



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'

32rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B – 10th November 2024



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Dear parishioners,

I woke up Thursday morning hearing that Trump had won the US election. Even though we are far from it and outside our jurisdiction, our eyes are fixated on this election. News channels on both TV and the internet feature the election results.

It shows how globalized we are. The internet brings the whole world closer, and we become aware of what is happening on the other side of the world and can interact with them in real-time.

This is part of the epochal change that is happening all over the world. Postmodernism is a complex and multifaceted philosophical and cultural movement that emerged in the mid-20th century. The key features of this movement are the rejection of the metanarrative (Christianity), the skepticism towards objective truth and universal values, and the emphasis on individualism, pluralism, and relativism.

The implications of this change can be seen in the attitude towards authority, tradition, and institutions. We have often heard it: "I am spiritual but not religious." This is an emerging common perspective among many of our young people. One might also have to consider the question, "Why do our schools have many children enrolled but are not attending church anymore?" Is this another symptom of postmodernism?" And many more.

The Synod on Synodality, which I have just attended, is one of the Church's ways of responding to this paradigmatic shift. Synodality has been the *modus operandi et vivendi* of the Church since its conception. Synodality, journeying together, means listening to each other and discerning as a faith community. It emphasizes collaboration, co-responsibility, and shared decision-making. It embraces diversity and inclusivity, fosters dialogue, encourages participatory decision-making, and, most significantly, recognizes the Holy Spirit's presence in the community.

The final document, which will be made available to everyone, is accepted by Pope Francis as it is. It means he will not write any exhortation based on the final document.

We need to change (not doctrinal) for our Church to be relevant again. The synod provides some practical ways that could be helpful as we reimagine our ways of doing Church. We should not be satisfied by just maintaining our Church. Let us be a church on fire for Mission in this postmodern world.

Today's gospel tells us Jesus praised the old widow who put only two coins into the treasury box. "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." In synodality, everyone has a place in the Church and a role and responsibility to play for the Mission of the Church. Even if you only have a penny less than the poor widow...

Na,

Pa Dennis

Our First Holy Communion Candidates:

Please pray for them as they receive their first Communion this Sunday...

Amelia	Emily	Franciszka	Zethan	Lucy	Tatham	Bella
Princess	Leo	Amaia	Cian	Jasper	Jessica-Ann	
Catherine	Rocco	Neraiah	Nina	Eloise	Ella	



PARISH NOTICES

On Prayer

EXPOSITION

- Fridays, 8.30am, St Pat's Church/Alternates between chapel and church
- Tuesdays 9am, St. Teresa's Church (when it is a church mass)

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 ROSARY

St Pat's -

For October:

Nov 3: Lhyn Enquig Kitchenham

Nov 3 – Nov : Greg/Jane Bourke

Nov 17 – Dec 1: Marissa Maypa Napier

St Teresa's -

Mia Rara

WORD AT HOME Bible Study Group

Friday's 11.00am call:

Claire: 027 715 6130

Helen: 027 225 6722

On Sacramental Program

BECOMING A CATHOLIC RCIA PROGRAMME:

Contact: Claire: 027 715 6130

On Socials

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursday from 10.30am Kainga Eatery, Carterton, reserved area for all members of the parish. after the 9.30am school mass at St Mary's. Transport call Mike 021 293 1375.

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.

Columban Calendar 2025
 Purchase yours from the Parish Office during the week. \$13 each.



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Alyson Thomsen	Linda Bouton	Molly McGillicuddy
Sean Mulcahy	Bob Knowles	
	Jennifer Muth & Suzanne & her Daughter	

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Barbara Hoskins Gerard Fouhy Mark Horton
Our sincere prayerful condolences to the families of the recently departed.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

WORKING BEE St Patricks Church Masterton

Many thanks for all the efforts around the Church, it is looking great.



More hands make light work!!!

Cleaning - 10.00am, Saturday 9th November 2024

PARISH RETREAT

November Weekend retreat at Magnificat Featherston

Dates: Evening Friday 22 until 1pm Sunday 24th

Retreat Director: Father John Walls from Silverstream College.

Theme: The Road to Emmaus: Luke 24 vs 13-35

Where have I come from?

