathedral, Karori. All parishes will join in prayer for the Synod.

To understand this whole process, please go the website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html> and download the vademecum in pdf format.

Please visit our diocesan website as well: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/archdiocesan-synod/>

You can also see this in our website: www.stjosephlevin.com and go to the news and updates menu and click “synod on synodality.”

WHAT IS SYNODALITY?

BACKGROUND FOR THIS SYNOD

By convening this Synod, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: “It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium.” Following in the wake of the renewal of the Church proposed by the Second Vatican Council, this common journey together is both a gift and a task. By reflecting together on the journey that has been made so far, the diverse members of the Church will be able to learn from one another’s experiences and perspectives, guided by the Holy Spirit (PD, 1). Enlightened by the Word of God and united in prayer, we will be able to discern the processes to seek God’s will and pursue the pathways to which God calls us – towards deeper communion, fuller participation, and greater openness to fulfilling our mission in the world. The International Theological Commission (ITC) describes synodality this way:

‘Synod’ is an ancient and venerable word in the Tradition of the Church, whose meaning draws on the deepest themes of Revelation [...] It indicates the path along which the People of God walk together. Equally, it refers to the Lord Jesus, who presents Himself as ‘the way, the truth and the life’ (Jn 14,6), and to the fact that Christians, His followers, were originally called ‘followers of the Way’ (cf. Acts 9,2; 19,9.23; 22,4; 24,14.22).

First and foremost, synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, ex-

pressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel. Synodality ought to be expressed in the Church’s ordinary way of living and working.

In this sense, synodality enables the entire People of God to walk forward together, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, to participate in the mission of the Church in the communion that Christ establishes between us. Ultimately, this path of walking together is the most effective way of manifesting and putting into practice the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God (PD, 1).

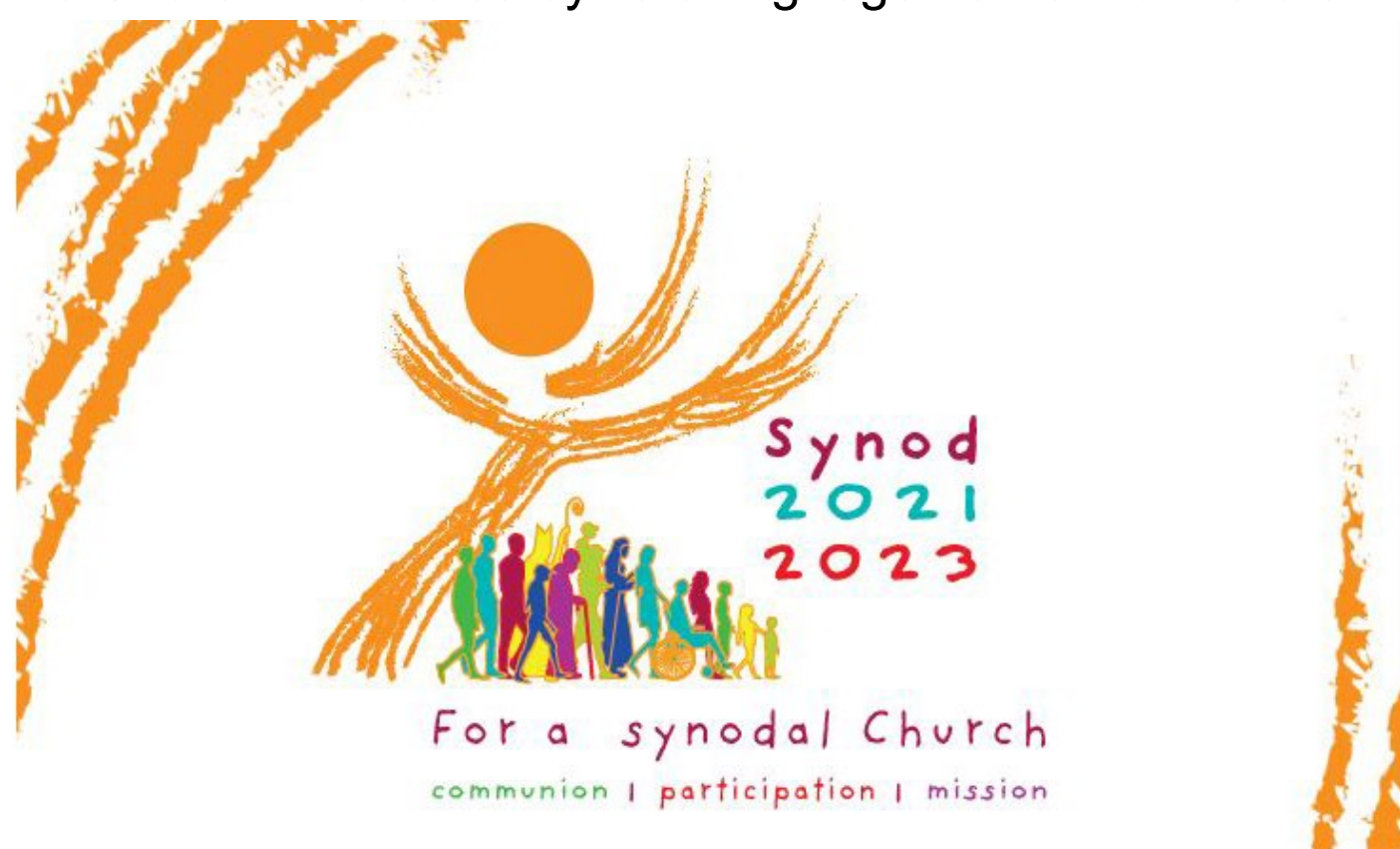
The entire People of God shares a common dignity and vocation through Baptism. All of us are called in virtue of our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church. In parishes, small Christian communities, lay movements, religious communities, and other forms of communion, women and men, young people and the elderly, we are all invited to listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who comes to

