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ST PATRICK'S 4 Munroe St, Napier

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS | 5.30pm SUNDAY MASS | 10am

MONDAY | 12.05pm Service of the Word with Holy Communion

TUESDAY-FRIDAY | 12.05pm Mass FRIDAY | 11.30am Reconciliation



ST MARY'S 58 Osier Rd, Greenmeadows

SUNDAY MASSES | 9am & 5pm

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY | 9.15am Service
of the Word with Holy Communion

TUESDAY | 5.30pm Mass

THURSDAY TO SATURDAY | 9.15am Mass

SATURDAY | Reconciliation after Mass



ST THOMAS MORE 92 Wycliffe St, Onekawa

SUNDAY MASS | 8am

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY | 9.15am

Service of the Word with Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY | 9.15am Mass

WEDNESDAY | Reconciliation after Mass



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5th September 2021 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Hope

One of the most important virtues of our Catholic faith is the virtue of 'hope'. I know that many of us are missing gathering as a community for Sunday Mass and receiving Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist. The social isolation we are presently experiencing can lead to many challenges. I am sure all of us agree with the decisions that have been made to ensure the health of all New Zealanders. However, it does come at a cost and I am particularly aware of the economic consequences for so many people. This will have an effect on many families for a long time to come.

As Catholics we have a great deal to offer. The witness to our faith in Jesus Christ and our care of others can give great hope to our secular world.

Church Activities under Levels 3 and 2

In Hawkes Bay we are currently at Alert level 3 for the COVID-19 pandemic. We must follow the practices outlined by the Director General of Health which means that our Churches are not allowed to be open. However, we are permitted to celebrate funerals and weddings with a maximum number of 10 persons.

When we move to Alert level 2 it will enable us to re-open our Churches and to celebrate weekday Masses with a maximum number of 100 persons. Social distancing of at least 2 meters is required between people unless those people are part of your 'bubble'. This means that we can only use every second pew in our Church buildings and those who are not part of your bubble will need to be 2 meters away from each other.

At Alert level 2 we are unable to celebrate Sunday Masses. It is not physically possible to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines at this level for our Sunday Mass congregation of approximately 1,000 parishioners. We will celebrate Sunday Mass when we return to Level 1.

Sacramental Programme

Our sacramental programmes of First Communion and Confirmation are presently on hold. We will resume the preparation for these sacraments when we return to Level 1. The decision of when it will be possible to celebrate these sacraments will be made once the preparation programmes resume.

Happy Father's Day

This Sunday is Father's Day, a day when we remember those men who have been good and positive influences in our lives. We pray for our fathers both living and dead on this day.

Father Barry Scannell sm Parish Priest

St John's College, Hastings

The College has been busy with online learning during lockdown. We were able to switch to the online environment from day 1 of the lockdown as we had systems in place to respond to such an issue. This week, in Level 3, we had four students at school with members of the senior leadership team on site to supervise them. We are looking forward to Level 2, whenever that may happen, so that our young men can return to school and some normality (whatever that may now look like).

ENROLMENTS: Once we go down to Level 2 we will be able to have Enrolment Interviews. Our Year 8 Academic Scholarship exam will be rescheduled once we are in Level 2. We will advertise the new date.

NZ Catholic - special online edition

NZ Catholic has published a special online Lockdown Edition. The continuing Level 4 restrictions in Auckland mean the paper edition can't be printed at present, and Level 3 everywhere south of Auckland means it can't be distributed through Parishes. Click here to read a PDF copy:

www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Special-Digital-Issue-Sept.1.pdf

Season of Creation

This past Wednesday 1 September was the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation which marks the beginning of a month-long Season of Creation for Christians throughout the world. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a page of resources. Keep checking the page for updates. The website is: www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/season-of-creation-2021/

Baptism Preparation Course

The next course will be held on **Sunday 12 September at 11:30am** in the St Mary's Centre. (This will be dependent on being in Covid19 Alert Level 1 or 2). Parents wishing to have their first child baptised are welcome to attend. Please advise the Parish Office if you wish to attend.

Catholic Parish of Napier Administration and Mission Centre

The building consent for the Administration and Mission Centre has been lodged with the Napier City Council. We will shortly be launching a fundraising campaign to secure the remaining funding for the project. A special fundraising account has been set up specifically for this purpose. Details of this account are as follows:

Catholic Parish of Napier – Fundraising 02-0630-0288045-015

Sacred Heart College, Napier

2022 Enrolments: A reminder that the due date for Year 9 Scholarship Applications has been extended until 10 September. Enrolments for 2022 can be completed online from our website but no pressure around timeframe. Families are welcome to wait until the school office is open again if they prefer. Private tours of the school will be available on return to Alert Level 2. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more details to come.

Our school re-opened on Wednesday for junior students who cannot stay at home as per Ministry guidelines. The main message continues to be **if you can stay home please do so**. Learning continues remotely at Level 3. Thank you to our staff for all the work they have been doing to enable this and to our girls and their families for showing their continued commitment to learning and maintaining the high standards expected of them.

Our House and Senior Leaders are engaging with our student body and are coming up with new and eventful ideas. This week the focus was on wellbeing and each tutor group had to complete the wellbeing challenges for physical, mental, and spiritual wellbeing. Our Leaders are sending daily messages and posting lots of lockdown challenges on Instagram.

St Vincent de Paul St Patrick's Conference

St Vincent de Paul St Patrick's Conference thanks those parishioners who contribute food and food vouchers into the basket for the use of our food bank, which is used by people in need in our community.