Where am I now?

Where am going?



We hope to self cater with pre prepared food, to make it affordable for all.

Cost **\$125** each for Weekend.

Numbers restricted to 20 single Rooms and 5 Double.

Phone or text Helen ASAP 027 225 6722 for more details and to book!

MASS FOR THE PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS YEAR

A special Mass is being organized for our parishioners who passed away this year on the last Friday of November (29th). More details in the next issue of the newsletter.

Archdiocese Notices

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

Catholic Social Services HOPE Appeal.

1 – 30 November 2024. Bringing hope

to our communities since the 1960s

through social work, parenting

programmes, hospital chaplaincy,

prison chaplaincy,

community facilitation and advocacy. Make an impact and

donate your time, talents or treasure:

www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

"...as the first twenty-five years of the new century draw to a close, we are called to enter into a season of preparation that can enable the Christian people to experience the Holy Year in all its pastoral richness."

Visit <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/> to find out more about Jubilee Year celebrations in Wellington in 2025. You can also download your own Jubilee Year calendar from this link.

COME & SEE VOCATIONS MORNING

Exploring the vocation to the priesthood with Fr David Dowling, Rector of Holy Cross Seminary.

Saturday 7th December 9am - 1pm at the Archdiocesan Offices, 204/2 Thorndon Quay. Please email

l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or text 021 164 5800 if you would like to join us.

MASS WITH THE NEW APOSTOLIC NUNCIO

The new Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand and the Pacific, Archbishop Gábor Pintér, will formally present his letter of introduction to the President of the New Zealand Bishops Conference in the presence of New Zealand's other bishops at the 7pm Mass at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, on Sunday 10 November. The Nuncio will be the main presider at the Mass. All are welcome.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS:
<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

WAIRARAPA PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Venue: Carterton Events Centre

Time: Starts with a Vigil Mass at 5pm

Date: Saturday 14th December

Share Faith Food and Fun - i.e, bring a plate and share your talent, song/dance etc

Due to venue regulations no alcohol is permitted.

Wanted volunteers please call Helen 027 225 6722

Please mark this in your diaries.

FEATHERSTON ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

You are invited to an evening of celebration, exalting Christ Jesus through the words of songs, and inviting everyone to receive a blessing.

Date: Sunday 22 December

Time: Start 6:30pm - 7:30pm (Pete/Karina to confirm day before flyers and comms go out)

Venue: Featherston AG Church

There will also be an interactive quiz leading into each Carol, small giveaways) given to out to quiz participants, and a live band to play/sing carols.

Mark you calendar. More details in the next issue of the newsletter.

MASTERTON ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Time to be together as we move towards Christmas. Please take this wonderful opportunity to join with our ecumenical families and friends as we celebrate the Festive season.

The afternoon will include readings, poems, prayers, carols, and then time to enjoy hospitality together with shared afternoon tea.

Time: 2.00 – 4.30pm

Date: Sunday, 8 December

Place: The Landing, 35B Pokohiwi Road, Homebush, Masterton 5810

What to bring: It would be greatly appreciated if you can bring a plate to swell the feast and any items to contribute for the foodbank.

Parents/guardians please note: there are open waterways handy to the venue. You will need to actively supervise your children if they go outside. Catholic parish contacts for this event:

Maria Hinton 021 114 6309 or Juliet Palmer 027 322 5080.

Mark in your calendar.

PARISH MAILING ADDRESS

We are still receiving mail at 164 Dixon Street, please change to the following:

PO Box 639, Mstn 5840 if you are mailing anything to the Parish Office or Clergy. The physical address will no longer be used for posting or delivered to 164 Dixon Street, due to NZ postage changes.

Only courier services will deliver to our physical address.



Today's Lectionary Readings

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2 (R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Readings: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

Second Readings: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

THE POWER OF SELFLESS GIVING

The poor widow's humble offering, though small in monetary value, surpasses the lavish donations of the wealthy.

A Contrast of Values

The rich contributors, likely esteemed members of society, gave from their abundance. Their donations, though substantial, were mere tokens of their wealth. In contrast, the poor widow, likely marginalized and overlooked, gave everything – her entire livelihood.

