



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'

Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April 2024



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Dear Parishioners,

Friends we continue to bask in our Easter joy in this Easter season.

It was wonderful to be a part of the beautiful liturgies across the parish for our Easter Triduum. I was delighted to see our churches full and people actively taking part.

Thankyou to those of you who helped in so many ways to make the liturgies so meaningful.

In our gospel reading for this Sunday we hear the story of doubting Thomas. It is a story common to all three cycles for the second day of Easter, but also common to all three cycles is the content from the first chapters of the book of Acts.

These passages emphasise the nature of the early Christian community – the fidelity to apostolic teaching, the life in common, the centrality of the Eucharist and prayer.

Luke's focus, however, is not simply the nature of the internal life of the community, but the impact this has on others. The life of the community is the great witness to others and the cause of others becoming part of the community.

The first disciples were drawn to Jesus in the flesh, but the new disciples are drawn to Jesus as revealed in the community by the power of the Spirit.

In Acts, Luke constantly underlines the twin themes of continuity and discontinuity. There are always echoes of Jesus' ministry ('they shared their food gladly and generously' – reminding us of the feeding of the crowds by Jesus). But at the same time, the Resurrection, and the sending of the Spirit, means that it is the Holy Spirit present in the community of faith that draws others to Christ. The key actor in the growth and spread of the gospel is the community of faith – Christ present through the Spirit in the body of the faithful.

That, of course, is always the understanding of the faith, today as in the first followers of 'the way'. It is this 'community of faith' that Thomas ignores. He goes his own way, grieves alone and is not prepared to accept the faith of the community. John's Gospel tells this story because at the time of its writing, many of those who know Jesus in the flesh had died.

In the future, people will believe not because they have seen Jesus, but what the community of faith have told them about Jesus, and the miracles happening through the Spirit alive in that community.

Easter blessings,

Deacon Matt

PARISH NOTICES

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

On Prayer

EXPOSITION Friday's 8.30am
Alternates between Chanel Chapel & St Pat's Church.

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

ROSARY GROUPS

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

WORD AT HOME Bible Study Group

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

On Socials

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursdays From 10.30am
in Kainga Eatery, Carterton



SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

All welcome following the Masses:
St. Pat: 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.



BECOMING A CATHOLIC RCIA PROGRAMME

Contact:
Claire: 027 715 6130



Your new Parish Pastoral Council which was commissioned near Christmas, has now met four times, including meetings in Masterton, Greytown and Featherston. Our next meetings will be in Carterton and then Martinborough.

Each meeting has been well over two hours as your Council, which includes someone from each town as well as Father Dennis and Deacon Matt, has strongly engaged on the many issues facing our new Parish.

Included in the issues we have progressed are the setting up of a new Liturgy Committee to oversee our two church committees, progressing the writing of a unifying Liturgy Plan and Pastoral Plan for our Parish, as well as agreeing the Finance Committee firm up the costings for fixing our two churches.

A decision has also been made by your Council on our new Parish Vision. It has been shared, feedback received, and finally agreed in our meeting this week. The new Vision statement is brief but important, and I leave you with it until our next update, which will be soon. We pray it will resonate with everyone, and be a simple reminder to us all of what we are all called to do by our Saviour.

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Peter McCardle
Chair, Wairarapa Parish Pastoral Council



We would appreciate your prayers for these St Teresa's School children who will be baptised as part of our St Teresa's School Mass in the Kiwi Hall on Tuesday 9th April at 10 am.

- *Annika*
 - *Bodhi*
 - *Brooky*
 - *Eve*
 - *George*
 - *Amelia*
 - *Riria-Jean*
 - *Cat*
- All are welcome to attend.

On 5th May, 2000, the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and The Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree stating clearly: *"the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II has graciously determined that in the Roman Missal, after the title Second Sunday of Easter, there shall henceforth be added the appellation 'Divine Mercy Sunday'..."*

Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, is not an optional title for this solemnity; rather, **Divine Mercy** is the second name for this Feast Day. As the title of the solemnity suggests, it is the great mercy of God that is being commemorated today.

