



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 23rd June 2024



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DAY OF PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Tena koe,

I would like to thank you for attending the Ministry Formation Day. Your presence expressed interest on matters important to our parish. I hope that you have gained a deeper view of what ministry is about and the answers to "why ministry."

Some of you have received email from me for the follow up practical trainings. We also need to write our own ways of operating as our guide in carrying out these ministries.

St. Patrick's school children for the sacramental program has celebrated their first reconciliation last Friday, 14th June, 2024. Congratulations to these children. I would also like to thank Fr. Kevin Connors for helping me out celebrating this wonderful sacrament with these children.

Our Brazilian students will be going back home on the 2nd week of July. They usually come as a group on Fridays for the Mass. Let us give them a farewell party after the Mass on the 5th July 2024. I will confirm this after I talk to them this Friday.

This weekend, we are celebrating the Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants. Prayer is a powerful way to show solidarity and support for refugees and migrants, acknowledging their dignity and humanity as children of God.

Reflecting on the Church's teachings can guide us in our prayers for them. In his encyclical "Laudato Si'," Pope Francis emphasizes the interconnectedness of all humanity and our responsibility to care for one another, especially those who are vulnerable and marginalized, such as refugees and migrants.

By offering our prayers and heartfelt intentions on this special day dedicated to refugees and migrants, we can join in solidarity with them, asking God to grant them strength, courage, and hope as they journey in search of safety and a better life. Let us remember the words of Pope John Paul II: "The unborn lives in the womb of his mother, yet every migrant and refugee is also your neighbor, a human being, with a face, a name, and a story."

May our prayers on this day be a source of comfort and support for all those who are displaced and seeking refuge, that they may find solace and assistance in their time of need.

Pā Dennis



Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

*God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven.
We live in our homeland,
but as if we were foreigners.
Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land is foreign to us.
Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary home.
Help us to keep walking,
together with our migrant brothers and sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need
becomes an encounter with Jesus, your Son and our
Lord. Amen.*

PARISH NOTICES

On Prayer

EXPOSITION Friday's 8.30am
St. Patrick's Church.

Note: Sunday Adoration is available
in St. Patrick's Church after hospitality.

ROSARY GROUPS

St. Anthony's Hall, Tue's 11.00am
St. Teresa de Avila, Fri's 10:30am
St. Patrick, Sat's 4.30pm

HOUSE TO HOUSE ROSARIES

- St. Patrick: Lia Laurel-Zamora, 23rd June 2024 at 10:30am
- St Teresa of Avila: Fely Curtice, 30th June 2024 at 12:30pm

WORD AT HOME Bible Study Group

Friday's 11.00am call:
Claire: 027 715 6130
Helen: 027 225 6722

COMBINED CHURCHES Monthly Prayer Meeting, Thursday 27 June, 7:30pm at St Teresa of Avila. All are welcome for the hour of prayer and reflection.

On Sacramental Program

PARENTS ON RECONCILIATION

Sunday 23rd June at St. Teresa's Church from 11:45am.

RECONCILIATION SACRAMENT

- St. Mary's School children: 27th June (Thursday) after the 9:30 am Mass
- St. Teresa School children: 2nd July (Tuesday) after the 9:30am Mass

On Socials

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursdays From 10.30am in Kainga Eatery, Carterton

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

All welcome following the Masses:

St. Patrick: Sun 8.30am

St. Teresa de Avila: Sun 10.30am

SHARED LUNCH 11.30am

Last Sun of the month at St Teresa's Church Hall, Fstn. Please bring a plate.

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Helen McGann Hanorah Lett Ikoke Fagasoiaia
Pat Tyrrell John Jenkins

Our sincere prayerful condolences to the families of the recently departed.

PRAYER (Please keep in your prayers)

Bob Knowles Philippa Fagg Terrence Nelson
Anita Ciffroy Nelson Potts (Terry)

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICES

LITURGY WORKSHOPS FOR 2024

Fr Patrick Bridgman will present four workshops on **The Sunday Eucharist**

- **Liturgy of the Word.** (26 June 7 - 9 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Petone)

These workshops are for anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of The Sunday Eucharist. Tea & Coffee will be available half an hour before the start time.

Register to c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

See you there.

JUSTICE, PEACE, AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

The Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission (EJP) is made up of 12 members who meet bi-monthly for these responsibilities:

- Supporting communities to hear and actively respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor;
- Scrutinising all issues and institutions in society and in the Archdiocese in the light of Catholic social teaching;
- Encouraging and enabling the people to collectively deepen their understanding of the "peripheries" in order to respond and take action for change.

