



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

Church Mission: 'Bringing all People into God's love'

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'

5th Sunday of Lent 17th March 2024



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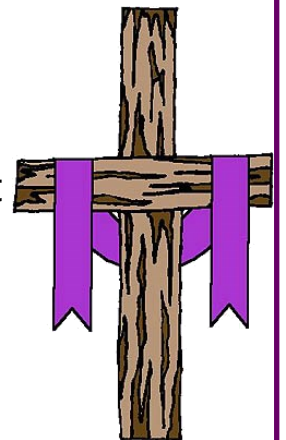
Next Sunday, we shall enter the mysteries of the Holy Week. So, this week will be a busy time for us in preparation to ensure a more solemn celebration of the paschal feast. Amid our busy times, let us not get lost along the way. Let our preparation be our way of praying and accompanying Jesus in His journey to suffering and death in Calvary and eventual resurrection.

Last Wednesday, the Finance Committee had its first meeting. The Committee agreed to create a strategic plan to address the long-standing deficit. "We spend 800 dollars a week more than we can afford for yonks." This will gradually lift us back into the blue side of the equation and hopefully not sacrifice the essential ministries we need to carry out as a church community. Together with the Parish Pastoral and Liturgical Plan, this Financial Recovery Plan will be incorporated into the overall Parish Plan.

Also, we will start updating the remedial cost/new building cost of our building. This will give us clarity on our financial position regarding these projects. The finance committee will update the parish regularly on how things are moving forward regarding these building projects.

I also realized that many felt aggrieved, bruised, abused, unheard, dismissed, uncared for, and abandoned as the community journeyed as a new parish. I think we need to face our demons: to have an opportunity to express and be heard for our frustrations, pains, struggles, sufferings, and undue stress that the whole process of being one parish community has caused each of us. Healing starts when we recognize and acknowledge that we are wounded in this process in one way or another.

So, as we celebrate the Holy Week, let us identify with Christ as one community: the cross we bear, the cross we are crucified, and the same cross that can redeem us.



**Nga mihi,
Pa Dennis**

PARISH NOTICES

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP

Mon: 10.00am Lenten Discussion Group at Featherston Church Hall.

Mon 6.30pm Lenten Prayer Group in St Pat's Church foyer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Pat: Fri's: 7.00pm

St Teresa de Avila: Fri's 10.00am

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.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

All welcome following the Masses:

St. Pat: Sun 8.30am

St. Teresa de Avila Sun 10.30am

ROSARY

St Anthony's Hall, Tue's 11.00am

St Teresa de Avila, Fri's 10:30am

St Pat, Sat's 4.30pm

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thur's From 10.30am
in Kainga Eatery, Ctn

WORD AT HOME Bible Study Group

Fri's 11.00am call

Claire: 027 715 6130

Helen: 027 225 6722

SHARED LUNCH 11.30am

Last Sun of the month at St Teresa's Church Hall, Fstn. Please bring a plate.

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

A PRACTICE for all St. Pat's proclaimers for all Easter services will be held on Friday 22 March at 5pm in St Patrick's church. This includes Palm Sunday Vigil and morning Masses. St. Teresa de Avila's practice will be this Sunday 17th March right after Mass.

PLAN GIFTING DONATIONS

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.

WAIRARAPA BUILDING PROJECT ONLY

Account No: 02-0688-0049100-25



MORE MINISTERS FOR COMMUNION

at home needed. Many names have been forwarded for communion at home. However, we need volunteer ministers for this. We would love you to be in the team.

YOUTH GROUP

We are looking for anyone interested in a youth group for our parish.



If you would like to be involved in helping run or being part of our leading team. Pls contact DCN Matt.

PARISH LADIES will meet at 10.30 am on Wednesday 20 March at Harlequin on Dixon St. Dn Matt will be our guest speaker. As there is a charge for this venue please contribute \$4.00. There will not be a raffle. If your Christian name begins A - N please bring a small plate. All ladies in the Parish very welcome, we'd love you to join us!



BECOMING A CATHOLIC RCIA PROGRAMME

Contact: Claire: 027 715 6130

Please pray for Nathan, Maggie, and Pe-pe as they continue their formation to be full members of the church.

