



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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CHRIST THE KING

Happy Christ the King Sunday!

This feast is a fairly recent addition to the Roman Catholic calendar though the concept of Jesus Christ being King is as old as the Gospels.

Pope Pius XI introduced this feast through the encyclical “Quas Primas” in 1925. He was about to close the Jubilee year of 1925, wherein secularist nationalism was growing following the fall of European kingdoms after World War I. This feast was established then to point to “a king of whose kingdom there shall be no end” and to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October.

But in the new liturgical calendar of 1970, its Roman Rite observance was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. Therefore, the earliest date on which it can occur is 20th November, and the latest is 26th November.

Hence, the new liturgical year starts next Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent. It will then be the year A cycle for Sundays and Year 1 for weekdays.

Today, we also have four children receiving Communion for the first time. Calvin, Mia, Sara and Monique are excited to receive the person of Jesus (body and soul, humanity and divinity) in the form of bread and wine. Let us accompany them with our prayers that they are transformed into the likeness of Christ.

This reminds me that we are now having both species (body and blood) in the celebration of the Mass starting today. If you feel anxious, you do not have to receive the Blood of Christ. Since Cardinal John lifted the restrictions, he also reinstated the reception of the Blood of Jesus in the Mass.

From 27th November at 5 pm to 2nd December midday, the Clergy of the Archdiocese of Wellington and Diocese of Palmerston North will gather in Tatum Park for the Annual Retreat. This means that there will be no Masses, and Brian will organize the Liturgy of the Word with Communion. Please pray for us to be spiritually nourished and reinvigorated.

Looking ahead to next year, there will be a good number of times that I will be away from the Parish. I know that parish life does not stop because I am not around. However, I appoint Brian Nolan as the Pastoral and Liturgical Ministry coordinator to ensure that the pastoral and liturgical ministries will be well-coordinated. Brian will work closely with the Liturgy Committee and Parish Pastoral Council.

In Christ,
Pa Dennis

POPE FRANCIS
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 ON THE LITURGICAL FORMATION
OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
Apostolic Letter

Talk/Formation by
Fr. John O'Connor and
Catherine Gibbs
On December 9th from 6pm
and 10th from 10am.
Parish Centre
Please register. Form in the
foyer.

ARE YOU HOUSEBOUND?

Or do you know anyone who is?



You are still welcome to receive Communion in your own home. You can also enjoy a visit from the ministers. Just phone the **PARISH COMMU-**

NITY LINE: 022 314 4642

P A R I S H A D S

CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Raising funds to send delegates to Invercargill National Conference. 3 prizes. 3 tickets for \$5 or \$2 a ticket. On sale first 3 Sundays of Advent.

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S PLAY Children are welcome to join the play. Please contact Teresa Mason 022 139 7623.

TUESDAY SOCIAL GROUP on Tuesdays at the Parish Centre from 1 pm. **Everyone welcome!**

YOUNG ADULTS explore your role in the Church and the World. Sunday 20 November, 1-5pm, St Mary of the Angels. Followed by the World Youth Day Mass at 5pm and an evening of fellowship and celebration.

Register at youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

ROSARY FOR LIFE distance makes it difficult for us to join the Mass and the March for life. We shall have a rosary offered in support to the intentions of the March for Life on Saturday 3rd December from 2pm.

MASS FOR LIFE Pray for babies, mums, dads, and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December, at 7 pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow. For more information please visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

MARCH FOR LIFE Wellington on Saturday 3 December. A celebration of life that also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at 1 pm in Civic Square for entertainment, sausage sizzle, and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament from 2 - 4 pm. Visit www.marchforlife.nz

BRAIN TEASER What does the word 'Satan' mean?

Answer: From the Hebrew - an adversary, considered to be a rebellious angel who tempts humans to sin.

