



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'

5th Sunday of Easter—28th April 2024



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Tena koutou katoa,

This weekend, we celebrate Parish Gifting Sunday in the Masses. We are reminded of the immense joy that comes from offering our time, talent, or treasure to help the Church achieve its mission.

The Gospel reading on the Vine and Branches reminds us that our spiritual vitality depends on our remaining in Christ, the source of all spiritual gifts. We are called to use our unique God-given gifts and talents to contribute to the overall health and vitality of our local parish community and the universal Church. This means that our

gifts and talents are used to build up the unity and fruitfulness of the whole parish. Through this kind of sharing, the parish community continues to mature. This maturation process is always directed towards achieving the parish vision of living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, not just within our four walls but to the wider society.

Hence, I encourage you to participate in this parish gifting celebration. You will find these forms and pens at the edge of your seats. Once we have collated all the forms, we will have a Ministry Formation Day, and everyone who has offered their

gifts and talents is invited to attend.

This is to help us understand what it means to serve the Church.

Nā, Pā Dennis



Jesus is the True Vine

Jesus says that He is the vine and we are the branches. Branches grow out from a vine and receive their food from the main stem. They grow leaves and bear fruit.

Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay united with Him then our souls are healthy and able to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.



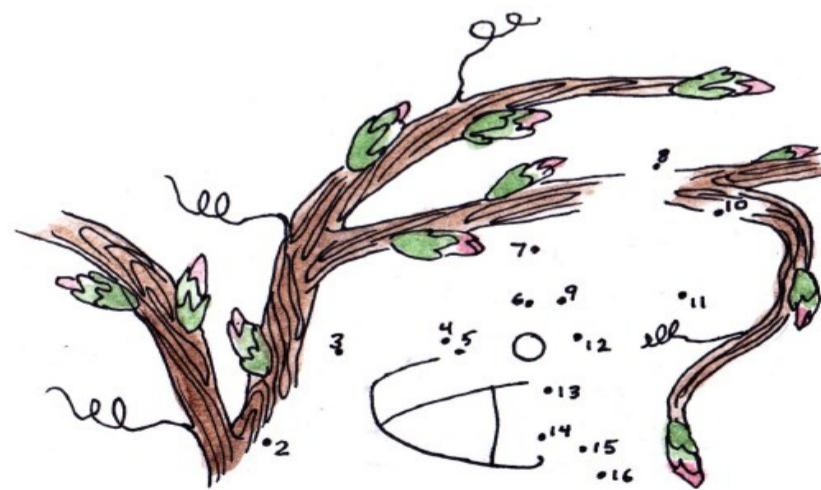
Doing a serious sin is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut off! The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's life coming into it.

Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that God might be using this time to make your soul stronger!



The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024



Jesus tells us that He is the true vine and we are the branches. But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

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.

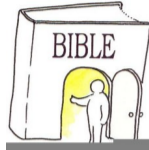
ROSARY GROUPS

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



A warm welcome back to our parish schools, we
wish you all well for term 2.
Part of the term means the start of the Sacramental
programs for many of you.

If your child does not attend one of our parish
schools, but would like to take part.

We welcome you to join with our schools, (please
seek permission to leave your school of attendance,
during the scheduled program days & times.

Please contact the parish office or register via the
details below.

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/

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
safety reasons.



BECOMING A CATHOLIC RCIA PROGRAMME

Contact: Claire: 027 715 6130



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Wairarapa, New Zealand

Invites you and your family to the

Christian Life Programme

Starting on

Sunday, May 5 2024 at 2PM

Chanel College School Hall

Herbert Street, Masterton

This is a free event for couples,
widows, widowers, divorced,
and single parents.

Refreshments will be provided

For more information please contact:

Mitchie Soriano 027 450 9202

Ellen Abaton 022 691 8935

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/>

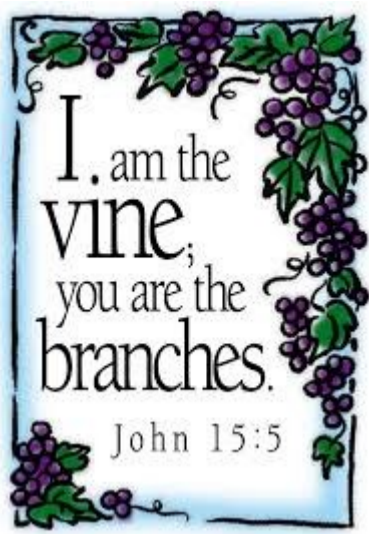
JUSTICE, PEACE AND ECOLOGY Commission is
looking for members from our parish, if you are
passionate about this social justice endeavors,
call Pa. Dennis

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS

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*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.