guide our human efforts, breathing life and vitality into the Church and leading us into deeper communion for our mission in the world. As the Church embarks on this synodal journey, we must strive to ground ourselves in experiences of authentic listening and discernment on the path of becoming the Church that God calls us to be.

THE AIM OF THE SYNOD

The present Synod focuses on the topic of synodality itself. The current Synodal Process we are undertaking is guided by a fundamental question: How does this “journeying together” take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? and what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church? (PD, 2)

In this light, the objective of the current Synod is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. We do so by listening together to the Word of God in Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church, and then by listening to one another, and especially to those at the margins, discerning the signs of the times. In fact, the whole Synodal Process aims at fostering a lived experience of discernment, participation, and co-responsibility, where a diversity of gifts is brought together for the Church’s mission in the world.



In this sense, it is clear that the purpose of this Synod is not to produce more documents. Rather, it is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission (PD, 32). Thus the objective of this Synodal Process is not only a series of exercises that start and stop, but rather a journey of growing authentically towards the communion and mission that God calls the Church to live out in the third millennium.

This journey together will call on us to renew our mentalities and our ecclesial structures in order to live out God’s call for the Church amid the present signs of the times. Listening to the entire People of God will help the Church to make pastoral decisions that correspond as closely as possible to God’s will (ITC, Syn., 68) The ultimate perspective to orient this synodal path of the Church is to serve the dialogue of God with humanity (DV, 2) and to journey together the kingdom of God (cf. LG, 9; RM, 20). In the end, this Synodal Process seeks to move towards a Church that is more fruitfully at the service of the coming of the kingdom of heaven.



ST JOSEPH CHURCH COMMUNITY

Sharing our Time and Talents

(Even if you are already involved in a group or ministry, please complete the form again)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Are you new to the Parish? Yes _____ No _____

Mass Attendance: 5.30pm Vigil Mass _____ 9.15am Sunday Mass _____

People whom you think appreciates a visit: _____

LITURGY

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| _____ Greeter/Welcomer | _____ Writers - Prayers of the |
| _____ Ushers | _____ Faithful |
| _____ Sunday Children's Liturgy* | _____ Musician, which instrument: |
| _____ Lectors | _____ |
| _____ Collectors | _____ Music Groups |
| _____ Gift Bearers | _____ Music Tech for Set Up |
| _____ Ministers of the Communion | _____ Altar Server |
| _____ Communion Ministers to the Sick* | _____ Incensing |
| _____ Projectionist | _____ Hospitality (cuppa after Mass) |
| _____ Compiling of Ministry Rosters | _____ Sunday Mass _____ First Friday |

NB: * **Police Checking** required in accordance with the Archdiocesan Policy.

FAITH FORMATION

☐ RCIA
☐ Sacramental Program*
☐ Marriage Preparation

☐ Baptismal Preparation*:
☐ Confirmation Preparation*:
(for youth and adults)

PARISH-BASED GROUPS

☐ Youth Group*; Age: _____
☐ Adult support for the youth
group*
☐ Bereavement Ministry*
☐ Visitation Ministry*

☐ Catholic Women's League
☐ Divine Mercy (Samoan)
☐ St. Vincent de Paul
☐ Legion of Mary (Kiribati)
☐ Scripture Sharing

SOCIALS

☐ Tuesday Social Group
☐ Knitting Group
☐ Men's Breakfast

☐ Indoor Bowling Group:
☐ Passionist Family Groups:
☐ New Group: Specify

CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR CHURCH, PRESBYTERY, AND GROUNDS