Some of the food collected is now being made up into meals for pupils who come to school without food. Once again thank you for your generosity.

Care of Creation - Tip of the Month

Bring your aluminium wine bottle tops and blister packs for recycling at the Re-use and Recycling tables (every 3rd Sunday 9:00am at St Mary's).



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Support Life Sunday

Respect Life Sunday will be renamed Support Life Sunday from this year to better reflect the active work Catholics must do to help people facing significant life decisions. Bishop Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the term "respect life" can seem passive.

"Support Life reminds us that we are all called to both uphold the dignity of all life and be active in the practical work needed to support people facing significant life decisions." Support Life Sunday is Sunday 10 October, with the theme "Honouring and Supporting Health Carers." Full details: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/respect-life-sunday-now-support-life-sunday/

Sponsored bus to March for Life - 4 December 2021

The bus leaves St Patrick's Church, Napier, at 7:30am on Saturday 4 December 2021, calling into St Peter Chanel Church, Hastings, around 7:45am. Arrives at the Civic Square, Wellington, around 12noon-12:30pm, depending on traffic. (Includes a sponsored Subway lunch in Wellington). From 1:00pm there are stalls and entertainment. We march from the Civic Square to Parliament at 2:00pm, where there are a variety of speakers. Return bus departs Parliament at 4:00pm, arriving back at about 8:30pm.

Contact Kelly and Luana Durston on 0221660908 or e-mail <u>kellydurston@hotmail.com</u> 22 of the 53 available seats are already taken, so get in quick to show your support for our unborn brothers and sisters. Thank you very much to our generous sponsor.

We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



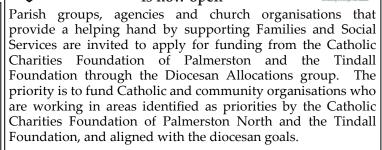
Passionist Family Groups

Passionist Family Groups have been established in Hastings & Napier parishes for 30 years and all past, present, and future group members are invited to celebrate this special birthday achievement by

sharing a meal on Sunday 31 October at 12noon at the Napier RSA. The cost is \$20pp.

Your group leader has details of how to register - or contact Norma (06) 650 1679. Gather your group and live out the gospel value "See how they love one another".

The October 2021 Funding Round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open



We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria.

Applications are now open and are due on Thursday 30 September 2021. Application forms and more information can be found here: https://pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Catholic-Charities-Application-form-2020.pdf or please contact Wendy Silver at wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 833.

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Mass Intentions and Anniversaries

Recently Deceased: Mary Spurdle, Richard Morgan, Judie Gardiner (mother of Gemma), Gerard le Roux and Regina Ncube (in South Africa)

Anniversaries: Kathleen Mason (27/08), Joanna Volman (04/09), Margaret Minehan (05/09), Pat McMillan (07/09), Shona Gilligan (11/09)

Prayers for the Sick: Sister Linley Trower RNDM, Colleen Davies, Heather Malcomson, Allen Murphy, Marlene Chamberlain, Eddie Wilson, Alan Gardiner, Sheile Bowbyes, Joy Lyons, Margaret Richardson, Dan Keating, Arapera Riki, Naomi Tong, Stephanie Bearsley, Terry O'Leary, Peter Israel, Paul Diamond, John Zaloum, Colleen Parker, June Brodie, Rosealeen Bradley, Barbara Triska, Len Gavin, Ann Vaessen, Mandy Lane, Marie Stanford, Leo Baltussen

Social Justice Week - 12-18 September 2021

Each year the Catholic Bishops of New Zealand set aside a week in September for Social Justice Week, inviting us to reflect and take action on a current social justice issue. Social Justice Week 2021 takes place from 12 - 18 September. The theme of Social Justice Week is "A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church" / "He Ahurea Tūtaki ki Ētahi atu: Me Noho Ko Koutou te Hāhi." This theme on encounter and community was inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, Fratelli Tutti (2020). In the midst of this time of change and uncertainty it is tempting to retreat into what we know best. There are many reasons why people can easily get caught within their own bubble and be removed from those around them. The impact of the pandemic, our reliance on technology, a growing culture of individualism and instant gratification are just a few reasons. But Pope Francis reminds us that "isolation and withdrawal into one's own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal. Rather it is closeness; it is the culture of encounter". (Fratelli Tutti, #30) For more information visit: https://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

Catholic Parish of Napier ChurchApp

The Catholic Parish of Napier has a mobile app for communicating important Parish messages. download the App go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search 'ChurchAppsNZ' to download the app onto your device. Then search The Catholic Parish of Napier'. Should you have any queries, please contact the Parish

Napier Community Foodbank Trust

The Napier Foodbank is currently low on Longlife milk, powdered milk, jam and canned fish - which can be left in the collection bins at the supermarkets. Thank you so much for your continuing support. Your donations are always gratefully received.

Planned Giving, Donations, and Automatic Payments

With cheques having been phased out, if you would like to change from envelope giving to an automatic payment, please phone the Parish office 844 2224.

If you wish to make a donation by direct payment to the Parish via internet banking the bank account details are:

> Bank: BNZ.

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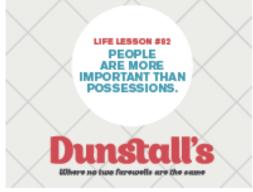
Last Week's Collection Total - \$4,558

THANK YOU!

Liturgy Readings

This Week: Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37 Next Week: Is 50:5-9: James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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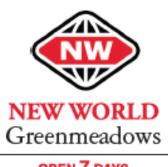


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