



# Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'

6th Sunday of Easter—5th May 2024



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## Kia ora everyone

Thank you for generously volunteering to help out in the many ministries throughout our parish in the months and years ahead. The time, treasure, and talent survey completed last weekend went well. Your responses will soon be collated. It is still not too late if you need to return your completed forms. Simply place them in the offertory basket at mass or drop them off at the parish office.

This coming week is the week for Christian unity. We pray for the formal dialogues taking place, of Catholics with Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Lutherans. We ask the Lord to help us explore and celebrate that we have in common rather than that which divides us.

Also, this week from Monday to Thursday the priests from around the archdiocese as well as myself as deacon, will be having their assembly at the Silverstream Retreat Centre.

Please pray for this gathering.

May is the month of our Lady. This year we also celebrate during the month the solemnities of the Ascension on May 12 and Pentecost on May 19th. We honour Mary for her yes to be the Mother of the saviour and her great trust in the Lord. I encourage you to take some time to deepen your appreciation of our Mother by learning more about her through the wealth of information available either through books or online. Share what you've learnt with others and make a special devotion to her by praying the Rosary as often as you can.

Ngā mihi

**Deacon Matt**



The parish' schedules will be packed starting with the Parish Gifting Sunday. The whole month of May will be allocated for the collection and collations of the Parish Gifting Forms. On the 15th and 22nd June, we will have the parishwide Ministry Formation Days. We have invited speakers from the Mission Office, from the Catholic Social Services, and from the Safeguarding Office for the formation. Then the practical formation follows for each ministry from the last week of June to the whole month of July. Then, we shall be commissioning new and old ministers in the Mass by August.

At the same time, the Sacramental Programs will also commence. Parents and children sessions will be done. The schools will be venues for the sacramental programs for children and churches will be venues for the parents. The 2nd term will be for the reconciliation. 3rd term will be for Confirmation, and the 4th term will be for First Communion.

Liturgically, we have series of celebrations that we need to take note of:

Ascension Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

Holy Trinity Sunday

Corpus et Sanguis Christi Sunday

I hope the Liturgy Committees are up in their preparation for the big feasts.

Also, please take note that Denise will be away from 20th May to 10th July for a well-deserved holiday in the northern hemisphere. . Also, Deacon Matt will be away in the 2nd week of June to the 3rd week of July for the 30 day silent retreat.

## 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.

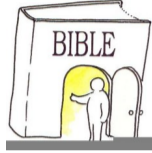
### ROSARY GROUPS

**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



**Archbishop Paul** will be celebrating Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00 am. All those confirmed at Easter are invited so please forward the invitation on to those people in your parish. Their RSVP would be appreciated as will pass on their names to Archbishop Paul.



Sunday 19 May 2024, 10:00 a.m.

St Theresa's Pro-Cathedral, Karori

Archbishop Paul Martin, sm, invites you to join him at this Mass for a special blessing following your Confirmation at the Easter Vigil in your local parish.

Please RSVP to ea-abp@wn.catholic.org.nz

### Sacramental programs

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/sacramental-program](http://www.wairarapacatholicparish.com/sacramental-program)

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC RCIA PROGRAMME

Contact: Claire: 027 715 6130



### Clergy Assembly (Please keep them all in your prayers.)

Fr Dennis and Matt will be away during  
Mon 6th - Thurs 9th May

Please note the time table for Word and Communion venues. Many thanks to those who lead the Liturgy in their absence, your support is appreciated.

### 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/>

If you wish to add the name of a loved one, friend or someone you know of, who would like their name added to the prayer chain please seek their permission first in line with the privacy act. Please advise if the prayers are no long required.

### 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

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

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



### PRAYER CHAIN CORNER (Please keep in your prayers)

Fr Frank Whitaker	Terrence Nelson (Terry)	
Fr Peter O'Connell	Raymond & Philippa Fagg	
Fr David Orange	Bob Knowles	
Fr Kevin Purcell		
Fr Tikoua Kautu		
Fr Frank Maguire		

**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.

### PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Helen McGann Hanorah Lett Ikoke Fagasoia  
*Our sincere prayerful condolences to the families of the recently departed.*



## Gospel Reflection

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple.

The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

## Today's Lectionary Readings

### 6th Sunday of Easter

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

**Psalm Response:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**2nd Reading:** 1 John 4:7-10

**Gospel Reading:** John 15:9-17 or John

## Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

### The Ascension of the Lord

**1st Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

**Psalm:** Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**2nd Readings:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20



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## Parishioner Reflections: Marilyn Bouzaid

### ANZAC DAY REFLECTION 2024

Anzac Day is a day of Remembrance and on this day I would like to reflect on some of the Symbols that help us to remember the contribution of those who served and are still serving for New Zealand and Australia in different wars and conflicts.

