

TOGETHER AS ONE



ST. JOSEPH'S HELENSVILLE & ST. PATRICK'S HUAPAI

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PARISH PASTORAL PLAN (2019 to 2023)

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ST JOSEPH'S AND ST PATRICK'S PARISH

(St Joseph's Helensville & St Patrick's Huapai)

PASTORAL PLANNING PROGRAMME FOR 2019 - 2023

MISSION STATEMENT

"Together as one - a welcoming community to worship God, teach and live the joy of the Gospel of Christ and serve God's people in word and deed - A living example of God's love in action."

VISION STATEMENT

"To reach out and serve the needy brothers and sisters in the wider community. Support them in their journey of faith to grow the Church community. Connect with families and youth to be a growing, diverse and vibrant community."

BI-CULTURAL AND MULTI-CULTURAL ASPECTS OF NZ SOCIETY

We are aware that these aspects of NZ society are present in the parish. Ensure that the two parish communities are inclusive of the different cultures and nationalities of parishioners especially those with English as their second language. A number of multi-cultural parishioners have recently moved into the area, at the same time as several long serving members are moving out of the district.

PASTORAL:

- To make all parishioners and visitors feel welcome.
- Encourage new parishioners by discretely asking them to join any of the parish groups.
- Encourage new parishioners to join and serve as volunteers of the different ministries of the parish.

LITURGICAL:

- Introduce Maori and other languages at the Welcome and Introduction at Mass.
- Introduce Children Family Mass to motivate and inspire parents and children to share their gifts and talents in actively participating in the life of the Church.
- Introduce Multi-Cultural Mass to encourage all the different cultural groups and nationalities in actively

participating in the liturgical celebrations of the parish. At least twice a year as a start on the fifth Sunday of the month.

- Continue the practice of doing the Prayers of the Faithful in different languages on Pentecost Sunday.

FORMATION OF LEADERS

1. PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (Present set-up: 3-parishioners each from St Joseph's Helensville & St Patrick's Huapai elected annually at the Parish AGM. Meeting monthly)
 - Increase the number of members to eight (4 in Helensville & 4 in Huapai) to be in line with the eight PPC Committees of the Auckland Diocese:
 - Liturgy
 - Religious Education
 - Caring/Service/Hospitality
 - Youth Ministry
 - Bi-Cultural & Muti-Cultural
 - Justice and Peace
 - Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationship
 - Family Life
 - Encourage younger parishioners to join the PPC.
 - Encourage parishioners to nominate.
 - Every member will have a pastoral area of responsibility (i.e. Helensville, Woodhill, Huapai, Riverhead, Taupaki) to help the parish priest identify the pastoral needs and requirements of the area.
2. PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE (Present set-up: 2 in Helensville and 1 in Huapai plus secretary. Meeting bi-monthly).
 - Increase the number in Huapai.
3. LITURGY COMMITTEE (Present set-up: Helensville - four members and Huapai – four members)
 - Planning and execution of the liturgical activities of the parish.
 - Each member has areas of responsibility (i.e. Sacramental Programme, RCIC, RCIA, Music, Baptism Preparation and Catechesis) apart from assisting the parish priest in planning all the liturgical activities of the respective churches.

- Planning and preparation of a recollection day - a day to reflect and nourish each of the different volunteer ministries of the parish.

FORMATION OF PARISH GROUPS

Mission Group Huapai

- Continue and support the Mission Group.
- Encourage new parishioners to join by personally tapping them.

Mission Group Helensville

- Look at the possibility of organizing a group.

Family Groups Huapai (Present set-up – meets regularly fostering spiritual wellbeing and strengthening bond of friendship and camaraderie).

- Continue and support the existing Family Groups.
- Encourage new parishioners to join by personally tapping them.
- Or encourage formation of a new family group.

Family Groups Helensville

- Look at the possibility of organizing a group.

Prayer Groups

Helensville – two prayer groups (Mother’s Prayer Group on Wednesday morning after Mass and Helensville Prayer Group on Monday evening at 7:30pm)

Huapai - two prayer groups (Mother’s Prayer Group on Monday morning and Waimauku Prayer Group on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm)

Welcome and Hospitality

- Continue and support the morning tea after Sunday Mass.
- Encourage children and new parishioners to be involve in welcoming people and distributing weekly newsletter before Mass.

PASTORAL AND LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Baptism Preparation Course

- Helensville – there are two catechists who are responsible in preparing the families for the baptism of their children.