If you are interested, please get in touch: d.meskill@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz

LIFE TEEN LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

30th Aug- 1st Sept 2024 Sacred Heart College Lower Hutt.. \$120 Per Person, Year 13 +

This August Life Teen Aotearoa is partnering with the Wellington Archdiocese to run the Life Teen Leadership Convention for those serving in youth ministry with young people. You will receive dynamic talks and youth ministry training from Life Teen International staff and local youth ministry experts; the opportunity to discuss youth ministry and network with others involved in youth ministry from around Aotearoa. You will have faith input, prayer and worship, and the chance to receive, be filled and be renewed in your own faith. This Convention is an opportunity not to be missed. **REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW: HEAD TO: <https://lifeteen.nz/convention> TO REGISTER.** Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions, registrations@lifeteen.nz. Nāku, nā Life Teen Aotearoa Leadership Convention Planning Team

TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024 SYNOD CONSULTATION

A new consultation document prepared by the bishops as part of the Holy Father's Synod 2021-24 process has been sent to Rome.

This document, titled *Towards October 2024*, follows the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference being asked to establish a consultation process to discern responses to specific questions related to the Vatican's *Synodal Church in Mission* report. That report was published after the First Session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, held in Rome last October. Copies of *Towards October 2024* can now be downloaded from our website: <https://www.wairarapacatholicparish.com/resources.html>

POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE FOR THE 110th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES 2024

Dear brothers and sisters!

Last 29 October marked the conclusion of the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. This session allowed us to deepen our understanding of synodality as part of the Church's fundamental vocation. "Synodality is mainly presented as a joint journey of the People of God and as a fruitful dialogue between the charisms and ministries at the service of the coming of the Kingdom" (Synthesis Report, Introduction).

Emphasizing the synodal dimension allows the Church to rediscover its itinerant nature, as the People of God journeying through history on pilgrimage, "migrating", we could say, toward the Kingdom of Heaven (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 49). The biblical narrative of Exodus, depicting the Israelites on their way to the promised land, naturally comes to mind: a long journey from slavery to freedom prefiguring the Church's journey toward her final encounter with the Lord.

Likewise, it is possible to see in the migrants of our time, as in those of every age, a living image of God's people on their way to the eternal homeland. Their journeys of hope remind us that "our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil 3:20).

The images of the biblical exodus and of migrants share several similarities. Like the people of Israel in the time of Moses, migrants often flee from oppression, abuse, insecurity, discrimination, and lack of opportunities for development. Similar to the Jews in the desert, migrants encounter many obstacles in their path: they are tried by thirst and hunger; they are exhausted by toil and disease; they are tempted by despair.

Yet the fundamental reality of the Exodus, of every exodus, is that God precedes and accompanies his people and all his children in every time and place. God's presence in the midst of the people is a certainty of salvation history: "The Lord your God goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you" (Deut 31:6). For the people who came out of Egypt, this presence manifested itself in different forms: a pillar of cloud and fire showing and illuminating the way (cf. Ex 13:21), the meeting tent that protected the ark of the covenant, making God's closeness tangible (cf. Ex 33:7), the pole with the bronze serpent assuring divine protection (cf. Nm 21:8-9), manna and water (cf. Ex 16-17) as God's gifts to the hungry and thirsty people. The tent is a form of presence especially dear to the Lord. During David's reign, God chose to dwell in a tent, not a temple, so that he could walk with his people, "from tent to tent and from dwelling to dwelling" (1 Chr 17:5).

Many migrants experience God as their traveling companion, guide and anchor of salvation. They entrust themselves to him before setting out and seek him in times of need. In him, they find consolation in moments of discouragement. Thanks to him, there are good Samaritans along the way. In prayer, they confide their hopes to him. How many Bibles, copies of the Gospels, prayer books and rosaries accompany migrants on their journeys across deserts, rivers, seas and the borders of every continent!

God not only walks with his people, but also within them, in the sense that he identifies himself with men and women on their journey through history, particularly with the least, the poor and the marginalized. In this we see an extension of the mystery of the Incarnation.

For this reason, the encounter with the migrant, as with every brother and sister in need, "is also an encounter with Christ. He himself said so. It is he who knocks on our door, hungry, thirsty, an outsider, naked, sick and imprisoned, asking to be met and assisted" (Homily, Mass with Participants in the "Free from Fear" Meeting, Sacrofano, 15 February 2019). The final judgment in Matthew 25 leaves no doubt: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (v. 35); and again "truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me" (v. 40). Every encounter along the way represents an opportunity to meet the Lord; it is an occasion charged with salvation, because Jesus is present in the sister or brother in need of our help. In this sense, the poor save us, because they enable us to encounter the face of the Lord (cf. Message for the Third World Day of the Poor, 17 November 2019).

