



# LEVIN-TAITOKO

THE COMMUNITY OF ST JOSEPH

O TE PARIHI O HATO MERE RAUA KO HOHEPA

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**Mass Tuesday to Thursday 9am**

**Liturgy of The Word with Communion**

**Adoration Friday 11:10am**

**(1-12-18) Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm**

**(2-12-18) Sunday Mass 9:15am**

**Friday 12:10pm**

**Monday 9am**

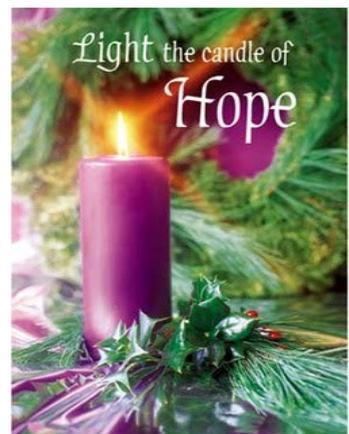
## 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christ makes it plain that we prepare for his coming precisely by taking a searching look at this world and perceiving, through the disorder, the guiding hand of God. Advent is a time set aside to stop and reflect in a special way on how Christ comes into our life.

First, **Advent directs us to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem**. Our faith is founded on one clear fact: that in the birth of Jesus Christ, God came into the world as a human being.

Second, **Advent directs our attention to Christ's coming in our every-day life**. He comes when we least expect him. Our daily prayer helps us to prepare for those moments.

Finally, **Advent directs us to Christ's coming for the last time** – the "day that will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap". It will be a welcoming of a God who has been as close to us as God is in our celebration of the Eucharist: a God with whom we have been in such close communion that we have learned to see the world through God's eyes. –GPBS



**ADVENT has a two-fold character**—as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation. **-(GNLYC 39)**

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### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER**

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time. **-Pope Francis**

### **FROM THE LITURGY COMMITTEE**

- 9 December after Mass. Music Leaders to arrange the roster for next year.
- 18 December @ 7pm Parish Service of Reconciliation



### **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

Saturday 8th December. Civic Centre to Parliament Grounds 2pm. More than 500,000 pre-born children have been aborted in New Zealand. Be a voice for the voiceless and let New Zealand know that we love them both!

If you need assistance to partake please contact Kerry 027-358-6108 or 06-358-8630

### **NZ PRO-LIFE ROSARY CRUSADE 8th December 3pm St Joseph's Church Levin**

For those who are unable to participate in the March for Life to Parliament we can support the Gift of Life with prayer in our own parish. *(For more information on how to join or lead a Rosary group, see [www.rosarycrusade.co.nz](http://www.rosarycrusade.co.nz) email [clarests4@gmail.com](mailto:clarests4@gmail.com) or phone 0221912886).*

### **JANUARY 2019 PARISH MINISTRIES**

If you are available for ministry during January, would you please either fill in your details on the clipboard at the back of the church, or phone Anna on 368 4757, as soon as possible.

**MANNA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP :** Meet for Christmas lunch at Masonic Café, Queen Street East, Levin at 12.30 pm this Sunday 2 December.



### **CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Any donations of Christmas items can be left at in the box at the back of the Church. Tickets will be on sale the 2nd and 3rd Sat/Sunday in December .

\$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5.

Please ring Carolyn 680958 or Mary 3681818

## PARISH HANDBOOK

Attention: All Parish Groups. Your pastoral team is considering producing a parish handbook which is intended to give information, particularly to new parishioners, about the various groups which operate in the parish. It would be most helpful if the co-ordinator of each group could supply me with the following: name of group, purpose, meeting schedule, achievements and personnel requirements (if any). Please let me have this as soon as possible in hard copy or by email. Kilian: kilianv@xtra.co.nz

## PATAKA

Your thoughts and opinion, please. The possibility of replacing our current tabernacle with a Maori carved pataka, in keeping with the tukutuku panels and carvings already in the chapel, has been mooted, and we would appreciate any views our parishioners may have on this subject. You may give your responses verbally to team members or write them and place them in the boxes in the foyer and chapel.

## “PARISH TO PARISH for BREAD AND BREAKFAST”

Since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems, downsized their homes etc.as we urgently require more hosts in places all over the country, I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home, to come and join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5 star, just clean, comfortable and welcoming, also providing a light breakfast. The purpose of this book is aimed at providing catholic hospitality and making new friends. The hosts charge a small fee of \$35 for one only person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information please contact Marie

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*Prepare the way of the Lord.  
make straight his paths.*

ADVENT REFLECTIONS FROM THE ALLIANCE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION





May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.  
RICHARD FRANCIS ZABALLA VIVIENNE MARY MCGREGOR  
MEEK FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED

'A much needed jolt' (Fr John Kenrick OP)

'In Advent, as we prepare for the annual celebration of a past event - Christ's birth - we are also preparing for a future event - Christ's return in glory.

The fall of man in the garden of Eden reads like a bad dream. And people have been sleepwalking into sin ever since. But God has all along been shaking us awake. He came in the words of his prophets and he came most dramatically of all, in person. That first advent certainly changed everything; it brought God as close to us as our neighbour. From that moment on it has always seemed that we only have to reach out to touch God.

### Readings at Sunday Mass

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

**Laudato Si' challenge – cut the plastic rings on milk bottles etc, so that if they find their way into waterways they will not entrap fish and sea animals.**



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