VINE AND BRANCHES THEOLOGY: CHURCH' COMMUNION AND MISSION

The image of the vine and the branches powerfully conveys the idea of communion and mission within the Church.

In the Gospel reading today, the vine represents Christ, the source of all life and fruitfulness for the branches, which symbolize the faithful.¹ This communion with Christ is essential, for "apart from me you can do nothing." Just as the

branches draw their life from the vine, so too the faithful draw their spiritual vitality from their union with Christ.² This communion with Christ then leads to communion with one another, as all the branches are united in the one vine.

This communion with Christ and with one another is not meant to be static, but rather bears fruit in the form of a mission to the world.³

The Father, as the vinedresser, prunes the branches so that they may bear more fruit. This suggests that the Christian life is a continual process of growth and maturation, where the faithful are called to develop and bear abundant fruit through their union with Christ. The ultimate purpose of this fruitfulness is the salvation of the world, as the unity of the faithful reflects the unity of the Trinity and bears witness to the truth of Christ's mission.

In summary, the vine and the branches imagery powerfully convey how communion with Christ and with one another in the Church is the source and inspiration for the Church's mission to the world, a mission that calls the faithful to continual growth and fruitfulness.

¹ [Christifideles Laici 32](https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_30121988_christifideles-laici.html)

² [Christifideles Laici 57](https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_30121988_christifideles-laici.html)

³ [CCC 2074](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/___P78.HTM)

Today's Lectionary Readings

5th Sunday of Easter

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

Psalm Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Psalm: Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

2nd Readings: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17 or John



Parishioner Reflections:

We are deeply rooted in the love of Christ. The risen Christ is the source of all that we need to grow ever closer to God. In the First Reading, we hear how shortly after his conversion, St. Paul was initially treated with fear and disdain by those he had been persecuting. Paul's zeal for the Lord was grounded in a very personal encounter with Christ. Knowing that he was loved completely despite all that he had done before, gave him the encouragement to spread the Good News. As a faithful worshipping Jew, Paul would have been familiar with praying today's Psalm, an encouraging song of praise. It foretells how generations yet to come will be filled with the love of the Lord.

In the Second Reading, the writer counsels that even if we feel we have failed or fallen short in our response to God's love for us, his love is so immense and all-forgiving that we need not be afraid. Knowing this, we can be free to live out the great commandment to love one another.

The beautiful image of a vine carefully tended by the Father is used by Jesus to describe his and our relationship to God (Gospel). We are all sustained in an intimate co-existence with the Holy Trinity. Jesus invites us to remain close to him. Without him, our life is nothing, with him, we discover our true identity and purpose.

This week, let us try to consciously be aware that we are branches of one vine, rooted in God's love. Although we may have our differences and shortcomings, we are forever loved completely by a God of compassion, love and forgiveness. Let us pray that like St Paul, we will have the grace to live out this amazing Good News.

Nā,

Paul Traynor

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)

7th May	Tues	10.00am	Mass - St Teresa de Avila School
		5.00pm	W & C - St Patrick Church
8th May	Wed	11.00am	Mass - St Luke's Church
9th May	Thurs	9.30am	Mass - St Patrick's School (Whole School)
10th May	Fri	9.30am	Mass - Chanel College Chapel
11th May	Sat	5.00pm	Mass—St. Patrick Church
12th May	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.

Mstn:

* Chanel College 26 Herbert St.

* St Pat's School, 132 Chapel St.

The Pope to visit the Lujan Home for Girls in Papua New Guinea.

The Wairarapa Catholic parish has supported the Lujan Home for Girl, in Vanimo, in Papua New Guinea since September 2018. The 3 Nuns of The Servant of the Lord and the Virgin of Matarara, lead by Mother Rosas have a Mission there. They provide a home to approximately 20 girls who have been abused, abandoned, forced into marriage or accused of witchcraft, and rely totally on Gods providence. Over the 6 years our parishioners have donated nearly \$50,000 to the Home. We have provided a generator and a water pump. Mother Rosas sent a clipping from a news article letting us know that the Pope will visit the Lujan Home for Girls in September this year.

To donate to the Lujan Home the account number is: 15-3947-0316116-00. Many thanks for your continued support of this Mission.



Trudi Betschart

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.

The tax receipts have been either posted or sent via email during the month of April. Please check you inbox or letterbox.

If you have not received it, means we have your incorrect email or address or no details at all.

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



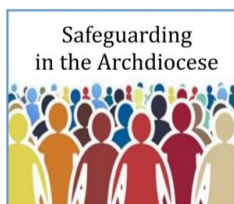
ADW SAFEGUARDING ADVISER

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.



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

Colds, Flu's, and Bugs please pray for those who are in need during these coming winter months.



General Prayer for Health

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen.

We ask you all to take care of yourself and others.