



LEVIN-TAITOKO

THE COMMUNITY OF ST JOSEPH

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Mass Tuesday to Thursday 9am

Liturgy of The Word with Communion

Adoration Friday 11:10am

(22-12-18) Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm

(23-12-18) Sunday Mass 9:15am

Friday 12:10pm

Monday 9am

COME, LORD JESUS

Lord, let us see your face. We have come so close to the coming of Christ; it is as though we can stand the waiting no longer. We want to see God's face.

And what is that face like when it comes? It is the face of God become poor ...

Christmas happens. Christ comes, but in strange ways and surprising circumstances. Many of us miss the coming of Christ because we expect him where and when he is not coming.

God has to "make us turn in a different direction" so that we can find Christ in poverty (Bethlehem) and in the poor and outcast (Mary and Elizabeth).

Christ, our Saviour, not only loved the poor, but rather 'being rich he became poor,' he lived in poverty. His mission centred on advising the poor of their liberation and he founded his Church as the sign of that poverty among men. (Latin American Bishops, Poverty of the Church, Medellin Documents, 1968: 7)

-Gerard Darring



Once Mary has received the message of the angel and said “yes” to the call to become the Mother of the Saviour, she sets out in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her pregnancy. Mary is very young; what she was told is a great gift, but it also entails great challenges... Yet Mary does not shut herself up at home or let herself be paralyzed by fear or pride. Mary is not the type that, to be comfortable, needs a good sofa where she can feel safe and sound. She is no couch potato! If her elderly cousin needs a hand, she does not hesitate, but immediately sets off. Pope Francis: Message for World Youth Day 2017

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ST JOSEPH'S JANUARY ROSTER This is on display in the side-chapel

CWL Raffles were won by Marie Scott, Bill Swan and Rosa Nickel.

Thank you to you all for helping us to go to conference in March. God bless you all and Have a Holy Christmas.

6pm CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS Nativity Play

Calling all children and young people. Will your whanau be coming to Christmas Eve Mass? We need you to play a part in the nativity play. Practice this Sunday 23 December straight after Mass. (The more the better. We especially need wise people who could bring and wear traditional Maori/Tongan/Filipino/Samoan/Fijian/Kiribati/Indian clothes. It will be mimed so no reading and speaking required.)

ST VINCENT de PAUL - LEVIN CONFERENCE

The first meeting for 2019 will be held on Thursday 7 February at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre. The bank account number for those who wish to contribute towards our funds is - St Vincent de Paul Society, account number 11 6932 0308328 11. If a name and address is provided a tax receipt will be issued.



Emergency Food Parcels. The service is operating over the holidays. Help can be requested by phoning (06) 368 3034 and following the instructions. The phone is cleared at 5pm daily and parcels are delivered the next day.

NEW YEAR COMMUNITY DINNER

St Vincent de Paul is hosting a dinner at Hinemoa House for people who live alone, on Sunday 13 January at 6pm. There are limited places available. Phone Margaret Hannan 027 439 1426.



May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

HUGH SPIERS JV DAWANG

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You can never truly enjoy
Christmas until you can look
up into the Father's face and
tell him you have received his
Christmas gift.

- John R Rice

Readings at Sunday Mass

Mic 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

Answer: : Islam. Mary, known as Maryam, is mentioned frequently in the Koran, more often than in the New Testament. The Koran also contains an account of the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel.



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