



LEVIN-TAITOKO

“A COMMUNITY RADIATING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST”

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC PARISH

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EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 2nd MARCH 2025

Dear Friends

This Weekend, as we reflect on the Gospel of Luke 6:39-45, Jesus invites us to examine our hearts. He warns us against judging others while failing to see our own faults: "*Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?*" These words challenge us to look inward, to recognise the ways we need to change, and to seek a heart that is truly aligned with God's love.

This message comes at a perfect time as we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent. This Wednesday, we celebrate Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of our forty-day journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As we come forward to receive the blessed ashes, we do so with humility, promising to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. The ashes on our foreheads remind us of our mortality, but they also signify our commitment to renewal in Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time for clearing the vision of our souls, for removing the 'planks' in our own eyes so that we may see clearly the path God calls us to walk. It is a season of spiritual growth, where we allow God to prune our hearts so that we may bear good fruit—hearts full of mercy, kindness, and love.

We invite you to join us for the St Joseph's School Ashes Liturgy

Tuesday, March 4th at 10:30am in the School surroundings

or an Ash Wednesday Mass

9:30am with the St Joseph's School participation.

And 7:30pm in our St Joseph's Church.

Let us all begin this Sacred Season together. Come, receive the ashes, and make your Lenten promise to seek a renewed heart, striving to grow in holiness. Let us journey together, fixing our eyes on Jesus, who alone gives us the vision to walk in His light.

May this Lent be a time of grace for you and your loved ones. Let us encourage one another to seek the goodness and truth of the Gospel!

Grace and mercy

Father Bruce

MEALS ON WHEELS We are rostered to do the week of 3rd March to 7th March, If you can help please contact Yoka on 022 502 2645 or dekkernz@gmail.com



TRANSPORT Bill Swann needs a ride to church for the Mass on Saturdays from 7 Lancaster Street. Phone 367 2061. Thank you.

CWL Levin are hosting the Archdiocese. AGM/Conference in the Parish Centre, Wednesday 12th March. Morning tea from 9.30, meeting starting at 10.30. Any ladies of the Parish wishing to attend please contact the secretary Janette Dorward 027 465 2517 or email seccwellevin@gmail.com. Registration \$25 by 26th February.

CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

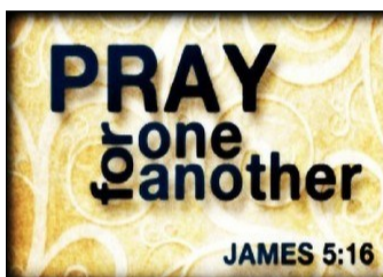
- Prayer Intentions are collected twice a week
- They are given to the Prayer Chain in complete privacy.
- You can use the language with which they feel comfortable because we have people in the Prayer Chain able to translate
- The Prayer Intentions will then be destroyed.

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



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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at 10am on Friday March 7 at St Mary's Anglican Hall, Levin. Cuppa to follow. Contact person:

Aileen Kopke, 027 3066 533.



TUESDAY SOCIAL CLUB

At 1pm in the Parish Centre for a friendly gathering and some conversation.

St VINCENT de PAUL CORNER

We are asking for your prayerful support as we consider the challenge of responding to the many calls for help whilst facing dwindling resources in the numbers of people we have committed to this ministry. We are thankful to the few who responded to our presentation at Mass a couple of weeks ago but would dearly love to see some more come forward. You can choose the activity and join us either as a member or a volunteer. Food delivery is the focus right now, which is a rostered activity ideally a weekly turn once every two months. Give one of us call to learn more and we will meet you for a cuppa and a chat.



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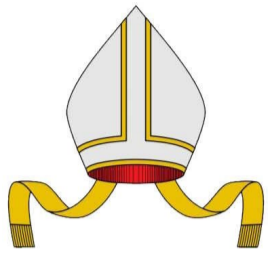
BABY ASSIST

Brigette Norden, a young parishioner at St Joseph's, has agreed to take over the role of co-ordinating the Baby Assist program. Thank you, Brigette. For the next few weeks, the two of us will be working together. Please consider donating some summer weight clothes, so that we can respond to requests with appropriate clothing. Thank you.

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

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.



PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH OF POPE FRANCIS

Almighty and Eternal God,
you are the everlasting health of
those who believe in you.

Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis
for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LENTEN PROMISES There is a basket at the back of the church to receive last year's blessed palms. These will be burned in a ceremony at the school on Tuesday March 4 at 10:30am. They will then become this year's ashes. All parishioners are invited to bring their Lenten Promises to be burned with the palms. If unable to attend, your Lenten Promises may be left at the School Office in advance.



BEHIND THE SCENES It is hard to realise that we are already on to Easter planning. The work that goes on behind the scenes is amazing. The preparation of the palms, the Altar of Repose, the candles for the Easter Vigil, the Liturgies themselves and the entire environment for Holy Week. The teams of people involved deserve the deepest gratitude of us all. High among these unsung heroes is the Music Ministry. Their devotion to their ministry and the many practices they hold to achieve their high standards is amazing. So when attending any liturgy please remember our army of volunteers.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES are at 9:30am with the participation of the school and at 7:30pm.

PANCAKE RECIPE

- 1½ cups all-purpose flour
- 3½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1¼ cups milk
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 large egg

1. Sift the dry ingredients together.
2. Make a well and mix in the wet ingredients.
3. Scoop the batter onto a hot griddle or pan.
4. Cook for two to three minutes, then flip.
5. Continue cooking until brown on both sides.
6. Top with whipped cream, fruit or golden syrup.



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

Ramon and Avilia Tinga

Suzanne Aubert says...

Let us walk cheerfully and courageously after our Good Master, and Heaven will be our portion.

Reflection:

Is it my imagination, or is there something innately good about the person who faces life with good cheer and courage? Somehow I rarely think of God as having a sense of humour.

But he must have, of course. Otherwise we humans wouldn't have one. Have you ever tried smiling, really smiling, and being angry at the same time? It can't be done. Likewise, a genuine smile and evil cannot co-exist. So a good way to keep the devil off my back, surely, is to cultivate a smile -- for every person and every situation I meet in life.



Prayer:

Lord, help me to face life always with a smile on my face and in my heart.

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

Monday, 3rd March	9:30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tuesday, 4th	9:30pm	Holy Mass, St Casimir
	10:30am	Blessing of the Ashes at the school
	1:00pm	Tuesday Social Group
Wednesday, 5th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	10:00am	Rosary in the Chapel
	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday, 6th	9:30am	Holy Mass
	7:00pm	Christian Meditation in the Side Chapel
Friday, 7th	11:10am	Exposition, Sts Perpetua and Felicity
	12:10pm	Holy Mass, Reconciliation
Saturday, 8th	5:30pm	Vigil Mass, St John of God
Sunday, 9th	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

(2/3/2025) **1st Reading:** Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8 **2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Psalm Response: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

(9/3/2025) **1st Reading:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10 **2nd Reading:** Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13