



**LEVIN-TAITOKO**

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

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH**

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 7th JULY 2024**

***Dear Friends***

Last Sunday parishioners involved in Parish ministries along with myself and the Parish Council gathered together for a time to celebrate our shared faith, and to acknowledge the incredible contributions each one makes to our Parish life.

As Parish Priest, I expressed my deepest gratitude for the unwavering dedication and the vital roles parishioners play in our various ministries. Whether one is involved in liturgical ministries, charitable outreaches, educational programs, or the upkeep of our facilities, all efforts are truly invaluable.

During our gathering, I shared exciting news about two transformative programmes our Parish Council is considering for us: Divine Renovation and Alpha. These pastoral initiatives are designed to deepen our faith, strengthen our community relationships, and extend our mission in meaningful ways.

The Divine Renovation programme aims to revitalise Parishes by creating a culture of evangelisation, discipleship, and vibrant community life. It encourages us to move from maintenance to mission, ensuring our Parish continues to remain a dynamic place of worship, prayer and service.

The Alpha programme offers a unique opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open and welcoming environment. It's a chance to ask questions, share perspectives, and grow in faith together. This program is perfect for anyone looking to deepen their relationship with Jesus, whether they are long-time parishioners or new to our community.

As a Synodal Church, we are called to work together in prayer, worship, and mission. These programmes will beautifully complement our existing activities, adding a rich cultural dimension to our Parish life, and furthering the Gospel of Christ among us and beyond.

I ask for your continued prayers and support as the Parish Council discerns and prays about implementing these programmes into our way of life, so that we can continue our journey of faith with renewed enthusiasm.

***Yours in Christ***

***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.

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS LUNCH** Sunday, 21 July at 1pm at Guy House, Speldhurst Country Estate. It will be a shared lunch with a planned menu so we need definite numbers. All members and those who are interested in joining a family group are welcome. Register your with your family group co-ordinator or Tony and Leonie Strawbridge, 06 2225030 or [tonyleonie@gmail.com](mailto:tonyleonie@gmail.com). More details to follow.



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

### 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.

**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)

	<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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### St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

There are times in our lives when unexpected events happen that knock us back and impact our lives significantly. Thankfully most often we rebound positively and move on. This brings to mind those whose lives are impacted in such a way that their world is totally uprooted and dropped into a different place – caused by job and income loss, illness or death in the family or other significant event severely impacting their norm. Their cry for help and a hand up is what Vinnies is about, rallying to support in their time of desperate need. There are few events beyond our ability to respond. Give us a call and come and join us.

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



### BABY ASSIST

Bridget will be away until the end of August. However, please keep the donations coming. They can be left in the box in the church foyer or at the Vinnies centre. If you need to refer someone for assistance, or have any messages related to Baby Assist, please leave a message on the Vinnies phone 021 090 62653. Thank you for all your generosity.

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



## **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)

### **ETHNIC GATHERING AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART**

A special Eucharistic Celebration by Archbishop Paul Martin, SM for all ethnic communities will be held in the newly re-opened Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at 9:30am on Saturday 13th July. This will be followed by fellowship, workshops and a shared lunch at Connolly Hall. Everyone is warmly invited. We are supplying a simple lunch, you are welcome to bring a dish from your culture. Any questions, please contact :

[reception@wn-catholic-socialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholic-socialservices.org.nz)



*Suzanne Aubert says...*

*Let us use our liberty in such a way that we respect the liberty of God...*

**Reflection:**

Whenever a disaster of whatever kind occurs, the cry goes up, "Why? If there is a God, and if he loves us, he could have prevented it." On the other hand, we resist fiercely any encroachment on our own freedom. This doesn't add up, of course.

The way I use my freedom is my choice and God abides by my choices. God is supremely free. So I also must respect his freedom to intervene in human affairs or not. I cannot expect him to change the natural course of events just at my whim. I must believe that, whatever happens, God will use it for my good and the good of all the world.



**Prayer:**

Lord, help me to see the hand of God in everything which happens to me.

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

Monday, 8th July	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 9th	11:00am	Requiem Mass, Barbara Schou St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
	1:00pm	Tuesday Social Group
Wednesday, 10th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
Thursday, 11th	9:30am	Holy Mass, St Benedict
	7:00pm	Meditation in the Christian Tradition
Friday, 12th	11:10am	Exposition
	12:10pm	Holy Mass, Reconciliation
Saturday, 13th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass St Henry, Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday, 14th	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**

(7/7/2024) **1st Reading:** Amos 7:12-15 **2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

**Gospel:** Mark 6:1-6

**Psalm Response:** *Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.*

(14/7/2024) **1st Reading:** Ezekiel 2:2-5 **2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13