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“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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Dear parishioners,

In the covid pandemic many of us, Kiwis, have put great faith in the government to keep us safe, but ultimately we must put our trust in God.

So what does it mean to trust God?

To trust is to believe in reliability, truth ability or strength of something. So, when it comes to trusting God, that means believing in His reliability, His word, His ability, and His strength. The scriptures tell us that God cannot lie. That he always keeps His Promises. That He loves us and has good instore for us.. Trusting in Him means believing what He says about Himself, about the world and about us is true.

Trusting God is more than a feeling: it's a choice to have faith in what He says even when our feelings or circumstances would have us believe something different. Our feelings and circumstances matter and are very much worth paying attention to. God cares about them both. But those things alone are not reliable enough to base our life on. They can change at any moment, even in an instant. God, on the other hand, does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and therefore is worthy of your trust.

Trusting God is not about ignoring our feelings or reality. It is not pretending that everything is OK when it isn't. Trusting God is living a life of belief in and obedience to God even when it's difficult.

*Peace I bequeath you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.*

John 14:27

Stay safe – keep the faith, and trust in God.

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

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

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

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

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

If we are going back to level 1...

LITURGY SEMINAR on Worship, Music & Pastoral Life at Palmerston North Diocesan Centre. September 10th - 12th

Please register asap at

www.tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2021/06/te-hahi-hurihui-the-evolving-church-liturgy-hui

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK discussion on the theme "the Beatitudes" on Wednesday 15th Sept; 10.30am and 7pm in the Parish Centre.

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

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

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS NEEDED

"Conversion Practices Prohibition Legislation Bill" is a proposed law to ban 'conversion therapy'. It is vital that families, faith and community leaders understand what is in the bill, and what the effect will be - irrespective of how the proposed law is 'sold' by the politicians and the media.

Public submissions on the bill close 8th September. For further information go to FreeToLive.nz

BRAIN TEASER: 5 Sept 2021: The 1st of September marked the beginning of the Season of Creation. What do you know about this?

Answer: The season lasts from 1 September, (which was a day set aside originally by the Orthodox Churches as a Day of Prayer for the Protection of Creation), until October 4th, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. Many churches now observe this celebration. This year's theme is "A Home for All."

Season of Creation

Restoring Our Common Home

1 September - 4 October 2021



A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. (Pope Francis: Laudato Si' paragraph 49) Resources to celebrate the Season of Creation are available on: <https://www.stjosephlevin.com/activities>

Kia kaha! Kia maia!

Kia manawanui!

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PARISH REGISTRATION and AUTOMATIC PAYMENT FORMS available in the foyer.

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

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COVID 19 Related Posts

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners.

Our prayers are for all of you staying safe in your “bubble’s” during this uncertain time. If you are aware of anyone needing a hand up with food, please don’t hesitate to call the SVdP number 021 0906 2653.

This last week since lockdown has seen a very strong surge in demand with the number supported fast approaching 100 people.

You will understand that is having a big impact on supplies – if you can help and are out restocking for yourselves – any contributions would be most appreciated.

These can be left in the box by the Presbytery garage door as we are there at some time each day and will check if “postie” has been!!

Alternatively, our bank detail is noted below. Many thanks, keep safe and blessings. (SVdP Levin Bank A/c for direct donations: 11 6932 0308328 11)

A reminder of the Covid19 pandemic

- Stay within your bubble.
 - If you need to go out, wear a mask and remember 2 metre social distance rule.
 - If you are unwell, seek advice from your medical centre or the Ministry of Health
- Covid19
Healthline 0800 358 5453
- Sneeze into your elbow
 - Wash and sanitize your hands and work spaces constantly
 - Use the Tracer App

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>

Coping with the Lockdown...

Prayer at Home: The Pray As You Go app offers daily 15-minute reflections on one of the readings of the day. A gentle way to nourish your faith in lockdown. Visit <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> or download the app on your phone.

For those who are alone at home, here are some interesting sites that provide insight into our Catholic world today: <https://international.la-croix.com/> or <https://www.thinkingfaith.org/>

For Seniors: It can be hard when your usual routines have suddenly changed. For some helpful tips, visit <https://www.seniorlifestyle.com/resources/blog/self-care-for-seniors-during-covid-19/>

For Couples: Find helpful relationship tips to deepen your friendship with one another at <https://www.gottman.com/marriage-minute/>

For Families: Praying together as a family can be a challenge anytime, and even more so when we are in lockdown – but perhaps this time at home also offers new opportunities! Follow our Facebook page for pointers to praying with your children and building a family of faith in this time.

For young people: Join the Friday Zoom sessions. Link is accessible at the youth Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4023614157688259/>

Covenants

"I will be your God and you will be my people"

Why do we speak of a 'covenant' with God?

Simply put, a covenant is a formal, solemn and binding agreement between God and His people. God, of course, has no need of human beings but He freely desires to bind Himself to them in various ways.

We are familiar with the idea of covenant especially through the Old Testament, where we read constantly about God entering into a covenant with his people, especially after their behaviour has been particularly bad, they have suffered severely for their transgressions, and have expressed their sorrow for their conduct.

In our time, we speak of the New Covenant, which was promised by the prophets of old. The fulfilment of this promise comes in Jesus Christ, God and Man, who remains the centre of our faith as we strive to enter always more fully into that covenant.

Finally, this New Covenant is eternal and is completed in Heaven. At that point, certainly, "They will be His people and God Himself will always be with them as their God." (Rev 21:3)

Happy Father's Day

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for all the Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

May the Almighty Father, bless them all. Amen.

Also available for reading: https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/with-a-fathers-heart-a-reflection-on-fatherhood-in-the-year-of-st-joseph/

Readings at Sunday Mass

(05/09/2021) 1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7 ; 2nd Reading: James 2:1-5, Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Responsorial Psalm: "Praise the Lord, my soul"

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

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