



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 16th FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Friends

This Sunday, we hear the powerful words of Jesus in the ***Sermon on the Plain*** (Luke 6:17, 20-26). He proclaims, “**Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.**” These blessings and woes challenge us to see the world through God’s eyes - to recognize that true happiness is found not in wealth, comfort, or status, but in placing our trust in God and living according to His ways.

As we journey through this ***Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope***, Jesus calls us to renew our commitment to faith, hope, and love. The ***Divine Renovation*** journey reminds us that the Church is not meant to remain inward-looking but to be a community of missionary disciples - reaching out, sharing the Gospel, and accompanying those searching for meaning and truth. The Beatitudes remind us that the way of Our Lord Jesus Christ is often countercultural: true joy is found in generosity, service, and trust in God rather than in earthly success. How can we, as a Parish, respond to this challenge? By deepening our relationship with Christ, fostering a spirit of welcome, and actively becoming witnesses of His love and mercy in our daily lives.

With great joy, we congratulate **Matthew White**, who will be ordained a priest next Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral by **Archbishop Paul**. This is a moment of great blessing, not just for Matthew but for the whole Church. The call to the priesthood is a courageous response to God’s invitation to serve His people. We pray that Matthew’s ministry will be filled with **grace, wisdom, and strength**. May he be a source of **hope, encouragement, and renewal** for all those entrusted to his care.

Let us continue to pray for vocations, encouraging others to discern how God is calling them. As we celebrate this ***Jubilee Year***, may we all journey forward as ***Pilgrims of Hope***, confident in God’s guidance and love.

Blessings for the week ahead!

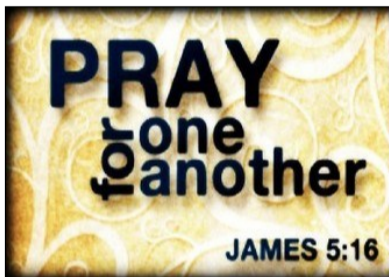
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HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

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.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL If you don't get an email newsletter it is because we don't have your correct address. If you want the newsletter sent to you each week then email me at **office@stjosephlevin.com** and ask or even just send a blank email. I will send a newsletter to you each week. >>>>>>>>>>



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.

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.



As we step into the Jubilee Year of Hope, now is the perfect time to secure the tools you need to deepen your faith. Don't miss this opportunity to save with special pricing on the New St. Joseph Sunday Missal NRSV 2025, a trusted companion for over 50 years. Plus, there are still a few copies left of the popular God's Word 2025: Daily Reflections — grab yours before they're gone!nd stay tuned — more Jubilee Year resources will be added as they become available, giving you even more ways to celebrate and reflect during this sacred time.



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

St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

Thanks for your response to last weekends sharing of the people resource issue that we are facing in Vinnies Levin. Falling numbers due to a variety of reasons, is presenting a significant challenge to our ability to keep serving those in our community most in need. Quite a number of you have taken a copy of the Vinnies Community Impact support paper, so once read and a decision made, please give us a call and we will follow up with you. Finally, thanks again to all who support the Vinnies ministry. Blessing to you all.

SVdP Levin Bank Account for donations: 11 6932 0308328 11



BABY ASSIST

- Bernie** 021 406 427
- John** 027 626 4792
- Kilian** 022 695 0056
- Bridget** 021 482 178

A parishioner has very kindly volunteered to take over the Baby Assist programme. I will tell you about her next week. We are in desperate need of tee shirts, shorts and other summer clothes especially for 3-5 year olds. There are some sales on in town at very reasonable prices.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS TO OFFICE@STJOSEPHLEVIN.COM BY 10AM WEDNESDAY

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

FROM THE FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

The Pleroma stall has copies of the 2025 Bible Diary. Please consider purchasing a diary – they have readings for each day of the year; information about Saints' days; a short commentary and prayer for each day, as well as a guide to reading through the Bible. They are a wonderful and easy way to follow the scriptures on a daily basis, short commentary; saint of the day and a daily prayer. And, very importantly, they are a very reasonable price - \$20. Highly recommended.

CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND

The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. This ministry supports Catholics and people interested in the Church in accessing news and other content of interest. It draws from material that has already been published and includes original content. The best way to receive CathNews New Zealand is by signing up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Visit the CathNews New Zealand website and sign up at <https://cathnewsnz.com>



Archdiocese of Wellington

GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL

The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law. The Parliament is receiving submissions on the Gene Technology Bill until next Monday, February 17.

Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>



*Rest in
Peace*

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

Suzanne Aubert says...

Many souls deprive themselves of great graces because, though sympathising with the sufferings of Our Lord, they will not themselves

suffer with Him.

Reflection:

Suffering is a concept which is not in favour in modern society. No one wants to suffer. Everything must be pleasure and profit.

Much of Suzanne Aubert's life was punctuated by suffering. As a small child she fell through ice into freezing water, an accident which affected her health for the rest of her life. But did this stop her from being an apostle? No. She could see the redemptive value of putting up with pain and disability in union with Jesus hanging on the cross. The suffering was here, the reward hereafter.



Prayer:

Lord, help me to carry my little crosses with you for the sake of the suffering of this world.

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

Monday, 17th Feb	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Tuesday, 18th	9:30pm	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
	1:00pm	Tuesday Social Group
Wednesday, 19th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 20th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	7:00pm	Christian Meditation in the Side Chapel
Friday, 21st	11:10am	Exposition, St Peter Damian
	12:10pm	Holy Mass, Reconciliation
Saturday, 22nd	5:30pm	Vigil Mass, The Chair of St Peter, Apostle
Sunday, 23rd	9:30am	Holy Mass
	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

(16/2/2025) **1st Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8 **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

Psalm Response: *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

(23/2/2025) **1st Reading:** 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23 **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38