

## Parish Directory

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### LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK

Wed 9.15 a.m. Mass  
Fri 11.00 a.m. Mass, Adoration,  
Benediction, Angelus.  
Reconciliation follows.  
Sat 9.00 a.m. Devotion to Our Lady  
of Perpetual Help  
Sat 9.15 a.m. Mass of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Tue 31 Jan St Joseph's School  
Term 1 Commences  
Wed 1 Feb 5.30 p.m. SVDP ROADSHOW  
Thu 2 Feb 10.00 a.m. Legion of Mary

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35;  
Mark 1:21-28

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

### Roster for Ministries

5 February [Canning Sunday]  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Welcomers:

St Joseph's School Students  
Collett Family

#### Ministers of the Word:

1. Celine Bergonia 2. Peter Farrelly

**Prayer of the Faithful:** J. Crabtree

**Presentation of Gifts:** L. O'Flaherty

#### Ministers of Communion:

Marneth-Rust, S. Richards,  
L. O'Flaherty, P. Hensman, J. East,  
C. Bergonia, J. Crabtree

**Altar Servers:** C. Hensman (S1),  
A. Collett (C), H. Vollebregt (S2)

**Collectors:** J. O'Flaherty, P. Farrelly

**Flowers:** A. Symonsma, M. Scherer

**Cup of Tea:** Legion of Mary

**Children's Liturgy:** E. Richardson,  
A. Madden, A. Devane

**Counters:** C. Russell, S. Bolton

**Newsletter:** R. Rodewald, M. Hopkins

**Lawns:** T. Mourits, L. Habgood

## PARISH OF SAINT JOSEPH MORRINSVILLE

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 29 JANUARY 2012

## BULLETIN

### EXTRACT FROM APOSTOLIC LETTER OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF BENEDICT XVI

### ANNOUNCING THE YEAR OF FAITH

1. The "door of faith" (*Acts 14:27*) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with baptism (cf. *Rom 6:4*), through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life, fruit of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, whose will it was, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, to draw those who believe in him into his own glory (cf. *Jn 17:22*). To profess faith in the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is to believe in one God who is Love (cf. *1 Jn 4:8*): the Father, who in the fullness of time sent his Son for our salvation; Jesus Christ, who in the mystery of his death and resurrection redeemed the world; the Holy Spirit, who leads the Church across the centuries as we await the Lord's glorious return.

2. Ever since the start of my ministry as Successor of Peter, I have spoken of the need to rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ. During the homily at the Mass marking the inauguration of my pontificate I said: "The Church as a whole and all her Pastors, like Christ, must set out to lead people out of the desert, towards the place of life, towards friendship with the Son of God, towards the One who gives us life, and life in abundance."<sup>[1]</sup> It often happens that Christians are more concerned for the social, cultural and political consequences of their commitment, continuing to think of the faith as a self-evident presupposition for life in society. In reality, not only can this presupposition no longer be taken for granted, but it is often openly denied.<sup>[2]</sup> Whereas in the past it was possible to recognize a unitary cultural matrix, broadly accepted in its appeal to the content of the faith and the values inspired by it, today this no longer seems to be the case in large swathes of society, because of a profound crisis of faith that has affected many people.

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3. We cannot accept that salt should become tasteless or the light be kept hidden (cf. *Mt* 5:13-16). The people of today can still experience the need to go to the well, like the Samaritan woman, in order to hear Jesus, who invites us to believe in him and to draw upon the source of living water welling up within him (cf. *Jn* 4:14). We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples (cf. *Jn* 6:51). Indeed, the teaching of Jesus still resounds in our day with the same power: "Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life" (*Jn* 6:27). The question posed by his listeners is the same that we ask today: "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" (*Jn* 6:28). We know Jesus' reply: "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent" (*Jn* 6:29). Belief in Jesus Christ, then, is the way to arrive definitively at salvation.

4. In the light of all this, I have decided to announce a Year of Faith. It will begin on 11 October 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and it will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on 24 November 2013. The starting date of 11 October 2012 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, a text promulgated by my Predecessor, Blessed John Paul II,<sup>[3]</sup> with a view to illustrating for all the faithful the power and beauty of the faith...

**BENEDICTUS PP. XVI**

*11 October 2011.*

**MASS WITH ANOINTING**

**FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2012, 11.00 A.M.**

All are welcome. A light luncheon for all will follow. It is the only occasion when some otherwise fairly isolated people are able to see their old friends. Those who *need* transport and those who can *provide* it please contact Mrs Joan Pigou [889 6984]. Would helpers please kindly help supply light refreshments, a plate of this or that. Thanks.

**Sacred Sing-Along**

The next Sacred Sing Along will be held in the Baptist Church on Sunday 12 February at 2.00 p.m. Refreshments to follow. All Welcome.

**Celebrate Valentine's Day by Celebrating Marriage**

You are invited to rejoice and give thanks for the gift of married love. Please join Bishop Denis Browne to celebrate Mass at 6.00 p.m. Tuesday 14 February, Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton.

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women**

Thursday 2 February, 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Fairfield. All welcome, shared supper. Phone Shirley 07 846 4993. www. dove.org.nz

**2012 Children's Sacramental Programme:**

**Registration Meeting**

All parents of all children to be prepared for confirmation and first holy communion [and baptism, if necessary] in 2012 are asked to attend the **registration meeting at the Parish Centre, Wednesday, 8 February at 7.15 p.m.** The meeting will take about an hour. We have yet to order new books for the course and will let everyone know the costs a.s.a.p.

We wish to hear at this meeting parents' suggestions about leaders [catechists] for the 2012 programme. One does not need to be a theologian, just an ordinary practising Catholic parent [or grandparent]. Discuss the possibility with Mrs Joan Pigou, director of the programme, if you wish [889 6984].

The programme will commence as soon as the new books arrive.

**NEW SERVERS**

Some vacancies will soon occur on the servers' roster as some of our senior servers retire. If young parishioners wish to be servers, they need to be thinking and praying about it now. Expressions of interest are now invited. Forms for this purpose are to be found in the narthex [porch]. They should be completed by parents and returned to the Parish Office by Sunday 12 February. They will be treated confidentially.

**Lent and Easter 2012**

Ash Wednesday is 22 February 2012

Friday of the Passion of the Lord [Good Friday] is 6 April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord is 8 April

**Catholic Women's League Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday 8 February 2012 at 10.00 a.m. Reminder: Please bring your button container to find buttons for our knitters. Shared lunch. Phone Angela 887 2733

**CWL Button Collection**

We are collecting buttons to give to our knitters. If you have any spare buttons, please give them to a member of the Morrinsville Catholic Women's League, thank you.

**Canning Sunday**

Please remember that next Sunday is 'Canning Sunday'. Parishioners are invited to bring canned, bottled, or packaged foodstuffs for the Saint Vincent De Paul Society to distribute on our behalf to people in immediate great need. Please place them in the baskets that will be placed at the doors. Thank you.

**The Society of St Vincent De Paul: Putting Faith Into Action**

Our local Road Show will be in Morrinsville on **Wednesday 1 February**, from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., at St Joseph's Parish Centre. Come and hear about **who** we are, **what** we do, and **how** we do it. Also how **you can help**. We are very keen to grow the Society in your local area.

*John Smulders, President, Hamilton Area Council of SSVDP.*