Holy Week of Easter for the Wairarapa

23rd March — Palm Sunday Vigil

*Saturday Vigil 5pm at St. Patrick's Church

24th March — Palm Sunday Mass

*Sunday 8.30am at St Patrick's Church

*Sunday 10.30am at St Teresa of Avila Church

26th March — Anointing Mass

*St. Teresa de Avila, 10am

*St. Patrick's Church, 2pm

27th March — Chrism Mass

Wednesday 7.30pm

St Teresa Pro-Cathedral, Karori

28th March - Holy Thursday

* Seder Meal, 5:45pm,

at Harlequin Theatre

* St Teresa of Avila Church

7.00pm Mass

* St Patrick's Church

7.00pm Word & Communion

29th March - Good Friday

* St Teresa of Avila Church

3.00pm Service

* St Patrick's Church

3.00pm Service



30th March - Easter Saturday

*7.30pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Church

31st March -Easter Sunday

* St Patrick's Church at 8.30am

* St Teresa of Avila Church at 10.30am

**Combined Churches Walking the Cross. 10am, starts at St Andrew's Union Church, Featherston.*

**Stations of the Cross Mar 29, 3pm Good Friday will be a Kathy & Gary's farm all welcome. Please contact Paul Traynor at paulus663@gmail.com*

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Address: 161 High Street North, Carterton 5713

Call: 06 379 7915 Or Patrick Hallott (Chair) 027 424 9365

The Society provides any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER/PASSOVER MEAL

The Seder/Passover Meal this year will start at 5.45 pm in Harlequin Theatre Foyer Dixon St. Please be on time so we can begin the Readings by 6pm. Holy Thursday Liturgy and Communion follows at 7pm in St Patrick's Church.

The Seder Meal honours a Feast instituted by God and celebrated by Jesus Himself. The gathering of people and food together is a reminder of the first Passover Supper of the Israelites when God rescued them from bondage. The night before he died, Jesus and his Disciples celebrated the Last Supper in the Upper Room in Jerusalem and He said to them "Do this in memory of me"

All are welcome to join in this significant Celebration.

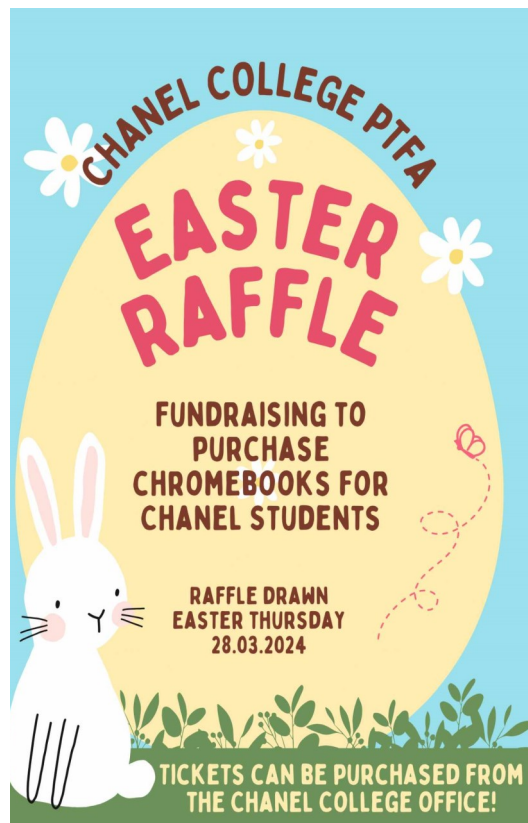


SCHOOL NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



To help develop the reading skills of our kura Tamariki (School children) at St. Pat's School. If you have the time, the patience, and the skills, please get in touch with Steve Wheeler., the Tu-muaki (principal) of the school.



CHANEL COLLEGE PTFA
EASTER RAFFLE
FUNDRAISING TO PURCHASE CHROMEBOOKS FOR CHANEL STUDENTS
RAFFLE DRAWN EASTER THURSDAY 28.03.2024
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE CHANEL COLLEGE OFFICE!



CHANEL
Samoa Trip 2024 Fundraiser
Twilight
CAR BOOT SALE & FOOD FAIR
Chanel College
April 5th, 5.00 - 7.00 pm
register a vehicle space by emailing gregorya@chanelcollege.school.nz
\$20 per space. Goods only.

ONLINE ROCKY ROAD FUNDRAISER

St Mary's School families are selling delicious rocky road to help support our school and our students. The funds raised by our school community make a huge difference in enhancing the overall school environment and educational outcomes of all our students. Our fundraising initiatives over the school year go towards a range of much needed projects, enhancements and upgrades for our school that benefit all current and future families. We don't have a school hall or anywhere big enough to gather as a whole school so we are fundraising for an archgola to go over our quad.