Dear brothers and sisters, on this day dedicated to migrants and refugees, let us unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions. May we journey together with them, be "synodal" together, and entrust them, as well as the forthcoming Synod Assembly, "to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a sign of sure hope and consolation to the faithful People of God as they continue their journey" (XVI Ordinary General Assembly Synthesis Report: Proceeding Along the Journey).

Today's Lectionary Readings

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11

Responsorial Psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting* Ps 106 (107): 23-26, 28-32

Second Readings: 2 Cor 5:614-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29 (30):2, 4-6, 11-13

Second Readings: 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

WELCOM READERSHIP SURVEY

The Archdiocese of Wellington is conducting a survey over the next few weeks among Wel-Com readers within the Archdiocese of Wellington. The survey is intended to gauge readers' views about how they may prefer to receive news and information from the Archdiocese and how the Archdiocese can generally improve its communications with parishioners. The SurveyMonkey website link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PK66XNR>. This link will also be placed on the Archdiocese of Wellington website.

Weekly Mass Timetable

Mstn: St Patrick's Church, 375 Queen Street

Fstn: St Teresa de Avila Church, 50 Bell Street

* Liturgy of the Word & Communion (W & C)

25th June	Tues	10.00am	Mass - St Teresa of Avila Church	Ordinary Time
		5.00pm	W & C - St Patrick Church	Ordinary Time
26th June	Wed	11.00am	St. Luke's Anglican Church, Greytown	Ordinary Time
27th June	Thurs	9:30am	St. Mary's School	St. Cyril of Alexandria
28th June	Fri	9.30am	Mass—St. Patrick's Church	St. Irenaeus
29th June	Sat	5.00pm	Mass—St. Patrick's Church	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
30th June	Sun	8.30am	Mass - St Patrick's Church	13th Sunday, OT Year B
		10.30am	Mass - St Teresa of Avila Church	13th Sunday, OT Year B

Other Venues

Mboro:

St Anthony of Padua Hall, 36 Kitchener St.

Gtn:

St Luke's Anglican Church, 135 Main St.

Ctn:

* Richmond Funeral Home Chapel, 10 Richmond Rd.

* St Mary's School, 4 King St.

Fstn:

* St Teresa's School, 63 Bell St.

* St Teresa's School, Kiwi Hall, 62 Bell St.

Mstn:

* Chanel College 26 Herbert St.

* St Pat's School, 132 Chapel St.

ADMIN SECTION

PARISH ROLL UPDATE: If you would like to update your details or add your name to our parish roll as a new parishioner. Please use link on our parish website: <https://cpw.infoodle.com/f/ContactDetails>.

PLAN GIFTING DONATIONS (PG)

Acc Name: **ADW CPW**

BNZ 02-0688-0049100-00

To enrol in PG program please contact the Parish Office.

This continues to help support the day to day running of expenses for our Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS FOR WAIRARAPA

Church Building Projects Only

Account No: **02-0688-0049100-25**

ADW SAFEGUARDING ADVISER

Contact: 04 496 1768

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Sth Wai: Joanne - 022 088 6044

Nth Wai: Lisa - 021 076 1604

FRIDAY MASSES

Chanel College Masses will resume next term. All masses will be held in St Patrick's Church until the 3rd term.

SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion box is available in the foyers, of St Teresa of Avila and St Patrick Churches. Please send us your feedback.

RECONCILIATION:

Sat's: 4.00pm St Patrick's Church, Mstn.

Sun's: 11:30am St Teresa de Avila Church, Fstn.

All other Sacraments: Baptism and Marriages, please call Parish Office.

SCHOOL UPDATES

PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE SIGNING

The office is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4pm for preference signing. The significant familial adult will have to be a registered member of the parish. On how to be a member of the parish, please click this link: <https://cpw.infoodle.com/f/ContactDetails> or visit the website <https://www.wairarapacatholicparish.com/parish-roll-update.html>

ONLINE ROCKY ROAD FUNDRAISER

St Mary's School families are selling delicious rocky road to help support our school and our students.

How do I sign up to fundraise online? Each fund-raiser can sign up for their very own web page to send out to friends and family to collect sales.

Go to this website page: <https://stmaryscartertoncookies.raiseit.co.nz/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to assist reading at St. Pat's School. Please get in touch with Steve Wheeler.

St. Vincent De Paul Wairarapa Conference, contact Patrick 0274249365 .

New volunteers for the Vinnies Shop in Carterton are needed, even a few hours a week would be appreciated.

- We need people to reach out into the community and visit the sick and elderly.
- We need people to tell us who and where we can be of assistance.
- We need people who want to bless others, making a difference.