In the Sacred Scripture, the Greek word for mercy is **eleos**, which has no exact English translation. More than feeling sympathetic or compassionate, **eleos** refers to *"the deliberate act to literally get inside someone else's skin until one thinks their thoughts, feel their emotions, understand their pain; and seeks to relieve it."*

Using this definition of mercy, we can now understand that the incarnation of Christ is an act by which God gets inside our skin. Jesus was born in human likeness, experiencing everything human including suffering and temptation. This is God's way of coming to us, letting us know of God's gracious will for us. And finally, Christ sacrificed himself in death for us to be in right relationship with God.

Jesus' last words before he died sums up God's great act of mercy. The Greek text for *"It is finished"* is **tetelestai** which means paid in full. In Jesus' time, this word **tetelestai** was found stamped on tax records completely settled. This means that the person does not owe anything anymore. So, what has been paid in full by Christ is the debt that separates us from God. Our sins have been completely forgiven.

Hence, Christ is the face of God's mercy. His whole life is the totality of God's grace of mercy for us. This grace flows freely from the cross. That is why mercy is the greatest gift given to us at Easter.

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Honoragh Lett Ikoke Fagasoia Jim Wyse Anne Scanlon Richard Griffith Sara Kamper Gerald Hensley Patrick McMenamin

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

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: If you have a family member housebound or in hospital. Or if you are aware of someone who cannot attend the masses and would like a priest to visit or someone to take Communion. Please ask permission from the person to contact the office on their behalf.

Today's Lectionary Readings
2nd Sunday of Easter
1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35
Psalm Response: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*
2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter
1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm: Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9
2nd Readings: 1 John 2:1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Fr. Dennis will take 5 days off on the third week (15th-19th) in April. Deacon Matt will preside liturgies in our churches and Mass centres while Fr. Dennis is away. Deacon Matt will also take 5 days off a week after that.

Weekly Mass Timetable

Mstn: St Patrick's Church, 375 Queen Street

Fstn: St Teresa de Avila Church, 50 Bell Street

9th Apr	Tues	10 am	Mass - St Teresa de Avila School -Kiwi Hall
		5 pm	W & C - St Patrick Church
10th Apr	Wed	11am	Mass - St Anthony's de Padua Hall
11th Apr	Thurs	9.30am	Mass -Richmond Funeral Home Chapel, Ctn
12th Apr	Fri	9.30am	Mass St Patrick's Church
13th Apr	Sat	5pm	Mass St. Patrick Church
14th Apr	Sun	8.30am	Mass - St Patrick Church
		10.30am	Mass - St Teresa de Avila Church

* *Liturgy of the Word & Communion (W & C)* **Mboro:** St Anthony of Padua Hall, 36 Kitchener St.

JUSTICE, PEACE AND ECOLOGY Commission is looking for members from our parish, if you are passionate about this social justice endeavors, call Pa. Dennis

RECONCILIATION: Sat's: 4.00pm
St Pat's Church, Mstn.
Sun's after 10:30am Mass, Fstn.
All other Sacraments like Baptism and Marriages, please call Parish Office for arrangements.

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 found on our parish website: <https://cpw.infoodle.com/f/ContactDetails>.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE is now running. Please click <https://www.wairarapacatholicparish.com/>

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
If your baptized child is turning 8 before September and is wanting to be confirmed and receive communion, please fill in the form in our parish website: www.wairarapacatholicparish.com/sacramental-program

PLAN GIFTING DONATIONS MARCH FIGURES INCOME



AP	\$19,325.00
Loose Cash	\$ 2,614.00
Other income	\$ 1,872.12
Total	\$23,811.12

Expense Profit and Loss	
ADW Levies	\$ 3,264.12
Clergy Support	\$ 7,258.88
General Expenses	\$11,524.00
Total	\$22,047.00
Net Profit	\$ 1,704.12

*Note: *All Easter Income will be added to April Income*

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

WAIRARAPA BUILDING PROJECT ONLY



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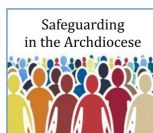
ADW Safeguarding Adviser

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Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Sth Wai: Joanne - 022 088 6044

Nth Wai: Lisa - 021 076 1604



Suggestion Box

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