#### THE FLAG

The NZ flag reminds us that this is truly a National Day of Prayer for peace when we pray for all those who died or were injured in wars.

#### THE POPPIES

I had no idea before I first went to France why poppies were so symbolic until I saw – as many of you who have been to France have seen- fields everywhere of red poppies like blood spatters on the green fields- which in some cases still cover the unknown soldiers buried underneath. The famous poem, In Flanders Field became the symbol of the sacrifices of the soldiers. Composed by Lieutenant John McCrae after the death of his friend killed by a shell in Ypres.

***In Flanders field the poppies grow  
Between the crosses row on row  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.***

The French also have their flower of remembrance which is the Blue Cornflower as these flowers continued to grow in the trenches in the middle of the battles.

#### THE BASKET OF ROSEMARY

The herb which is a symbol of Remembrance not just for then but which is used at many Funerals today.

#### THE WHITE CROSSES

Like the poppies, fields of white crosses cover the many battlefields in Europe and the Gallipoli Peninsular. In the Somme area at Thiepval from the Great War – the war to end all wars- there is the largest Commonwealth War Memorial in the world with over 72,205 names of missing soldiers engraved on the stone pillars. The crosses on the graves of 300 soldiers lie in front of it.

In the American Cemetery above the WW11 Battle of Omaha Beach there are hundreds of white crosses symbolising the soldiers from the US who died on the beach below.

And we see white crosses in our own NZ Cemetery in Caterpillar Valley in Longeval where 125 New Zealanders are buried and where a panel displays the names of the 1200 whose bodies were never found. It was from this Cemetery that the Symbol of a Soldier standing for all the Unknowns - our Unknown Warrior -was chosen and his remains exhumed and brought home to be laid to rest in Wellington NZ in 2004.

He was brought home by the then Chief of the NZ Defence Force Bruce Fergusson, accompanied by NZ soldiers and the then NZDF Chaplain Fr Julian Wagg. I would like to read an excerpt of what Bruce Fergusson said when the body was placed in the coffin to bring home.

***Soldier, I am Air Marshal Bruce Fergusson chief of the New Zealand Defence Force. You have served your Country with honour and have paid the supreme price. No one should ask more of you than that. But I have one more order for you. I have been charged with returning you to NZ. This is a direct order from me to you.***

***You are to leave your comrades -in- arms here in France with whom you have been resting and return with me to NZ as our Unknown Warrior. You will represent all those New Zealanders who have given their lives in the cause of Freedom, including your 18,000 fallen comrades from your War. While you will leave your friends here in France, I assure you, you will never be alone. In return for this duty from you, I give you a Nation's commitment that you will be honoured and remembered forever. Through you a Nation will mourn and commemorate its sacrifice in times of War.***

As a human aside to this, the Senior NCO came to Fergusson afterwards and said the accompanying soldiers had given the warrior a nickname which is a tradition that shows he was now one of them. The soldiers nicknamed him Bob and throughout the long journey home he was never left alone. This Warrior Bob symbolised the collective spirit of all those who had sacrificed their lives, transcending individual names and backgrounds.

So as we hear and see the symbolism of the Cross- for the deaths of soldiers who sacrificed their lives - we can link it to the Christian symbol of the Cross or the Crucifix. Jesus, in the prime of life dying on the Cross as the symbol of our Christian faith, the declaration of the depth of the love of Jesus for the good of humanity.

On this Anzac Day we honour the deaths of those who have made the ultimate acts of sacrifice for their Nation and for the good of others.

These symbols remind us that there are many in our Armed Forces who are in various parts of the world today still defending the values and freedoms in a world that has forgotten the mantra of WW1- the War that was meant to end all wars!



# 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	W & C - St Teresa de Avila Church
		5.00pm	W & C - St Patrick Church
8th May	Wed	9.30am	W & C - St Patrick Church
9th May	Thurs	Nil	No Services
10th May	Fri	9.30am	Mass—Chanel College Hall (Whole School)
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.

## 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 for arrangements or enrol via parish website: <https://www.wairarapacatholicparish.com/>

## ADW & THE WORLD SECTION

### 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.

## 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**  
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*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**



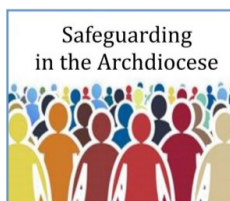
### ADW SAFEGUARDING ADVISER

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.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz) See you there.