The Widow's Trust

Her actions speak volumes about her trust in God. Despite her poverty, she surrendered all she had, demonstrating an unwavering faith in Providence. Her gift was not a calculated gesture but a radical act of dependence on God.

Challenging Our Perspectives

Jesus confronts our understanding of generosity:

1. *Reevaluating wealth: True riches lie not in material possessions but in our relationship with God.*
2. *Rethinking sacrifice: The widow's gift, though small, was immense in God's eyes due to her trust and vulnerability.*
3. *Redefined worth: Our value is not measured by what we possess but by our willingness to surrender.*

Invitation to Reflection

1. *What are the "surplus" areas in my life where I can give more?*
2. *What fears or doubts hold me back from trusting God completely?*
3. *How can I cultivate a spirit of selfless generosity?*

Lessons for Our Lives

1. *Generosity is a state of heart: Not just about what we give, but why and how we give.*
2. *Faith precedes action: Trusting God enables us to surrender our fears and doubts.*
3. *True wealth is spiritual: Our relationship with God is the greatest treasure.*

DIVINE RENOVATION AND ALPHA PROGRAM

Zoom session on Wednesday 13 November at 9am.

Jonathan Roumie is the actor who played Jesus in the film "The Chosen". "The Chosen" is a crowd-funded television series about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

Fr. James Mallon is the creator of "Divine Renovation". He spoke at a Priests national gathering here in New Zealand a few years ago about how to reinvigorate our church communities. **Nicky Gumbel** is the inspiration behind the "Alpha" program.

Register at: [https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/4940492? tfa_5483=Website](https://divinerenovation.tfaforms.net/4940492?tfa_5483=Website)

As the body of Christ, we are called to make Jesus present in every age to all people.

What is the title of Pope Francis new encyclical letter?
"Dilexit nos,"

Weekly Mass Timetable

Mstn: St Patrick's Church, 375 Queen Street

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

Fstn: St Teresa de Avila Church, 50 Bell Street

* See notice in newsletter for adorations and rosary times.

12th Nov	Tues	10.00am	Mass - St. Teresa' of Avila Church	ST. JOSAPHAT
		5.00pm	W & C - St. Patrick's Church	
13th Nov	Wed	11.00am	Mass - St. Luke's Church	
14th Nov	Thurs	9.30am	Mass - St. Mary's School	
15th Nov	Fri	9.30am	Mass — St Patrick's Church	ST. ABLERT THE GREAT
16th Nov	Sat	5.00pm	Mass—St. Patrick's Church	St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude Blessed Virgin Mary
17th Nov	Sun	8.30am	Mass - St. Patrick's Church	33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
		10.30am	Mass - St. Teresa of Avila Church	

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.

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

PREFERENCE CERTIFICATE SIGNING

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4pm. 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>

SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion box is available in the foyers, of St Teresa of Avila and St Patrick Churches.

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.

ROSARIES AVAILABLE FOR ORDER please contact Ngaire at faithrosaries.greger4@gmail.com or 377 7216. Also available at Carterton Craft Market everyday from 10am to 3pm.

St. Vincent De Paul Wairarapa Conference

Contact Patrick 0274249365 .

New volunteers needed to reach out into the community and visit the sick and elderly, to tell us who and where we can be of assistance, to bless others, making a difference...



PARK YOUR CARS away from the front area of the St Patrick's Church for safety reasons.

IN NEED OF PRAYER? The Prayer Chain Ministry can help and support you in prayer in private and with respect for privacy. Please contact Marie Shone at msmandaran94@gmail.com

SOMEONE IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN THE RESTHOME? For those taking communion to the sick and housebound ministry can give communion to them. Please txt Lisa 021 076 1604, or email dudleyark@gmail.com permission must be granted from a family member/guardian or the person themselves.

SOMEONE IN NEED OF THE ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

Fr. Dennis Nacorda: 027 296 8663

Please contact asap. Especially if someone is in preparation for their final journey.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN SOMEONE IN MASS FOR A WHILE NOW? Please get in touch with them. Give them a ring or a visit and see how they are doing or you can also contact Helen Morgan at helenm808@hotmail.com