- Huapai – needed at least two catechists or couples to run the course.

Sacramental Programme, RCIC and RCIA – with the influx of new parishioners and number of inquiries – the parish is looking at continuous running these courses every year.

- St Joseph's Helensville:
 - Sacramental Programme – have two catechists
 - RCIC – two have verbally volunteered. Needs a firm commitment to run the course.
 - RCIA - one catechist is starting the programme. Required at least another person to help.
- St Patrick's Huapai:
 - Sacramental Programme – needed at least two catechists
 - RCIC – have started the programme
 - RCIA - one catechist. Required at least another person to help.

Pastoral Ministry to the elderly and the sick – continue with existing volunteers and encouraging new volunteers.

Church cleaning & Flower Ministry – continue with existing volunteers and encouraging new volunteers.

EVANGELIZATION

GOAL:

Through evangelization and proclaiming the good news, the parish community will create a spirit of discipleship to:

- attract new disciples
- engage current parishioners
- reach out to less active parishioners

OBJECTIVE:

Encourage all parishioners to view evangelization as a necessary part of life for every Christian, assisting the church in witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

PARISH ACTIONS:

1. To grow the Parish through Direct, personal contact.

2. Develop innovative activities to incorporate youth and young adults in more leadership positions.
3. Engage new families in the life of the parish in ways that meet the needs of the entire family.
4. Guide parishioners to support and develop new leaders and welcome new parishioners while encouraging and affirming a spirit of evangelization within the parish.
5. Create more joyful congregations. (Smile, engage, speak with, and show interest in each other). Welcome new visitors.
6. Invite inactive parishioners to a welcome back Mass.
7. Develop bible study groups, catechism programs, etc.
8. Acknowledge and thank visitors for attending Mass. (Which Father does already)

PARISH RESOURCES

1. Provide new parishioners with information of the various groups and facilities available in the parish. ie. PPC, committees, family groups.
2. Create a Visitor Tracking and Contact procedure and a team of parishioners to personally follow up on each visitor.
3. Identify new parishioners able to get involved with parish life, using their unique talents & skills. ie. children's liturgy, singer / musicians, altar servers, readers, etc.
4. Update the parish website with current contact details of group leaders, PPC and upcoming events & mass times.

STRATEGIC GOALS AND ACTION PLANS

1. Annual Combined Parish Mass and Family Gathering
 - Continue and encourage parishioners to support and to enhance the spirit of "Together as One".
 - Action – to be held alternately between St Joseph's and St Patrick's.
2. Advise parishioners the roles of the Parish Pastoral Council, & the Finance Committee, including names of the members. Action; Complete in early 2019, after the parish AGM in November 2018.
3. Arrange a workshop for all readers, leaders, Communion ministers, altar servers, Sacristans, Music team, Sacramental program team, RCIA team. Action; Fr Carlos

- together with assistance from the Diocese, has planned two meetings for September 2018.
4. Assistance required from new parishioners, to join one of the many groups/committees. Action; Subtle one on one request to join any of the groups.
 5. Establish a "skill base" within the parish due to the changing demographics. Action; PPC & Finance committee to organise during Q2 2019.
 6. Passionist family groups. Continue with the three groups at Huapai, but endeavour to develop groups in Helensville. Action; Nominate a person responsible for this task in Helensville, during Q2 2019.
 7. Re establish St Vincent de Paul society in Helensville. Action; Appoint a person in Helensville to review the possibilities, & report back to the PPC during 2019.
 8. Encourage Youth to be integrated within the general church community, [rather than via Youth groups]. eg, firewood for needy families, Vinnies Christmas hamper, readers, leaders, Altar servers etc. Action; Ongoing encouragement.
 9. Review & encourage assisting of funding for Youth activities, such as "Hearts & Flame", or weekend functions/programmes. Action; Nominate a person to lead during 2019.
 10. Conduct a Parish "Fit For Mission" review. Action; Conduct this review in Q2 2019.
 11. Annual Healing Mass & Seniors luncheon in Helensville. Action; Continue with the current programme, lead by John & Terri Smith.
 12. As leaders we need to ensure that we are adopting the standards as set out by the New Zealand Catholic Bishop Conference and that we are working together for a safe Church for all members of this parish.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER CHURCHES WITH IN THE PARISH

- St Joseph's Helensville – needed to have a representative to attend meetings with the different churches on the area.
- St Patrick's Huapai – Monica Calis is presently the representative in Huapai.