



# 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

(03-11-18) Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm

(04-11-18) Sunday Mass 9:15am

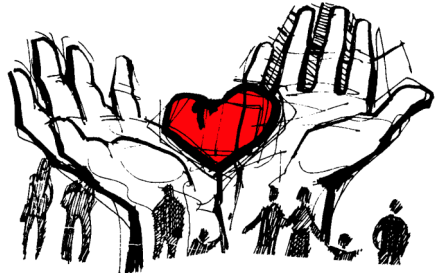
Friday 12:10pm

Monday 9am

## 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### JESUS' NOVEL CONTRIBUTION

When Jesus was asked to summarise the most important of the Mosaic Laws, he gave a straightforward answer, quoting directly from the Law itself and startling them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose. He cited the first sentence of the Jewish Shema prayer: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4). Then He added its complementary law: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18).



Jesus' contribution combined the originally separate commandments and presented them as the essence of true religion. True religion, Jesus says, is loving God and loving our fellow human beings at the same time, which means the only way a person can demonstrate real love for God is by showing genuine, active love for neighbour.

*“When we find ways of drawing near to the poor, we know that the primacy belongs to God, who opens our eyes and hearts to conversion. The poor do not need self-promoters, but a love that knows how to remain hidden and not think about all the good it has been able to do. At the centre must always be the Lord and the poor.”*

**Pope Francis, Message for the 2nd World Day of the Poor, November 2018**

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**THE MONTHLY FOOD AND FUNDS COLLECTION** takes place this weekend after the Saturday and Sunday Masses. It is possible to donate funds through Bank Account no: 11 6932 0308328 11 Society of St Vincent de Paul. Supply your name and address to receive a Tax Receipt. Grateful thanks for your generous support.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL Levin** There will be no meeting on Sunday 4 November. The next meeting will be on 15 November in the Parish Centre at 1.30pm.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS 12th - 16th November**

Deliverers please contact Kerry with your availability 06 358 8630 or 027 358 6108

Thankyou

**PARISH RETREAT:** Venue: Anam Cara. DATE: Sat Nov 17. Time: Cuppa 9.30 a.m. Starts 10 a.m. 3 p.m finish. All are welcome. Please bring easily managed plate of food for shared lunch. Theme of the retreat: “Pilgrim or tourist”.

**MAORI MASS** will be celebrated on Sunday 16th November at 9.15 am  
Practice will be Thursday at 5.30pm, and the same time on the following Thursday. A warm welcome to all to come learn our hymns and prayers.

**LEVIN CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE** have for many years visited new parishioners welcoming them to the Parish community. We now only have a few active members and need the help of our church community. Could you visit a new parishioner?

**Contact Carolyn 3680958 or Mary 3681818**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**First Eucharist Sunday 11 November@9:15**

### **CHURCH CLEANING**

New rosters are available at the back of the church. Many thanks to the Kiribati Community for offering to help.



**FOLLOWING FRANCIS – the next discussion group will be held on Wednesday 7 November at 9.30am and 7.00pm in the Parish Centre at St Joseph's. We will reflect on the last section of Chapter 4 of the Pope's letter calling us to holiness, which is on the importance of constant prayer. Each discussion group stands on its own, so you are most welcome, even if you have not attended previous sessions.**

**THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - 18 November**

The St Vincent de Paul Area Councils have been asked to make this a "Special Day" in the Archdiocese and in all our Parishes. St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are now on sale from the Pleroma Stall, a packet of 5 cards for \$2.00.

**The Word in Other Words** is a Bible Diary which contains reflections written by Divine Word Missionaries and Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit working in various mission places in the world. Great gift at \$20 (6.50 p/h for one or 10.50 p/h for 4)

**MANNA PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP :** Meet for afternoon tea at Cecilia and Richard's home at 2 pm this Sunday 4 November.

**FAMILY BANQUET CONFERENCE**

Come and listen to Priest and Celebrity Chef Fr. Leo Patalinghug who will be the Keynote Speaker at the Family Banquet Conference organised by the Centre for Marriage and Family. A 3rd degree Black Belt Martial Arts Instructor and Best-selling Author, Fr. Leo is also the host of *Savouring Our Faith* on EWTN, and Founder of *PLATING GRACE*, a movement to bring families back to the dinner table. Fr. Leo will be speaking on the importance of the Family Meal complete with a live cooking demonstration, and provide tools to get your Family to Heaven. The Family Banquet will be held on Nov.10 starting with Mass at 9AM Our Lady of Fatima Church followed by Conference Presentations at St. Christopher's Church, Main Road, Tawa. To register and get tickets, go to [eventbrite.co.nz](http://eventbrite.co.nz). For enquiries and group discounts available, contact 0220289737 or email [patricia@marriageandfamily.org.nz](mailto:patricia@marriageandfamily.org.nz).

**DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN**

Our meeting is on Saturday 17th November at 1.30pm, St Joseph's church 42 Ellice St, Mt Victoria Wgtn. Our speaker will be Sarah Pinto on "In my Father's eyes". Is 43:4 'you are precious in my eyes and honoured and I love you'. Enquiries Shura 3899938



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

FRED MILLS

FR BRIAN DOUGHERTY

JEAN DOWLING

### Praying in Times of Crisis

In the most difficult times, God waits to love and comfort us

Times of crisis are, perhaps, the most important times to turn to God. Sometime we cry, "Help me!" or "Please!" or "Save me!" God wants to be there for us. God wants us to turn and ask for intimacy, comfort and help.

For many of us, this is a very difficult time to pray. We don't exactly know what to ask for. We feel like asking for a miracle, but experience might have shown us that asking for miracles in the past has left us disappointed. We may even have become cynical about God - having asked for help when I really needed it, and not getting what I asked for. (to be continued... from Creighton University online ministries)

### Readings at Sunday Mass

Dt 6:2-6

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

**I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I Kings 17:10-16

Ps: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44

**LAUDATO SI CHALLENGE** Ask your favourite takeaway shop to allow you to bring your own container for food. Lobby places like MacDonald's to stop using plastics straws.



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