



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'

3rd Sunday of Easter—14th April 2024



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Tena koutou katoa,

As we continue our journey post-resurrection, we are confronted with the question as a parish: "where to from here?" This leads us to reflect on what is the call that Easter has on us as a church? What does it mean to be a church?

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he left us what the theologians called the missionary mandate (or great commission in Matthew 28:18-20: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...) This is rooted in the very origins of the Church, as it was divinely sent to the nations to be the "universal sacrament of salvation."^{1 2}

The synod on synodality synthesis document explicates that the Church is mission and not the Church has a mission. This missionary nature flows from the "fountain-like love" of God the Father, who generously pours out His divine goodness so that all may share in His life and glory.³ Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Church is to proclaim the Good News of Christ to all people, following in the footsteps of the Apostles who "preached the word of truth and begot churches."⁴ The Gospel must take root in each culture through a process of inculturation.⁵

Hence, the Church's mission is not merely to save souls, but to restore all things in Christ, bringing about the Kingdom of God and the unity of the human family.⁶ This mission extends to the whole moral order, teaching the way of justice and love that leads to true human flourishing.⁷

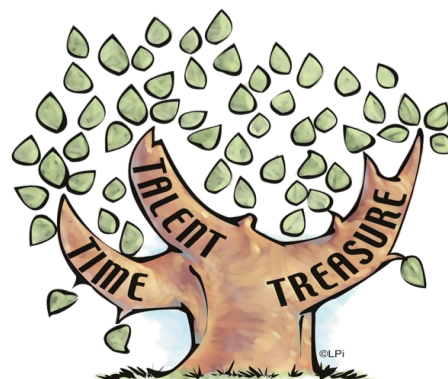
It is interesting to note what Pope John Paul II wrote in *Redemptoris Missio* that the effectiveness of the Church's communities and works must be measured by the missionary imperative.⁸ He further said that only by becoming truly missionary can the Church overcome divisions and rediscover its unity and strength of faith.

Therefore, a church that is not actively engaged in this missionary work of evangelisation and establishing new Christian communities is failing to live out its essential identity and purpose. It is not truly the Church that Christ founded and called to bring the Good News to the world.^{9 10 11}

This is something we need to reflect upon as we continue our journey in this easter season especially we are having the Parish Gifting Sunday on the 28th of April 2024. This is our opportunity to offer our time, talent and treasure for the church and its mission.

Nāku noa nā,

Pā Dennis



¹ Compendium of the CCC 173

² General Audience of 14 June 2000 4

³ Ad Gentes 6

⁴ Christifideles Laici 35

⁵ CCC 849

⁶ Ad Gentes 1

⁷ Instruction on Christian freedom and liberation – Libertatis conscientia 63

⁸ Redemptoris Missio 49

⁹ Christifideles Laici 35

¹⁰ CCC 849

¹¹ Redemptoris Missio 39

PARISH NOTICES

On Prayer

EXPOSITION Friday's 8.30am
Alternates between Chanel Chapel & 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



WORD AT HOME Bible Study Group

Friday'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. 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.



PARISH LADIES will meet at Harlequin on
Wednesday 17 April at 10.30.

The **Mayor Gary Cafell** will be our guest
speaker. If your Christian name begins n - Z
please bring a small plate to share for morning
tea.

All ladies in the parish are very welcome.
It would be great to see you there!

Other Notices

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



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If your baptised 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

RESPITE

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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC RCIA PROGRAMME

Contact: Claire: 027 715 6130



POPE FRANCIS HAS DECLARED 2025 AS A YEAR OF JUBILEE WITH THE THEME "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

"The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

Pope Francis.

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will give voice to Pope Francis' desire to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Preparations are underway. All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. The 2024 focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope. The NZCBC has created an informative webpage. Please visit the website <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> to find out more information and watch this space for opportunities to become involved in Jubilee 2025.

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/>



Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage - all engaged couples are strongly encouraged to attend the Archdiocese of Wellington's flagship marriage preparation course, "Love is a Decision", the next course is on 9 & 16 June 2024 at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. For further details or to register visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ or email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz. Explore the realities of a lifetime of married love through a variety of relevant topics...

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

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Hanorah Lett Ikoke Fagasoia Jim Wyse

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.

"PEACE BE WITH YOU." We offer each other this sign of peace before communion in the Mass. This is the post-resurrection greeting spoken by Jesus to his disciples which is rich in meaning and significance.

These words were not merely a casual greeting, but a profound gift and proclamation of the peace that Christ had won for humanity through his death and resurrection. The word "peace" in this context comes from the Hebrew word "shalom," which encompasses not just the absence of conflict, but the fullness of wholeness, harmony, and right relationship with God and others.¹

When the Risen Lord appeared to his fearful and dejected disciples, he first spoke these words to calm their hearts and fill them with the peace that only he could give.² This peace was not the result of human effort or political negotiation, but flowed directly from Christ's victory over sin and death.³ By imparting his peace, the Risen Jesus was restoring his disciples, reconciling them to the Father, and empowering them to be ministers of that same reconciliation to the world.⁴

As Pope John Paul II explained, this "Easter peace" is a "precious gift" that the Church is called to share through her witness, especially in times of conflict and division.⁵ The repeated greeting of "peace be with you" underscores the centrality of this peace to the Risen Lord's mission and the Church's own identity and purpose.⁶ It is a peace that heals, renews, and sends forth - a peace that the world cannot give, but which Christ freely offers to all who believe in him.

