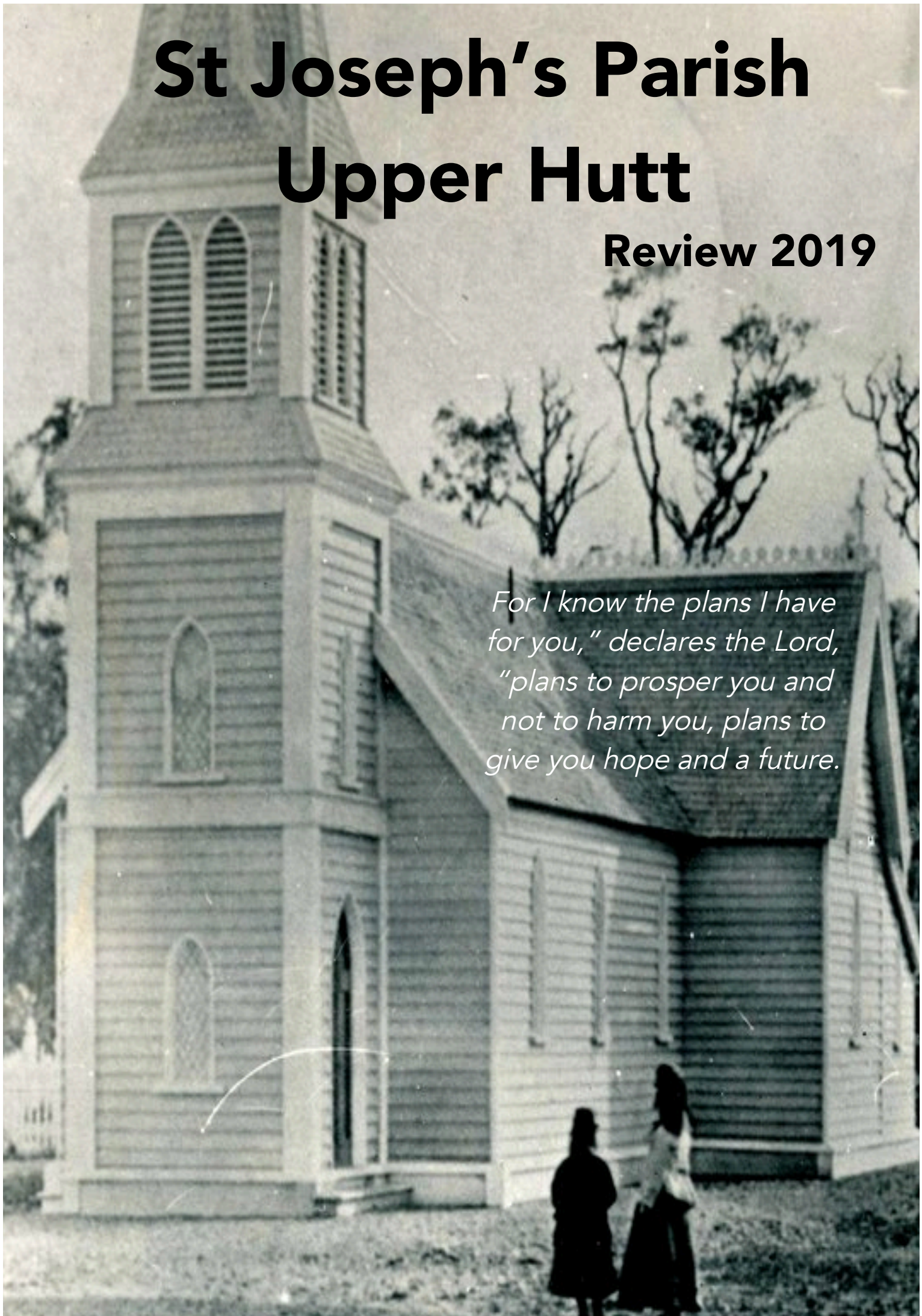


# St Joseph's Parish Upper Hutt

**Review 2019**

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## Background to the Review

The mission we seek to achieve, as directed by Cardinal John Dew is "to reach out to the poor", a synod call to minister to people on the peripheries of our Church community and the wider local community.

