



**LEVIN-TAITOKO**

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

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH**

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## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Tena koutou katoa,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Descent of the Holy Spirit. In the first reading today, when the disciples gathered on the day of the Pentecost, they suddenly heard what sounded like a powerful wind from Heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house. Then something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire, then separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit.

This occurred on the day of the Pentecost. What then was Pentecost before we knew it as the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and Mary? To understand this, we must see it against the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot) background, one of the three Biblical pilgrimage festivals. The festival marks the completion of the seven-week counting period between Passover and Shavuot.

Shavuot was originally a harvest festival, the second of two first-fruits occasions — the wheat harvest. This holiday was more than just the bringing of the first of the crops to present before God—it was a time to remember how Israel arrived in the land, recounting the journey of faith of the entire nation.

Shavuot also commemorates the giving of the Torah to Moses. Why? The Israelites came to the foot of Mount Sinai “in the third month”, the month of Sivan. Since this was also the month of Shavuot, the rabbis deduced that God gave the Torah on Shavuot. The most important event in Jewish history – receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai – happened on Shavuot.

Now we can see these beautiful parallels between giving His Law and giving His Spirit. On both occasions, the Pentecost becomes the day when Heaven is opened and God Himself claims His people. Hence, this was not just a coincidence.

God was re-creating the events of Mount Sinai in a new way. In the Jewish Shavuot, the Law was given as a sign of the new covenant with his chosen people. In the new Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended as a sign of our new covenant with God.

**PARISH COMMUNITY LINE:**



**022 3144642**

For all your queries  
and referrals to the different minis-  
tries in the parish.

Ngā mihi, Pa Dennis

## PARISH NOTICES

**SOCIAL GROUP** gathers every Tuesday from 1pm till 2.30pm at the Parish Centre.

**ROSARY** is now being recited every Wednesday right after Mass.

**ONE IN FAITH YOUTH GROUP** meets every Friday from 6pm at the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022** Is now accepting enrolment. First Session is on 8th June at the Parish Centre. Your child needs to be 8 years old or older.

**100 YEAR CELEBRATION** Saints Peter and Paul's Church, Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville 26th June 2.00pm. Mass with Cardinal John Dew and afternoon tea. Displays and commemorative book to bring back memories. Pre-orders, post orders and details from [bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz](mailto:bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz).

**ST PATRICKS OLD BOYS AGM** via Zoom 16 June, 7pm. Send name and years you were at Town or Stream to secretary @spcob.org.nz for your invite.

**19th June: Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants 2022** "Towards an ever-wider "we": A Church that reaches out"

**BUILDING FUND** has been established for the maintenance of the parish buildings. Envelopes available in the foyer. Bequests for the building fund are welcome as well.

### **St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER**

From a vision for the future to the reality of SVdP Levin now being in a position to reach out further and support those most in need, much has been achieved over the past six months and the support and encouragement from so many is greatly appreciated. Preparations are under way for the meeting/community side to become fully operational, meanwhile the shop is in full flight. A reminder that we are located in Prouse Street opposite the side of Mitre 10 with the shop hours currently Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 2pm. If you would like to be a part of the ministry and join the SVdP team as a member or volunteer, give us a call to one of the numbers listed below. Thanks for your interest and support.

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

For more information call: **Bernie** 021 406 427, **John** 06 367 2467 or **Kilian** 06 367 0474.

**BRAIN TEASER** What phrase is similar in the Magnificat and the Lord's Prayer?  
,Hallowed by thy name;  
and the Lord's Prayer begins with  
**Answer:** Mary says 'Holy is God's name'

### **INVITATION TO GOLDEN JUBILEE OF FR ALAN ROBERTS**



Parishioners of St Joseph's who may remember Fr Alan are warmly invited by the parish to his 50 years a priest, to be held in THE MEMORIAL HALL, Main St, Otaki, on June 19 at 12.30 p.m.

If you would like to attend please rsvp to Stephanie by June 5. at <pukekaraka1@gmail.com>

A plate of easily handled food for a shared meal would be appreciated.

## PROJECT INNOCENCE

Please join the prayer event for the vulnerable children in NZ. The Rosary will be the main prayer for this event. See link below to join or go to CHARIS Facebook Page and click on link. If you cannot join us on zoom, please pray for this intention at home or in your prayer groups.

