

# JOSHUA

**...a Catholic Men's  
Fellowship  
open to all men  
throughout  
New Zealand.**

*"All who are led by God's Spirit  
are God's Sons" (Romans 8:14)*

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supports and  
strengthens men in  
their Christian faith.**

God desires His sons to  
*"Be strong and stand firm" (Joshua 1:9)*

## **Prayer to St Joseph**

Dear St Joseph, following in the footsteps of Joshua the members of this fellowship, determined and confident, reach out to the men of this nation, to acknowledge Jesus in their lives. We ask you, St Joseph, to help us. Be our intercessor in heaven and protector here on earth as we move throughout this land. Amen.

*"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, our God." Joshua 24:15*

## **Prayer to St Michael**

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do you O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

*"Have I not told you, be strong and stand firm? Be fearless then confident" Joshua 1:9*

## **Memorare**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, our mother; to you do we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen."

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**(Joshua 1:9)**

## ORIGIN

Joshua Fellowship began in Auckland in 1986 when a small group of men met to pray about the need for a men's fellowship.

This was in response to an awareness:

1. There was a "macho" image of manhood
2. Many women were spiritually "alone" in their homes
3. Dove Fellowship had shown the special blessing of women's ministry
4. Many Church groups no longer existed
5. Men can and should "openly bear witness to Christ" and thus become effective evangelists of others.

These men continued to meet and pray for some months and numbers quietly grew. After a retreat in August 1986 directed by Bishop Denis Browne, Joshua Fellowship was formally established, with the late Fr. Ernie Milne I.C. as Chaplain.

## DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER

Joshua Fellowship has a Catholic spirituality, believing that the Holy Spirit, the scriptures, the sacraments and all the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, were given by God for all time, to be received with joy and humility for the increase of holiness, faith, hope, charity and healing.

## VISION

Joshua is a Catholic men's fellowship open to all men. Joshua encourages, supports and strengthens men in their Christian faith.

God desires His sons to "Be strong and stand firm" (*Joshua 1:9*).

Our hope is in Jesus and our primary focus is to help men into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus as Lord, Redeemer, Saviour and Friend.

On this firm foundation, we encourage men to "live and move and have their being" (*Acts 17:28*) as sons of the Living God; "bearing fruit" (*Jn 15*) as husbands and fathers in the home, as men in their local community, parishes and workplace; sure of their Christian identity and calling, motivated to serve Christ in all things.

## AUTHORITY

Joshua Fellowship operates under the authority of the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese in co-operation with the Diocesan Service Group of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Where and when possible, the Bishop appoints a Chaplain to each Fellowship, including the National Leadership Team (NLT).

Joshua Fellowship is governed by the National Leadership Team. Appointed advisors should be available to assist both the NLT and branch committees.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Give glory and honour to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, particularly through praise and worship.
2. Provide an environment where all men can respond to what the Lord is calling them to.
3. Teach from Scripture, the Catechism and Church document to educate men in the basic understanding of the Catholic Faith.
4. Allow the Lord to heal men in all areas of their lives.
5. Encourage men to participate in the sacramental life of the Church.
6. Assist in the formation of men as evangelisers, deacons, teachers, missionaries and ministers of the Lord.
7. Encourage the use of the gifts of the Spirit in accordance with Scripture, so that they may learn and live the ways of the Holy Spirit.
8. Support and assist where possible, other groups in the Church, particularly Dove Fellowship.
9. Encourage Catholic men to take their place where appropriate in inter-church gatherings and to support Church moves in ecumenism.
10. Inspire the men to be missionaries and spread the Word of God to others in their communities who have not heard it yet.