



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH

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TWENTYFORTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 15th SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Friends

Loving God, Creator of all, we praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

SEASON OF



CREATION

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

**In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news
to all Creation, Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Blessings,

Father Bruce



HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Going to the hospital?
Just phone the
Community Line at
022 314 4642 and let
us know your details

before you go. The chaplain will be there
for you.

PRAISE AND INTERCESSION Wednesday
18th September at 7.00 pm in the Side
Chapel. If you feel called to intercession or
want to deepen your prayer life, we would
love to see you at our next prayer evening.



ARE YOU HOUSEBOUND?

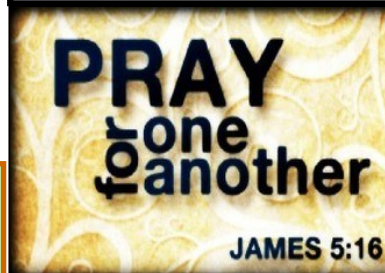
Or do you know anyone who is?
You are still welcome to receive
Communion in your own home. You
can also enjoy a visit from the
ministers, Just phone the

PARISH COMMUNITY LINE: 022 314 4642

YOUR CAR WILL BE TOWED by the
council if you park in an illegal place
outside the church or on a footpath or over
a driveway or on the yellow lines. You need
to arrive a bit early so you aren't in a hurry.
There are lots of spaces in the school
grounds, why not park there?

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Prayer Intentions are collected twice a week
- 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
- The Prayer Intentions will then be destroyed.



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.

STAR4 Many patients arrive at Star4
without toiletries. CWL want to make up
kits for them, but we need your help. Can
you donate a toothbrush, toothpaste, comb
or brush and soap. A box will be at the back
of the church. **THANK-YOU**

TUESDAY SOCIAL CLUB At 1pm in the
Parish Centre for a cosy gathering and a
cheerful conversation or two.

St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

We are told that spring is now here, despite the storms, rain and cold days. Whatever is happening the calls for help just keep rolling in. Whether its requests for food, vouchers given to enable purchases of warm clothing, bedding for those needing to better provide for their families, clothing to help mothers with new babies and toddlers and more. The generous support to Vinnies continues – funding, food, furniture, clothing, and household goods. This is simply allowing us to reach out to those in need more than ever before. To the end of August 2226 people have been provided with food, about 40% of those being children. Thanks again for your continued and essential support. You are welcome to contact us.

SVdP Levin Bank Account for donations: 11 6932 0308328 11



BABY ASSIST

It has been quite a busy time with several families receiving gifts of clothing and warm blankets. Currently we are in need of small jerseys – from newborn to 1 Year old sizes. We always need blankets, and cot and single bed sizes would be particularly appreciated. There are often sales on for children's clothes. Newborn/1-3 month sizes would be most welcome.

Bernie 021 406 427

John 027 626 4792

Kilian 022 695 0056

Bridget 021 482 178

Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the earth, and to the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

Collections - August 2024

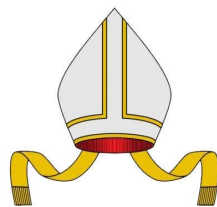
★ Automatic payments	\$5688.00
★ Envelopes	\$2106.00
★ Cash	\$2307.70
★ Peter's Pence	\$ <u>182.00</u>
★	\$10283.10

★ ★ Automatic payments	\$5423.00
★ ★ Envelopes	\$1694.00
★ ★ Cash	<u>\$1811.20</u>
★ ★	\$8928.20

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

MEDIA PRAYER DAY is on Sunday, 27 October. Media Prayer Day is back! Brought to you once again by CBA and Rhema Media. It's time to start thinking about how you and your church can join us on this important bi-annual day of prayer for the people that make up our media industry here in Aotearoa New Zealand. This year, for the very first time, Media Prayer Day coincides with a brand-new initiative - Global Day of Prayer for Media. We've teamed up with media ministries from around the world to host a 24-hour prayer live stream. We'll be in touch again soon with more details! For now, save the date:
Sunday, 27 October.

Thank you and mā te Atua koe e manaaki (may God keep you),

The Media Prayer Day team



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

Maria Teresa Tinga

Suzanne Aubert says...

One Sign of the Cross is more important than all the speeches of Parliament. The Rosary, piously recited, does more for the destinies of the world than all the astuteness of Ministers of State.

Reflection:
Many people who adopt causes in this world are not afraid to emblazon their clothing with their chosen message and let the world know what they believe in.

The Sign of the Cross is an awesome one, in the true sense of that word. If I prefix any action by this Sign, I perform that action In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. It also singles me out as a believer. Am I hesitant about professing my faith in this way before others?



Prayer:
Lord, may I never be afraid to make the Sign of the Cross in public.

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

Monday, 16th Sept	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 17th	11:00am	Holy Mass, St Robert Bellarmine, St Hildegard of Bingen
	1:00pm	Tuesday Social Group
Wednesday, 18th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 19th	9:30am	Holy Mass, St Januarius
	7:00pm	Christian Meditation in the Side Chapel
Friday, 20th	11:10am	Exposition, Sts Andrew Kim Tae-Gõn, Paul Chõng Hae-sang and Companions
	12:10pm	Holy Mass, Reconciliation
Saturday, 21st	5:30pm	Vigil Mass, St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
Sunday, 22nd	9:30am	Holy Mass
	11:00am	Legion of Mary Kiribati Group (Chapel)

Readings at Sunday Mass

(15/9/2024) **1st Reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9 **2nd Reading:** James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Psalm Response: *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

(22/9/2024) **1st Reading:** Wisdom 2:12,17-20 **2nd Reading:** James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37