WATCH: The Letter: Laudato Si Film
The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, and Frontline Leaders

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

The Letter tells the story about the Pope's call to care for our planet. For info on translated versions and how to take action, visit <https://TheLetterFilm.org>

NOVEMBER: A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

There is a box in the foyer where you can drop in the names of your loved ones who passed away. These names will be offered and remembered in our Friday Masses in this month of November. You are also invited to offer personal prayer and light a candle for them in the chapel.

UPDATE ON KATI

The surgery took 6.5 hours to finished. The surgeons were pleased with the result. Post operative recovery proved to be very difficult. Kati has fluid on her lungs and was on PCA pump for morphine. An auto dose and manual dose. On top of that is Gabapentin until she is fully awake and breathing on her own. Please pray for Kati. Thanks for all your support

TIME and TALENT FORMS are in the foyer. Drop them in the suggestion box in the foyer after filling them out.

St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

Celebrating today the solemnity of Christ the King we are reminded of the importance and value of peace and justice, of love – not arrogance or violence – and of forgiveness. Empathy with the less fortunate is a hallmark of Vinnies as is compassion, respect and more. After many delays in the preparation of the Vinnies Community meeting Centre we have commenced activities this month with Refugee training run by the Red Cross, and a planned young Mothers gathering to provide social contact and support. The New Year will see the development of a wider range of meetings and community gathering events.

You are welcome to come and join us.

Bernie 021 406 427

John 06 367 2467

Kilian 06 367 0474

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BABY ASSIST

Our shelves are FULL



A typical gift parcel

☺ THANK YOU ☺



FAITH SHARING

I thought I had deep faith in God. I have been coming to Mass, frequenting the confessional, and being guided regularly by a spiritual director. But when I encountered difficulty renewing my visa to stay in New Zealand, I panicked. I started to have sleepless nights just at the thought of it. I prayed to God to have my visa approved. But as days went by, my anxiety grew.

I went to the chapel and cried to the Lord, lifting my anxiety. At this very moment, I realized I wanted to take control of my journey. I prayed that I would wholeheartedly accept whatever God had in store for me.

The next day, I got my work visa approved. Only when we let God be God would we realize that he is truly with us all along.

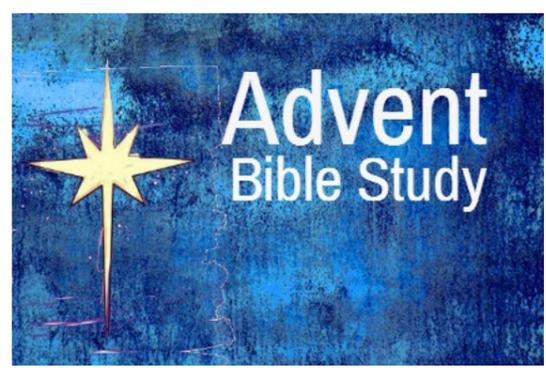
A parishioners personal faith story will appear in the Parish Newsletter every 3rd Sunday of the month.

If you have a faith story that we can share, please email to josie_olsen5@hotmail.com

Your story will help the faith of others grow and be an encouragement.

ADVENT SUNDAY READING REFLECTION GROUP

The faith formation committee is encouraging parishioners to meet in small house groups to pray with and reflect on the Scriptures for the four



Sundays of Advent. If you would like to host a group or participate in one, please let Marie Vaney know and indicate whether daytime or evening would suit you best. Reflections from Fr. Alan are available each week and Fr. John's O'Connor's Food for Faith reflections are available online. Please contact Marie Vaney, Bridget Taumoepeau, Harry Bennik, Helen Clifford, etc.

Synod on Synodality.

Themes submitted to Rome.



Gathering: There is great love for the Mass, but also concerns about inclusion and lay participation. A new English translation of the Roman Missal is needed. Homilies must help people to encounter Jesus in the reality of their lives. If lay people are allowed to give homilies, they must have good formation. Small groups for prayer, formation, scripture study, and mission to build community are needed.