**Contact:** Josephine 0273674453

Wednesday 15 th June 2022, 7.30pm

**Join Zoom Prayer Meeting:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210259901?pwd=OFd4UlpDbGNIUFhVYWREem\\_p6NXE1dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89210259901?pwd=OFd4UlpDbGNIUFhVYWREem_p6NXE1dz09)

**Meeting ID:** 892 1025 9901

**Passcode:** 15June2022

## Movie Fundraiser: FATHER STU

**Proceeds:** Supporting Seasons For Growth Programme running in Horowhenua

**When:** Wednesday 8 June **Time:** 6pm **Where:** Focal Point Cinema Levin **Price:** \$25 Includes—ticket & a house wine, house beer, coffee, tea or a non alcoholic drink.

Tickets available from Levin Uniting Church office (87 Oxford St) 06 368 9392 or ring Roxy 027 968 4247 Payment by internet banking or cash

**CWL MEETING** next Wednesday 8th June 10.30in Parish Centre, after Rosary after Mass in the Church. All ladies Welcome

## MANNA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Luncheon on Sunday 5th June, at the Salt and Pepper from 11.30am.

## PARISH POLICE VETTING PROCESS

The spirituality in carrying out ministries in the church is to ensure that the dignity (personhood) of the recipients of the ministry is uphold and protected. The parish is now in the position to police vet volunteers involved in ministries dealing with vulnerable adults, youth, and children. This means the Extraordinary Ministers for Holy Communion to the sick and housebound, Visitation Ministers, Youth ministers, Ministers for the Children's Liturgy, Sacramental Program Leaders, and Altar Server's Trainers are required to come for the police vetting. Please prepare 2 sets of identification (photographic). The forms can be downloaded from the website: [www.stjosephlevin.com/safeguarding](http://www.stjosephlevin.com/safeguarding). You can also collect them at the foyer. Please contact Tony Clifford (Parish Vetting Coordinator) if you have clarifications.

## PARISH SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

5th June	Pentecost Sunday, Start of the Choir singing
8th, 15th, 22nd June	First Reconciliation's Preparation sessions, Wed 6-7pm at the Parish Centre and St Damien Classroom
12th –18th June	Police Vetting Process
19th June	Commissioning of New Ministers of Visitation
26th June	Commissioning of New and Existing Ministers of the Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.



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

Anne Wilson Nunziante Barone Maria Gittings Josh Hercock Kelvin Lace

# I believe ...

I believe the Son ascended into heaven. In our discussion on the resurrection, we spoke about the transformation of Jesus' body when He rose from the dead. Think of how Jesus acted during those forty days after the resurrection. He could come through locked doors, appear and disappear at will – things we modern humans are likely to associate with science fiction.

The Scriptures are very brief in their descriptions of Jesus' ascension. Only Mark and Luke mention it specifically at all, and then it is confined to a couple of sentences. Interestingly, both evangelists describe Jesus as "going up" to heaven – which raises the question, again, of where heaven might be.

But this should not be our focus in considering the ascension. What is really relevant in this article of the Creed is that Jesus' human body, changed and glorified at His resurrection, is now totally absorbed into the omnipotent energy which is God. How? Only God knows. It is a truth too vast for our weak human understanding. But it is truth nevertheless and the basis of our belief that Jesus is God. Greater minds than ours have tried to explain this mystery. We are asked simply to believe.

## ONLINE MASS

Sunday Mass will be live streamed. Please visit our Facebook Page and follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Catholic-Church-Levin-102314338086230/>

## FAITH ONLINE

**Bible in a Year Podcast:** [podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9mZWVkcyc5maXJlc2lkZS5mbS9iaWJsZWluYXIIYXlvcnNz](https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9mZWVkcyc5maXJlc2lkZS5mbS9iaWJsZWluYXIIYXlvcnNz)

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

Monday, 6th June	9.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Ordinary Time resumes
Tuesday, 7th	9.30am	Holy Mass
	1.00pm	Social Group (Parish Centre)
	5.00pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition (Chapel)
Wednesday, 8th	9.30am	Holy Mass
	10am	Rosary (Chapel)
	6pm	Sacramental Program (Parish Centre)
Thursday, 9th	9.30am	Holy Mass, St Ephrem
Friday, 10th	11.10am	Exposition
	12.10pm	Holy Mass
	5.30pm	Reading practice
Saturday, 11th	5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 12th	9:30am	Sunday Morning Mass
	11am	Legion of Mary Kiribati Group (Chapel)

**BOOKINGS** Please book the venues of your events/activities at the foyer of the Church. Those who have booked will have priority.

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

### Readings at Sunday Mass

5/06/2022) **1st Reading:** Acts 2:1-11; **2nd Reading:** Romans 8:8-17

**Gospel:** John 14:15-16,23-26

**Responsorial Psalm:** "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

12/06/2022) **1st Reading:** Proverbs 8:22-31; **2nd Reading:** Romans 5:1-5

**Gospel:** John 16:12-15