This mission is to be achieved by St Joseph's Parish family, who consist of St Joseph Parish Community and St Joseph's School.

To achieve our mission, we need to build community, deepen our knowledge of the mission, outreach to and give welcome, hospitality and support to the people on the peripheries.

## The Anchors to our Review

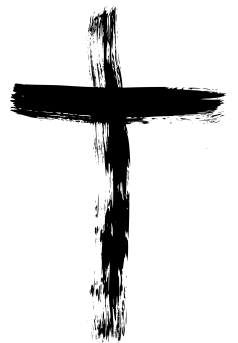
Baptism is the call to Mission and Ministry

Eucharist as source and summit of Catholic Life: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

St Joseph's Parish and St Joseph's School - one in Mission and Ministry

## Issues to consider within our Review

1. Becoming a poor church for the Poor
2. Reduction in ordained minister/s availability
3. Ensuring Financial Security
4. The growth of the Parish



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## **Current Resources available to our Parish**

### **Out reach groups**

St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, EJP group, Catholic Women's League, Community Meal, Communion to the Sick, Prison Visitation, Catechumenate, St Joseph's School

### **Prayer/Liturgy**

Divine mercy, Prayer/Bible reflection home groups, Adoration Chapel. Liturgy Committee, Legion of Mary

### **Social groups**

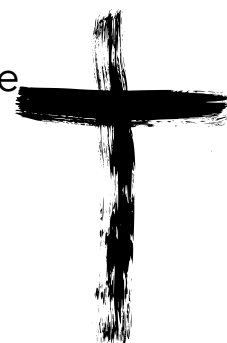
Play group, Friday Music, Youth group, Passionist Family groups, Catholic Women's League, Cultural Groups within our diverse community

### **Physical Assets**

St Joseph's Church, Presbytery, Meeting room, St Joseph's Hall, Tennis court, St Peter Chanel Centre, Nagel House (rentals), Land, Library

### **Personal**

Ordained minister, Pastoral Parish Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Cultural Groups, Diverse Community, Liturgical Ministries, Music Ministry.



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# 1. Becoming a poor Church For The Poor – 'Going out to the peripheries'

## Develop a plan to:

- Advertise and promote outreach group's constitution, activities, focus.
- Encourage membership of outreach groups
- Encourage parish participation in projects
- Identify and seek out those on the peripheries of our faith family and include them in participation and leadership.
- Seek out, the material poor, spiritually hungry and those on the peripheries in our local community and provide pathways to offer them welcome hospitality support.
- Make ourselves more welcoming to those on the peripheries
- Outreach to Ethnic groups within our own Faith community
- Bring the various groups from within our Parish together as one
- Encourage Ethnic leaders to outreach the their own communities and welcome them into Parish events

## How we achieve this?

- Increased opportunities to outreach
- Stronger partnership between Parish and School for outreach
- A child and youth focused parish
- Increased youth trained for leadership
- Promotional / Communication Team

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## 2.Reduction in Ordained Ministers

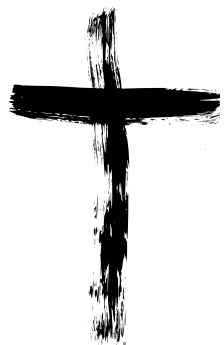
### Develop a plan to:

Provide opportunities for all to respond to their Baptismal call to Mission and Ministry

- Providing training for specific ministries - e.g. RCIA, Alpha program, Children's Liturgy, Bereavement support, Communion to the sick, Sacramental program
- Parish Based Training
- Education in the faith, bible study, scripture reflection, Church Encyclicals, Eucharist as source and summit and call to Mission
- Identify youth for leadership provide training for leadership and ministry
- Promote encourage welcome leadership from all ethnic groups within parish/school
- Encourage children to fuller participation in the life of church and Mission of the church age appropriate.
- Deepen the faith communities understanding of the celebration of the Mass
- Source out and or develop a modular training for ministry program

### How we achieve this?

- Education in faith coordinator and committee
- Parish Church promotion of youth, children, leadership and participation
- School promotion of Mission and Ministry as a vocational pathway



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### 3. Ensuring Financial Security

#### Develop a plan to:

- Become a stewardship focused Parish
- Utilize our buildings for community growth and outreach
- Promote planned financial commitment to parish of all parishioners inclusive of school community.