ARCHBISHOP PAUL MARTIN is coming to St. Joseph Levin on the 11th December 2022 for the first time. Please mark you calendar.

| Financial Report | |
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| Income - October 2022 | |
| Automatic payments | \$5847.00 |
| Cash | \$1706.60 |
| Envelopes | \$2207.00 |
| Mission Sunday | \$ 323.00 |
| Building Maintenance Fund | \$ 200.00 |

MOVIE FUNDRAISER **BLANK PANTHER 2: WAKANDA FOREVER**

DATE: Sunday 27 November 2022 5:00 PM - 7:20 PM

LOCATION: Focal Point Cinema and Cafe Levin, 14-16 Salisbury Street, Levin 5510

PROCEEDS: to support the One in Faith Youth Group, SJPL's (St Joseph's Parish Levin) for their upcoming LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP AOTEAROA 2023 from the 18th - 22nd January at Saint Peters College, Cambridge.

TO BUY TICKETS, please click the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/MCH>

Or scan the QR code:



Please support this initiative.

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

- Kaden Arch Nacorda Joy Priest Bob Norris Clinton Handcock
- Mary Ryder Hillary Lam Eutiquio Nacorda Sr.



Suzanne Aubert says ...

When we work in the garden, let us pray for the grace from God to become good assistant gardeners in the garden of the hearts confided to our care.

Reflection: I am not a gardener, but even I can see that in order to have plants grow and flourish, they have to be looked after. Some fertiliser from time to time, some weeding, and some water do great things for any plant. Even pruning, painful though it be, has its benefits.

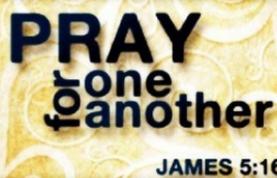
Wherever I am in life, there are souls entrusted to my care, and not only my own. Somewhere in the world, I may not even know where, there will be souls needing my efforts to help them on their journey through life. As a Christian, I have an obligation to tend these souls in the name of Jesus and as He would do. How conscious am I of this duty? Do I ever think of that? Or am I simply unaware of it and hence neglect it?

Prayer: Lord, show me how to tend your garden of souls in the way you want it looked after.



HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Going to the hospital? The Catholic Hospital Chaplain is on hand to look after you. Just phone the Community Line at 022 314 4642 and let us know your details before you go.



Submit your prayer request.

PRAYER CHAIN

Pray for the intentions of your fellow parishioners in your own home and in your own time. Phone the Parish Community Line: 022 314 4642.

BUILDING FUND for the maintenance of the parish buildings. Envelopes available in the foyer. Bequests are welcome as well.

SUGGESTIONS welcome to help improve the life of the parish. Everything will be followed up and you will be advised of the outcome.

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

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| Monday, 21st Nov | 9.30am | Liturgy of the Word with Communion, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Tuesday, 22nd | 9.30am | Holy Mass, St Cecilia |
| | 1.00pm | Tuesday Social Group |
| Wednesday, 23rd | 9.30am | Holy Mass, St Columban, St Clement I |
| | 10am | Holy Rosary in the Chapel |
| Thursday, 24th | 9.30am | Holy Mass, St Andrew Dūng-Lạc and Com |
| | 5pm | Meditation in the Christian Tradition |
| Friday, 25th | 11.10am | Exposition |
| | 12.10pm | Holy Mass, St Catherine of Alexandria |
| | 6pm | SJP One in Faith Youth Group |
| Saturday, 26th | 11am | Baptism |
| | 5.30pm | Holy Mass |
| Sunday, 27th | 9:30am | Holy 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. Please comply with the **Guidelines for Use**. Clean the kitchen, switch off the water heater, close the windows, etc.

Readings at Sunday Mass

(20/11/2022) **1st Reading:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3 **2nd Reading:** Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Psalm Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

(27/11/2022) **1st Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5 **2nd Reading:** Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44