☐ Church Cleaning
☐ Presbytery Cleaning
☐ Linen Cleaning
☐ Flower Arranging

☐ Gardening
☐ Lawn Mowing
☐ Brass Cleaning
☐ Parish Technical Needs

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL PORTFOLIOS

☐ Communications
☐ Liturgy
☐ Faith Formation
☐ Youth

☐ Property and Maintenance
☐ Health and Safety
☐ Social Justice
☐ Socials

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

☐ School Student Sponsor

☐ School Volunteer

ANY OTHER COMMENT/TALENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER

☐ Photography ☐ Social Media ☐ Web Design ☐ Xero Accounting
☐ Electrical ☐ Plumbing ☐ Building/Carpentry ☐ Gardening
(for others not mentioned above , pls specify)

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WELLINGTON SEMINARIAN ORDAINED AS A DEACON

Congratulations to Alfred Tong from Upper Hutt Parish, who was ordained a deacon for Wellington Archdiocese on Saturday. We pray for him as he continues on his journey to the priesthood. **PRAY, INVITE, ENCOURAGE...** Many priestly vocations have grown from a tap on the shoulder, an encouraging word or a question to a man who you see has the qualities of a vocation to the priesthood.

CALLED TO SERVE - COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU? Visit *wellingtonpriests.org* to watch some of our priests and seminarians speak about their vocation to the priesthood. Has anybody ever said to you that you would make a good priest? Have you thought about the idea, but tried to put it out of your mind? Do you think you might have a vocation? To find out more, visit our website or follow our Facebook page: Wellington Priests – Archdiocese of Wellington

PINK SHOES INTO THE VATICAN

“Be the Change” is a campaign for gender equality in the Catholic Church. An event was planned for 19 September, but has been postponed until Sunday 6 March 2022, in conjunction with a similar event in Auckland. There will be an installation of women’s worn shoes between the steps of Parliament and Sacred Heart Cathedral. If you would like to participate, we will be collecting shoes, with by a brief note about you and your journey in the church. More news closer to the time.

From the PP’s Desk

Tena koe,

Cardinal John has granted me a one-month break prescribed in Canon Law. Though I cannot go home to be with my family and friends, I will spend this time meaningfully. **I will be away the whole month of October and will be back in time for the All Saints and All Souls Days.**

While I am away, there are few things that shall happen in every Sunday Mass in the parish.

1. **INFORMATION CAMPAIGN** about **SYNOD ON SYNODALITY** will be done every Post-Communion Notices.
2. **TIME and TALENT FORMS** available in the seats for you to fill in. You may fill them in straight away and drop it at the suggestion box on your way out or the following Sunday.
3. **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** on the 30th/31st October

If you would like to be facilitator of the sessions for the synod group discernment process, please let Harry Bennik or Bridget Taumoepeau know or email the office@stjosephevin.com

Ka kite anō,

Pa Dennis



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

Tom Shaughnessy Terry Ritson Catherine Clarke Hoko Gardiner
John Weal Mollie Batten



Why do we... perform penances?

Penances are acts of piety often carried out by a person for the purpose of atoning for sin. In this case, the penance is assigned by the confessor to the penitent to indicate repentance and use it as a remedy for their weakness. In early Christian times there was an interval of rehabilitation where conversion took place in a liturgical context before reconciliation. In the Middle Ages this part of the Sacrament of Penance was looked on as something like a punishment. Nowadays penances of works of charity or something more in keeping with the type of sin are imposed.

Penances can be performed to help us come closer to holiness rather than as a penalty for sin. These can include abstinence, fasting, isolation, manual labour, privation of sleep, poverty and the like. Even more spiritual practices such as curbing one's tongue when angry or upset, making an effort to be nice to someone one doesn't like much, etc come under this heading. Such practices are encouraged particularly during the season of Lent.

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

Monday, 18h Oct	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, St Luke, Evangelist
Tuesday, 19th	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, St Paul of the Cross
	1pm	Tuesday Social Group at the Parish Centre
	6pm	Divine Mercy, Samoan Group at the side Chapel
Wednesday, 20th	9.30am	Holy Mass
Thursday, 21st	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
	5pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition at the chapel
Friday, 22nd	11.10am	Exposition
	12.10pm	Holy Mass, St. John Paul II
	5.30pm	Reading practice
Saturday, 23rd	5:30pm	Vigil Mass, St John of Capistrano
Sunday, 24th	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

(17/10/2021) 1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16;
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Responsorial Psalm: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."

(24/10/2021) 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6;
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



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