How will this fundraiser work? We have chosen to run a Go Raise It online Rocky Road fundraiser. Made from a love of marshmallows, chocolate and family - these 200g bars are a popular treat that can be eaten by all, as well as an excellent gift for your family and friends. By running our product sales campaign online, it makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your family can fundraise from home - no need to worry about handling all that cash and keeping track of orders. You simply sign up on the fundraising website, share the link with family and friends and they can arrange to collect their products from you at the end of the fundraiser.

How do I sign up to fundraise online? Each fundraiser 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/>

Our Catholic Schools

School Preference form signing please come to the Parish Office

***Wed & Thurs 3.00pm - 4.00pm.**

St Teresa's School, Fstn
Signing

arrangement made through the school.

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” (John 12:24)

In his commentary on today's gospel reading, Cardinal Tagle talks about Jesus' experience of "falling into the earth." Cardinal Tagle quotes St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians: "Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, he emptied himself and took the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men." This talks about Jesus' self-emptying. Jesus assumed the lowly condition of the human person. He assumed human realities.

According to Cardinal Tagle, this human reality is the first 'earth' that Jesus, as the grain of wheat, found himself in because of his wilful and deliberate fall. It was a fall out of freedom. It was Jesus' choice. It was born out of love.

Jesus is "the grain of wheat" that fell into the earth, the dust, or the mud of human existence. And Jesus wilfully did it out of love, so that from within the dirt of human life some fruit will come out - that is, the fruit of a renewed covenant, the fruit of redemption. What will bear fruit? LOVE. We are saved by love - love that makes God assume the human condition.

In other words, Jesus' falling into the earth or assuming the human condition is his way of telling us: "I love you... And because I love you, I embrace your condition... You are not alone... I am with you." And only love can inspire this kind of humility, this kind of solidarity, this kind of compassion.

There is an urgent need for people who would let this love inspire them to manifest the same humility, solidarity and compassion. And this is our responsibility and mission as followers of Christ. But we would only be able to do this if each of us would be willing to be "a grain of wheat" that falls into the earth - just like what Jesus did for us. And this implies self-emptying or dying to oneself.

How are we saved? By love. Love enables us to wilfully assume the condition of the other person, even if it is earth, even if it is dust, even if it is mud. A person that loves embraces not just the person but also his/her situation and circumstance. There are parents who after seeing the painful condition of their sick child would pray: "Lord, I will bear the suffering but not my child. Spare my child." They would like to take, to own, to embrace the condition of their beloved. That love heals... That love redeems... That love bears much fruit.

Indeed, we need "to fall to the ground" - like a grain of wheat - in order to produce much fruit. This is how we should fall in love.

Again, let the love of Jesus inspire us - to enable us to wilfully assume our neighbour's

condition even if it is earth, even if it is dust, even if it is mud. Let us allow ourselves to fall to the ground..."Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."



Today's Lectionary Readings

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

2nd Readings:

Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel:

John 12:20-33



Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

2nd Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading:

Mark 14:1 - 15:47



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Safeguarding
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Weekly Mass Timetable

* *Funerals replace Mass of the day.*
* *Liturgy of the Word & Communion (W & C)*

19th Mar	Tuesday	10.00am	Mass - St Teresa's School, Fstn
		5.00pm	*W & C - St Pat's Church, Mstn
20th Mar	Wednesday	11.00am	Mass - St Luke's Church, Gtn
21st Mar	Thursday	9.30am	Mass - St Mary's School, Ctn
22nd Mar	Friday	9.30am 10.00am	Mass - St Patrick's Church, Mstn *W & C - St Teresa's Church, Fstn
16th Mar	Saturday	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Pat's Church, Mstn
17th Mar	Sunday	8.30am	Mass - St Pat's Church, Mstn
		10.30am	Mass - St Teresa's Church, Fstn

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/>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Sat's: 4.00pm St Pat's Church, Mstn. **All other Sacraments like Baptism and Marriages**, please call Parish Office for arrangements.

3RD RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Archbishop Paul has written us that we are not allowed to celebrate the third rite as this is reserved for extraordinary circumstances.

We can still do the anointing Mass and this sacrament also has penitential character (forgiveness of sins).

Suggestion Box

A suggestion box is available in the foyers, of St Teresa of Avila and St Patrick Churches. Please complete the forms, drop it in the box for the Pastoral Parish Council consideration.

If you wish to be contacted about any of the above further, please fill write your name and contact details on the form provided. We will endeavour to contact you asap.



PARISH VISION: A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

We would like to hear from you regarding this new parish vision. Send us your feedback using the suggestion box.

Pray for the Repose of the Holy Souls

Anne Scanlon Richard Griffith Gerald Hensley
Zita Fenerty (White)

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 Parish Office on their behalf.