¹ Apostolic Journey to the Democratic Republic of Congo: Holy Mass at "Ndolo" Airport (Kinshasa, 1st February 2023)

² 3 June 1999, Corpus Domini 4

³ General Audience of 23 April 2003 2

⁴ Caritate Christi Compulsi 21

⁵ 13 September 1988, Eucharistic Celebration in the "National Stadium" of Gaborone (Botswana) 1

⁶ Holy Mass on the liturgical feast of Divine Mercy (24 April 2022)

Today's Lectionary Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalm Response:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Psalm: Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29.
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2nd Readings: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

LITURGY WORKSHOPS FOR 2024:

Fr Patrick Bridgman will present four workshops on

The Sunday Eucharist-

1. **What do we believe?** (20 April 10am - 12pm)

St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, Johnsonville

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

3. **Liturgy of the Eucharist** (17 August 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria)

4. **It's impact in our lives.** (16 October 7 - 9 pm, St Theresa's, Plimmerton)

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.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz See you there.



FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION - GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT!



Divine Renovation (DR) is a Catholic organization focused on parish renewal. Parish Pastoral Council members and everyone interested in parish leadership are warmly invited to join us for a thought-provoking evening of inspiration as we ponder where to for our parishes. We strongly recommend being there in person, but you can join us on Teams. Please email for more details. l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Date: Thurs-day 18 April - 6:30pm (Cup of tea) 7.00pm- 9.00pm Session, Venue: St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville, Wellington.

21ST APRIL is the **61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations** to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray that more young people will generously say yes to God's call in their lives, and that they will find a supportive community around them.

WHO CAN YOU ENCOURAGE?

Pray for them.

Invite them to consider priesthood or religious life.

Affirm their gifts and qualities.

Encourage them to be open to God's call.

Visit wellingtonpriests.org to explore the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The website features vocation stories of

local priests and seminarians, as well as helpful materials for anyone discerning a vocation. For more information contact Fr Andrew Kim at

wellingtonpriests@gmail.com or Lucienne Hensel at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Rise up! Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life... Have the courage to commit!"

Pope Francis, Vocation Sunday 2024



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)

16th Apr	Tues	10.00am	W & C - St Teresa de Avila Church
		5.00pm	W & C - St Patrick Church
17th Apr	Wed	11.00am	W & C - St Luke's Church
18th Apr	Thurs	9.30am	W & C - Richmond Funeral Home Chapel
19th Apr	Fri	9.30am	W & C St Patrick's Church
20th Apr	Sat	5.00pm	Mass St. Patrick Church
21st Apr	Sun	8.30am	Mass - St Patrick Church
		10.30am	Mass - St Teresa de 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.

PARISH GIFTING SUNDAY

On the 28th April 2024, we will celebrate the three T's of giving in the parish —



Time, Talent, and Treasure. Why give? The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2043 explains that one of the five precepts of the Catholic Church is to provide for the "material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability" (CCC 2043). All the richness we have are gifts from God in Jesus Christ. These gifts are meant to be shared for the good of all just as Jesus spared his divinity to enrich us all with dignity.

Why the Church? The Church was given the Missionary Mandate by Christ before His Ascension "to make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19). All of us, the people of God, are the Church. Therefore, generosity is encouraged toward the Church, so that she may always have what is necessary to live out this mission.

How can we give?

- Time — Time may be the most valuable resource we all have—once it's gone, it's gone. That's why it's universally understood how precious the gift of time truly is. This type of giving is providing someone else with your own time to help others.
- Talent — You can use your own talent/profession to give to the church community, or anywhere there is a need.
- Treasure — Donating your treasure is usually understood as a euphemism for money. Apart from normal weekly donations (planned giving), donations or bequests may also be ways in which we can share our treasure.

The CCC notes that "From the very beginning Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need." The Third Provincial Council of Tuam in 1858 stated that "no more be demanded than what is offered spontaneously and voluntarily" as a proof of a conscience that is practicing Christian discipline.

Please take a time to reflect on this.

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

TAX RECEIPTS NOTES for year end Mar 2023-2024.

Please ensure the Parish office has your correct home & email addresses. These will be sent via email unless requested to be posted by the end of April.



PLAN GIFTING DONATIONS

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

Acc Name: **ADW CPW**
BNZ 02-0688-0049100-00

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



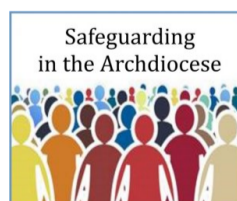
ADW SAFEGUARDING ADVISER

Contact: 04 496 1768

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

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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.

