



**LEVIN-TAITOKO**

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

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH**

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**18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 3rd AUGUST 2025**

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

*“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich,  
one’s life does not consist of possessions.” - LUKE 12:15*

Last Sunday, our Lord taught us how we, as members of His praying Church, are to ask for the Holy Spirit. This week, He teaches us to take care, that when we pray to Him, we are not driven by the greed in our hearts. It is the precise opposite of the Holy Spirit.

The human heart is fallen and sick. Half-dead, we are driven by the fear of complete death and so we cling to people and things of this world in an unconscious and vain attempt to avoid death.

We work to possess created things which also corrupt and die to assure our fearful souls that the more we possess, the merrier will life be. Greed is so desperate to preserve one’s own life, always fearing loss of one’s own life and the props of the life it clings to.

Vanity of vanities.

The Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son, on the other hand, is the Spirit of Life, the Spirit that conquers death, that raised Jesus from the death. The Holy Spirit is Eternal Life itself and it never loses.

The Holy Spirit is the eternal love of the Father and of the Son, proceeding from both eternally and never to be denied, but always given. The Holy Spirit is Gift in Person, Generous Gift, Endless Gift, Infinite Gift.

We ask for this Gift and we shall receive. We seek for this Gift, and we shall find, we knock for this Gift and the door will be opened for us. With this Gift in our hearts, we will never fear to give, not even our very lives.

This Gift is heaven on earth.

**Father Simi**

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

**A FREE TALK** by Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, Director of the Vatican Observatory on **"From Galileo to Laudato Si': Why Science Needs Faith."**

on 6 August 6-7.30pm, Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Wellington. Please register at [eventbrite.co.nz](https://eventbrite.co.nz).



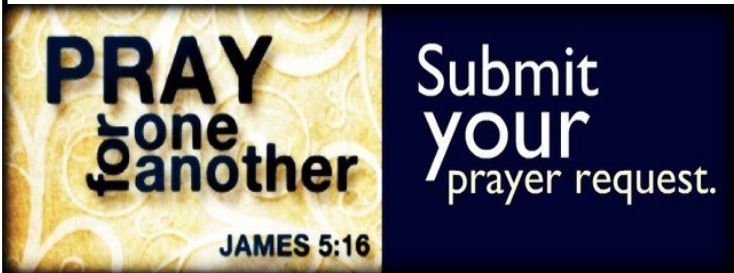
**DRAFT PASTORAL PLAN 2025 - 2028**

We are looking forward to seeing all parishioners at our Draft Pastoral Plan Workshop on 23 August from 10am till 12 noon to help finalise our St Joseph's Pastoral Plan which we began with surveys at Masses late last year. Please make sure you put this in your diary as this Plan will help us better be - "A Community Radiating the Light of Christ."

**THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY** On August 15th at 6.00pm all the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand will gather at St Mary of the Angels to celebrate the feast of 'Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven'. After the Mass you can meet our Bishops in the church hall, where light refreshments will be provided. Parking will be available in the Baptist parking building across the road.



**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK** If you take Holy Communion to the sick or housebound, please contact the parish office with the names and details of those you visit. We need this information so we can keep an accurate record of who is receiving Communion at home within our parish. Thank you for your care and service, Father Simi.



**PRAYER CHAIN** Pray for the intentions of your fellow parishioners in your own home and in your own time. Just phone the Parish Secretary:

**COMMUNITY PHONE LINE** Just a reminder that now we have a new Parish Secretary, Bridget, and new contact information. The Community Help Line is no longer active. Please direct all enquiries to the new parish office phone number on 027 511 2474 contact me by email at: [stjosephlevin.office@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephlevin.office@gmail.com) or drop in at the Office next to the church. I am there from 9 - 10am, weekdays.

- Bridget.



**St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER**

Like the friend mentioned in the Gospel, many people these days are knocking on doors to ask for help to feed and house their families. With prices going up weekly in the shops, the requests become more and more urgent. We are in the privileged position, with your help, of relieving their need. May your generosity continue to be blessed by them and the Lord.

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



**BABY ASSIST**

**John** 027 626 4792  
**Kilian** 022 695 0056  
**Brigette** 027 379 2802

Thanks to our generous parish we have some warm pj's and knitwear for newborns and children up to seven years old. Please text or call Brigette if anyone needs clothes on 027 379 2802.



## **POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2025**

**For mutual coexistence** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful gift that brings healing, peace, and a fresh start. Through it, we encounter God's deep mercy, restore our relationship with Him, and unburden our hearts from sin. It's not about shame - it's about grace, renewal, and being lovingly set free. Don't miss the opportunity to experience the joy of true forgiveness!

St. Joseph's Parish Levin will have the sacrament of reconciliation available at the following times:

**Fridays: 11am-11:50am (before Benediction)**

**Saturdays 4:15pm-5:15pm (before the Saturday Vigil Mass)**

Or by appointment and booking through the parish office



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

Patrick Hannan

*Suzanne Aubert says...*

*Let us not be influenced by compliments.*

**Reflection:**

I stand and look at a tiny flower. Its perfection leaves me gasping. Every petal, every shade of colour – absolute beauty! And they say there is no God! I murmur, “You beautiful thing!” Does what I say alter that flower in any way? Of course not. If it could speak, it would tell me its beauty is a gift of God.

Likewise, when people compliment me for something I have done, it is well for me to remember than any good I do, any virtues I display, are God’s gift to me and do not come from myself. So the glory should also go to God, not to me. That way, I keep my feet on the ground of reality.



**Prayer:**

Lord, help me to receive compliments graciously and pass them on to you.

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

Monday, 4th Aug	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word, St John of the Cross
Tuesday, 5th	9:30pm	Liturgy of the Word
	1:00pm	Social Club Parish Centre
Wednesday, 6th	9:30am	Holy Mass, Transfiguration of the Lord
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 7th	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word
	7:30pm	Christian Meditation in the Chapel
Friday, 8th	11:00am	Exposition, Saint Dominic
	11:0-11:50am	Reconciliation
	12:00am	Benediction
	12:10am	Holy Mass
Saturday, 9th	4:15-5:15pm	Reconciliation, St John of Salerno
	5:30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday, 10th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	11:00am	Legion of Mary Kiribati Group in the Chapel

**Readings at Sunday Mass .**

(3/8/2025) **1st Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23    **2nd Reading:** Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

**Gospel:** Luke 12: 13-21

**Psalm Response:**

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

(10/8/2025) **1st Reading:** Wisdom 18: 6-9    **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

**Gospel:** Luke 12: 32-48