



Fr John Rea

Fr John Rea is a Marist Priest who will be visiting the Parish to lead 'Reaching for the Son - a Festival of Faith'.

Fr John has extensive experience in the tradition of prayer and healing and is available for private appointments for those in need.

Appointments with Fr John Rea are available from 24 June to 8 July during the daytime. Please call the parish office on 528 2028.

St Joseph's Upper Hutt Festival of Faith Prayer

Awesome Creator God, we thank you for calling all people to be part of your family. Give us the courage to reach out to those around us, and invite them to our Festival of Faith, faith that is awe in the face of the creator of life.

Help us to open our hearts to offer and receive healing and forgiveness.

Please forgive us for the times we have neglected one another, by not offering your love and support when it was needed.

Strengthen us to choose to forgive all who have hurt us, particularly within this parish and school community.

Awaken in us the desire to reach out for your Son, Jesus Christ by reading and reflecting on his Word.

May this Festival of Faith draw us closer, as a community, to the One who Loves us.

St Joseph, pray for us.

St Catherine, pray for us.

St Peter Chanel, pray for us. Amen



**Something is coming
to Upper Hutt...**



**Reaching for the Son
- a Festival of Faith**

24 June - 8 July 2012

**St Joseph's Parish
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You are warmly invited into your local Catholic Parish!

An open invitation

The parish of St Joseph's is extending a warm welcome to all members of the Catholic community in Upper Hutt and surrounding suburbs to join in a unique and inclusive festival of faith.

While this time of reflection and prayer is for all the Catholic community, we are especially inviting all who for any reason may not have been connected with the Parish for some time. You are warmly welcome!



Parish Priest Fr Ron Bennett

What is 'Reaching for the Son - a Festival of Faith'?

The festival will take place at St Joseph's parish in Upper Hutt from Sunday 24 June to Sunday 8 July.

The purpose of 'Reaching for the Son' is to gather together many people from different communities and cultures in our church. Gathering the many peoples and celebrating our various cultures will assist us to create an inclusive and connected community in Christ in our parish.

This will involve prayer and worship, mission and outreach, healing, shared food, community and a festival atmosphere.

Connect Reflect Celebrate Act.

For one week from 24 June Fr John Rea is available to visit people at home. Then at 7pm each evening from Sunday 1st July there will be session at St Joseph's, with morning sessions each weekday and Saturday 7th. Various groups within the parish will lead the liturgy followed by an inspiring talk from Fr John.



Programme

Sunday	1 July	God of Loving Relationships
Monday	2 July	Jesus Saviour
Tuesday	3 July	Hope
Wednesday	4 July	The Modern Family
Thursday	5 July	Holy Spirit
Friday	6 July	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	7 July	Our Lady

Times: 7.30pm - 8.30pm Sunday - Friday.
9.00am Weekdays and Sat (includes Mass).

Evening sessions include music, prayer, liturgy, Fr Rea's talk, and prayers for God's healing and grace.

Morning sessions include practical steps on experiencing your faith, starting with daily Mass.

Everyone is welcome and your prayers are requested that God will indeed bless our gatherings together.