#### How we achieve this?

- Stewardship committee
- Time talent and treasure survey
- Buildings plan
- Strategies developed for consistent plan giving
- Communication group
- Set Budget to fund and achieve desired outcomes.



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## 4. The Growth of the Parish

### Develop a plan to:

- Maintain and enhance current liturgical practice, prayer and parish activities outside of Mass times
- Build the life of the community
- Engage with the Parish school and develop a partnership for mission
- Develop our understanding of children's experience of God and create opportunities to include this in wider parish life.
- Promote youth leadership and participation within the life of the faith community.
- Welcome and offer hospitality to those on the peripheries.
- Socialize together
- Provide support for those in need
- Advocate for justice and right relationships in the Church family and wider community
- Develop children and youth centered liturgies and prayer experiences
- Make opportunities for non-traditional celebration of the Eucharist (Café Church)
- Provide varied prayer experiences and celebrations
- Explore opportunities for sharing cross cultural traditions, music, language, prayer social activities
- Develop Maori cultural input / Te Reo in Mass
- Provide outreach to those in need, the elderly and the isolated



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## How we achieve this?

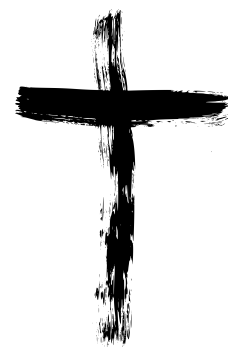
- Liturgy committee
- Social committee
- Pastoral Parish Council / School board member
- Youth leaders / youth council
- EJP committee
- Child advocate/committee
- Maori/Ethnic group animator
- Disabilities adviser
- ***Appropriate Spaces to complete the Mission***

## Appropriate Spaces to complete the Mission

- We need a shared facility to develop the Church community and to develop the links between the Parish and School
- We need a welcoming place that all can gather in comfortably with the community experience enhanced.
- A space the Parish community gathering to discuss our Parish clearly identified all that is given in the preceding paragraphs.

## Proposal

- To build a new Parish hall for the combined use of St Joseph's Parish and St Joseph's School



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## **We currently have**

A Church building that is purpose built for Sunday and weekday Mass and Prayer. It is used for sacramental gathering, and on occasion it can host visiting speakers, although in the winter months this is not practical as it is a large space that does not warm up.

A Parish foyer that was designed for gathering immediately after masses or sacramental gatherings for fellowship, with opportunity for a cup of tea and biscuit, out of inclement weather.

An old Parish hall, in need of continual maintenance that no longer meets the current needs of the Parish or school. The existing building has inadequate toilet spaces, an old kitchen lacking suitable cooking facilities for a large group, concrete floors, borer in the walls, single glazing, no insulation in the walls/roof, a roof that needs a \$29,000 replace, old wiring and a stage area that is of no viable use.

Houses and a parish center outside of town (St Peter Chanel), a more modern multi purpose building, built for the growing community of Maoribank that is under-utilized, but could be easily maintained and used for the purpose it was built. Centre used currently by the youth group for meeting.



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## **The proposal is to have a space:**

- For the school community to gather in and use as needed during the day that will meet their current needs and will be fit for purpose - today and for the next generation
- To provide for out of school activities that cater for our wider school community in an engaging and modern fashion.
- For the parish to gather together and enjoy each other's company, in warmth and comfort.
- To allow our children to get alongside the older members of the parish, where all feel comfortable.
- For those on peripheries to gather, for outreach dinners and other gatherings that support our mission to the poor
- For cultural activities for the whole community
- For indoor sporting activities for the whole community
- For spiritual gatherings for the whole community in comfort and warmth
- For the parish and school communities to provide welcome and comfort.



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