



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

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THIRTYTHIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 17th NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Friends

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks of powerful signs - darkened skies, stars falling, and the arrival of the Son of Man in glory. These images may feel intense, even unsettling, but they carry a hopeful promise. Jesus assures us that, though heaven and earth may pass away, His words and promises will never fail us.

As we near the end of our liturgical church year, we are invited to reflect on Christ's coming and the promise of His eternal kingdom. This is especially meaningful in November, the Month of All Souls, as we remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away. In our prayers, we place our hope in Christ's victory over death and His promise of eternal life.

The Feast of Christ the King, coming up next weekend, reminds us that Jesus is not only Lord of our lives but King of all creation. He is the Alpha and the Omega - the beginning and the end. With Jesus as our King, we have no need to fear. Even in times of uncertainty or sorrow, He assures us of His steadfast love and forgiveness.

As the fig tree signals a new season with its leaves, so too are we called to recognize the signs of God's presence and work in our lives. The Gospel calls us to watch, trust, and remain hopeful, knowing that Christ our King is with us, guiding us to a future filled with His peace.

As we close this liturgical year and prepare our hearts for the Season of Advent, may we hold on to the hope of Christ's promises and honour our faithful departed with loving prayers, remembering that we are all held in the hands of a loving and eternal King Jesus Christ.

Blessings

Fr Bruce

PRAISE AND INTERCESSION Wednesday 27th November 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 intercession prayer evening.

Contact: Josephine 027 367 4453.

‘Intercession is the need for the hour.’

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?

OPPORTUNITY SHOP AGM Thursday 21st November at St Mary's Hall, 4:30-6pm. All shop volunteers are encouraged to attend.



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.

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.

PRAY
to one
another
JAMES 5:16

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.

TUESDAY SOCIAL CLUB At 12pm in the Parish Centre for a cosy gathering and a shared lunch.

COLOMBIAN CALENDARS are on sale in the Pleroma Store for \$13.

JANUARY 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

This Sunday has been declared by Pope Francis as “World Day of the Poor”. Poverty can happen in many forms, for many reasons and at any time – even in our own country. The current financial crisis both here and overseas has resulted in a considerable increase in the numbers of people being driven into poverty. This includes not only the daily needs of food, clothing, warmth, housing etc., but also the higher-level matters considered as issues with social justice. A massive burden on many that groups such as Vinnies desperately try to address. There is much to be done - If you feel inspired to join the Vinnies team helping others, then give us a call – anytime.

SVdP Levin Bank Account for donations: 11 6932 0308328 11



BABY ASSIST

Thanks for continued donations. We continue to need larger size jerseys – 4-5 years. Please no more beanies, socks or booties at present, as we have an oversupply of those items. Keep an eye out for sales of baby's clothes at local shops – sometimes you can buy something for the price of a cup of coffee. As always please let Bridget know if you are aware of a family that we could assist – 021 482 178. Thank you.

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2024

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

We are currently refreshing our Parish Council. This will mean a new Chair and better ethnic community representation. The first job of the new council will be to develop a new Pastoral Plan, which will guide our parish through the next several years. All parishioners will be asked to express their opinions to guide us along this road. Our first steps are:

STEP ONE - Create an Ethnic Pastoral Team made up of one representative of each of our ethnic communities. The co-ordinator will be elected by the team members and will also become a member of the Parish Council. This will enable the views of all communities to be included on Council discussions. This step has already begun.

STEP TWO - ask all parishioners to complete a simple questionnaire which will show the Parish Council their priorities and the direction we need to follow. We have chosen the Feast of Christ the King to distribute the questionnaire. We think this is the most appropriate time because of its significance as the end of one liturgical year and the start of another.

We will continue to keep you informed as we progress.

FROM THE FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

We will hold an Advent afternoon of silent reflection on Saturday 7 December in the Parish Centre. The theme is 'Finding God in the mess.' The reflection will run from 3.00 pm – 5.00pm. You are welcome to come from 2.30 onwards for a cuppa and to greet others. We will finish at 5.00pm, to allow those who wish, to attend the Vigil Mass. Please register with Bridget on 021 482 178 or bybridget@xtra.co.nz

MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

This month is a sacred time to honour and pray for those who have passed away. It is a period of reflection, where we remember the lives and legacies of our loved ones. This month encourages us to offer prayers for the souls in purgatory, helping them on their journey to eternal peace. It also reminds us of our own mortality and the importance of living a life of faith, hope, and love. As we light candles and offer prayers, we reaffirm our belief in the resurrection and the life to come.



All parishioners are invited to record the names of their departed loved ones using the pad and pen are provided in the foyer. The names can be placed in the box there. The box will be processed up to the altar at every weekend Mass during November and those departed will be prayed for.

*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.

Barbara Hoskins

Suzanne Aubert says...

Exterior occupations which are in the order of God become steps by which we ascend to Him.

Reflection:

Once upon a time, in my spiritual naivety, I used to imagine serving God as spending long hours on my knees in loving contemplation. When I tried that, I failed, miserably.

Suzanne Aubert introduced me to the 'chapel of the tub'. Whatever duty demands of me, however humble or demeaning, is my way to God. Sure, I can find God in the chapel or in my rosary beads or prayer book. But I can find him just as surely in making the beds, checking the accounts, nursing, teaching, or whatever. God is wherever life calls me to be.



Prayer:

Lord, help me to believe that you are wherever I have to be.

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

Monday, 18th Nov	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tuesday, 19th	11:00am	Holy Mass
	12:00pm	Tuesday Social Group
Wednesday, 20th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 21st	9:30am	Holy Mass, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	7:00pm	Christian Meditation in the Side Chapel
Friday, 22nd	11:10am	Exposition, St Cecilia
	12:10pm	Holy Mass, Reconciliation
Saturday, 23rd	5:30pm	Vigil Mass, St Columban, St Clement I, Pope Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, 24th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	11:00am	Legion of Mary Kiribati Group (Chapel)

Readings at Sunday Mass

(17/11/2024) **1st Reading:** Daniel 12:1-3 **2nd Reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Psalm Response: *Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

(24/11/2024) **1st Reading:** Daniel 7:13-14 **2nd Reading:** Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37