



**LEVIN-TAITOKO**

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

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH**

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 21st JULY 2024**

## **Dear Friends**

Seeking the grace of the Holy Spirit, I try to let go of my thoughts, becoming aware of the breath moving through my body. I allow myself to grow into inner stillness. When ready, I slowly read this Gospel passage. I allow silence to wrap itself around the words of scripture, allowing them to resonate within me and speak to me. I pause to listen . . . to go deeper.

Perhaps I can allow the Lord to use my imagination and join the scene. I sense the excitement and wonder of the apostles as they recount to Jesus the stories of their travels. I watch as Jesus listens and attends to them, desiring to lead them to the ‘restful waters’ of today’s psalm. I notice how Jesus cares for both their bodies and their spirits. What moves me, as I look and listen to Jesus with his friends and companions?

Perhaps I ponder my own relationship with Jesus, and his with me. How much do I long for a deepening closeness and intimacy with him? In what ways am I drawn to be an apostle, helping Jesus bring about the Kingdom of God?

I tell the Lord what is in my heart.

Or maybe I am deeply aware of my own ‘creatureliness’ . . . my fears, my tiredness, my hunger. Perhaps I long for the Good Shepherd to guide and comfort me, to take pity on me in my suffering, and the suffering of my community. I cry out to Jesus from the depths of my being, confident that he hears me. I sit in silence in the presence of my living God. Glory be . . .

*Courtesy of Parish Outreach*

**Blessings**

**Fr Bruce**

**NEWSLETTER** numbers will be reduced as a trial to cut costs. Please put your copy back on the pile near the door on your way out of the church if you have already finished reading it.



**CURRENT OF GRACE WELLINGTON** will host the Wellington Prayer event Saturday 27th July 2024 from 1:00 - 3:30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. All are welcome. Josephine Olsen 027 367 4453.

**TUESDAY SOCIAL CLUB** At 1pm in the Parish Centre for a cosy gathering and shared fellowship.

**WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY** will be celebrated at Mass on the 27 and 28 July.. Come and be a blessing to one another on this special occasion.

**DAVID LOVING-MOLLOY** and his team from the Catholic Deaf Centre in Palmerston North will be signing the 9.30am Mass on Sunday. Thank you for assisting us here in St Joseph's in this way. Your pastoral presence here is appreciated.



**CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Prayer Intentions are collected twice a week from the locked box in the side chapel.

They are given to the Prayer Chain in complete privacy.

You can use the language with which they feel comfortable because we have people in the Prayer Chain able to translate it.

The Prayer Intentions will then be destroyed.

	<p>Submit your prayer request.</p>	<p><b>PRAYER CHAIN</b> 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.</p>
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**MEN'S 1-DAY RETREAT** at Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 17th August 8:30am - 5pm with Brendan Woodnutt. Theme: **'Hear then what God is asking you. Only this...'** For information contact Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

**St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER**

All peoples belong to the flock of Jesus with no discrimination. Our Vinnies Mission is to reach out that hand of Christ to all those needing support and comfort and to do so with compassion, empathy and love. The practicality of this is done in many different ways including support for the Refugee families, clothing and warmth for those without, and food for the hungry to name just a few. In a world facing so many challenges the needs of many just continue to grow and we do our best to respond to this challenge. Interested in joining us? Give one of us a call.

**SVdP Levin Bank Account for donations: 11 6932 0308328 11**



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The weather has been very cold recently, so your gifts of warm clothes are very much appreciated. Please leave any donations at the back of the church, in the Vinnies box, or at the Vinnies Centre in Prouse St. Any referrals for assistance should be directed to the Vinnies phone – 021 090 62653. Thank you.

## **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2024**

We join with Pope Francis in July, in praying for the pastoral care of the sick. May they receive the care they need including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, as a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

### **WELCOM READERSHIP SURVEY**

The Archdiocese of Wellington is conducting a survey over the next few weeks among WelCom readers within the Archdiocese of Wellington. The survey is intended to gauge readers' views about how they may prefer to receive news and information from the Archdiocese and how the Archdiocese can generally improve its communications with parishioners.

The SurveyMonkey website link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PK66XNR>.

### **TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024 SYNOD CONSULTATION**

A new consultation document prepared by the New Zealand Bishops as part of the Holy Father's Synod 2021-24 process has been sent to Rome.

This document, titled Towards October 2024, follows the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference being asked to establish a consultation process to discern responses to specific questions related to the Vatican's Synodal Church in Mission report. That report was published after the First Session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, held in Rome last October.

National Catholic lay organisations, agencies of the bishops conference, religious, diocesan bodies, educational institutions, young people's groups, parish groups and groups involved in previous synodal processes took part in the consultation, between February and April this year.

Copies of Towards October 2024 can now be downloaded from our website:

[wairarapacatholicparish.com/resources.html](http://wairarapacatholicparish.com/resources.html)



'Only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved; that is, of not allowing itself to be caught up in itself and by things to do, and is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs. Compassion is born from contemplation. If we learn to truly rest, we become capable of true compassion; if we cultivate a contemplative outlook, we will carry out our activities without that rapacious attitude of those who want to possess and consume everything; if we stay in touch with the Lord and do not anesthetise the deepest part of ourselves, the things to do will not have the power to cause us to get winded or devour us.'

*Pope Francis Angelus, 18 July 2021*

*Suzanne Aubert says...*

*Blood is the fluid of life; the Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion preserves our life, makes us live the life of Jesus...*

**Reflection:**

Jesus knew well what he was doing when he changed the wine at the Last Supper into his blood. No one can live without having blood circulate around his/her body. Changing the wine to water, equally essential for life, would not have had the same imagery.

There is something awesome (in the traditional meaning of that word) about having Christ's blood circulating in my body. Holy Communion is the only food by which I become what I eat, and not the other way round. The life of Jesus is in me. Does it show?



**Prayer:**

Lord, make me aware of my responsibility in receiving your precious blood.

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

Monday, 22nd July	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion St Mary Magdelene
Tuesday, 23rd	11:00am	Holy Mass, St Bridget
	1:00pm	Tuesday Social Group, St Sharbel Makhlūf
Wednesday, 24th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 25th	9:30am	Holy Mass, St James, Apostle
	7:00pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition
Friday, 26th	11:10am	Exposition, Sts Joachim and Anne
	12:10pm	Holy Mass, Reconciliation
Saturday, 27th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass Blessed Virgin Mary
	Sunday, 28th	9:30am
11:00am		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 follow the **Guidelines for Use**. Clean the kitchen, close the windows, turn off the water heater, etc.

**Readings at Sunday Mass**

(21/7/2024) **1st Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

**Psalm Response:** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

(28/7/2024) **1st Reading:** 2 Kings 4:42-44 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15