



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'

4th Sunday of Easter—21st April 2024



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4th Sunday of Easter- Good Shepherd Sunday

Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kamusta and Greetings.

Its been good to get around the parish this week and meet with some of you at our Liturgy of the Word services while Pa Dennis enjoys a well-earned break.

This coming Thursday is Anzac day and an opportunity with the rest of the nation to pause, remember and pray for all those that have lost their lives fighting for our country and those who have been affected by war. You're invited to attend the morning mass in St Teresa de Avila 10.00am on Anzac day.

Thank you for the many different ways you currently serve our parish from those on the Parish Liturgy Committee to those that vacuum the church, and all our other parish ministries. We appreciate all that you do. It may be that you have a specific job in the parish that you would like to volunteer for.

Next weekend after Eucharist, there will be an opportunity to sign up in our Parish Gifting Sunday offering your time talent and treasure in a way that can best serve our faith community, for the church and its mission.

Today the fourth Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday as the readings are from John Chapter ten where Jesus refers to himself as the Good Shepherd.

It is also the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** to the priesthood and religious life. Today is an opportune time to look around our faith communities and consider who you could pray for, invite, and encourage to consider priesthood. You are also asked to 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.

"Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call...is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness," Pope Francis Vocation Sunday 2024.

Nga mihi Deacon Matt



PARISH NOTICES

On Prayer

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

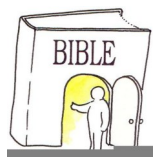
Note: Sunday Adoration is available in St. Patrick's Church after hospitality.

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



Anzac Remembrance

Service on 25 April will be held in St Patrick's Church Masterton at 9.30am.

This is a Liturgy of the Word & Communion.

All are welcome.



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.



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

Deacon Matt away 22nd—26th April

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.

This Sunday is called **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**. It is also a Day of Prayer for Vocations, particularly to priesthood and religious life.

In the early Church, the figure of Christ as the Good Shepherd was a prominent image in the art world. It had great meaning for the early Christians since it often appeared, painted or sculpted, in the catacombs and on sarcophagi and baptismal fonts.

This image of Jesus also started to reflect in the liturgy. Prior to Vatican II this day was celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Easter, but since then it is always on the **4th Sunday of Easter**.

The concept of the Good Shepherd is closely related to the idea of vocations, particularly vocations to the priesthood. The image of the Good Shepherd, as portrayed in the Bible and Christian tradition, is a central model for understanding the role and responsibilities of priests and bishops in the Church.

According to Pope John Paul II, the parish priest is called to continue the mission and task of Jesus the Good Shepherd by feeding the flock, teaching, instructing, giving grace, defending souls, consoling, helping, converting, and above all, loving the people entrusted to his care.¹ In this present age, there are several key challenges that priests face in fulfilling this calling in the modern world.

First and foremost, the priest is called to continue the mission and task of Jesus Christ himself, the "Good Shepherd". As Pope John Paul II emphasized, the priest must "feed the flock",² teaching, instructing, giving grace, defending souls, consoling, helping, and converting - all while loving his flock. This requires a deep spiritual life and close union with Christ, the source of all pastoral charity.³

However, the priest's role extends beyond just the spiritual care of his community. Pope John Paul II noted that priests must also be "alert to the challenges of the world today and sensitive to the problems and hopes of their people, sharing their experiences and growing, above all, in solidarity towards the poor."⁴ This call to engage with the temporal realities of their parishioners is a significant challenge for priests.

Another key challenge is the priest's need to be a "sign of unity" for his flock, avoiding any involvement in partisan politics that could divide the community.⁵ This requires great wisdom and prudence, as priests must navigate complex social and cultural issues while remaining firmly rooted in the teachings of the Church.

Priests must also be vigilant in guarding the "rich deposit of faith" and remaining faithful to the Magisterium, as the effectiveness of their proclamation of the Gospel depends on this fidelity.⁶ In an age of increasing moral relativism, this commitment to upholding Church teaching can be a significant challenge.

Finally, priests face the ongoing challenge of fostering priestly vocations and supporting the spiritual growth of their brother priests.^{4 5} As Pope John Paul II emphasized, the faithful must "love your priests! Esteem them, listen to them, follow them! Pray for them every day."⁷ Without the faithful's support and co-operation, priests will struggle to fulfil their role as good shepherds.

Hence, the priest's calling as a good shepherd requires a multifaceted response to the spiritual, temporal, and communal needs of his flock, all while remaining faithful to the teachings of the Church and fostering priestly vocations. These challenges are significant, but the Church's teachings make clear that with the grace of God and the support of the faithful, priests can fulfil this noble vocation.

¹ 6 May 1979: Visit to the parish of Saint Anthony of Padua in Rome

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³ Ecclesia in America 39

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⁶ 4 October 1979: Mass for the American Priests in Philadelphia 3

⁷ 6 May 1979: Visit to the parish of Saint Anthony of Padua in Rome 2

Today's Lectionary Readings

4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Psalms Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

5th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Psalms: Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

2nd Readings: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8



LITURGY WORKSHOPS FOR 2024:

Fr Patrick Bridgman will present four workshops on

The Sunday Eucharist-

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



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)

23rd Apr	Tues	10.00am	Mass - St Teresa de Avila Church
		5.00pm	W & C - St Patrick Church
24th Apr	Wed	11.00am	Mass - St Anthony's Hall
25th Apr Anzac	Thurs	10.00am	Mass - St Teresa de Avila Church
		9.30am	Remembrance Service — St Patrick Church
26th Apr	Fri	9.30am	Mass - St Patrick's Church
27th Apr	Sat	5.00pm	Mass—St. Patrick Church
28th 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.

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



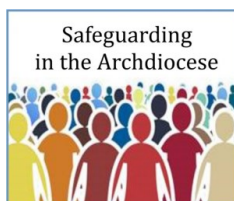
ADW SAFEGUARDING ADVISER

Contact: 04 496 1768

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

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.



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.