



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A Catholic community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ
Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion' 6th Sunday of Easter 10th May 2026



6th Sunday of Easter

Weekend Masses

9th May - Vigil

5.00pm Chanel College Hall

10th May - Sunday

8.30am Chanel College Hall

10.30am St Teresa's Church

Weekday Masses

12th - 15th May

Tues: 10.00am St Teresa's Church

5.00pm Chanel Chapel (W & C)

Weds: 11.00am St Anthony's Hall

Thurs: 9.30am St Luke's Church

Fri: 9.15am Chanel College Chapel

Mass Communities Venues Masterton

Chanel College Chapel/Hall
26 Herbert St.

Featherston

St Teresa de Avila Church,
50 Bell St.

Martinborough

St Anthony of Padua Hall,
36 Kitchener St.

Greytown

St Luke's Anglican Church,
135 Main St.

Carterton

St Mark's Anglican Church
High St.

Richmond Funeral Chapel,
10 Richmond Rd.

Our Schools

Masterton

Chanel College, 26 Herbert St.
St Pat's School, 132 Chapel St.

Carterton

St Mary's School, 4 King St.

Featherston

St Teresa's School, 63 Bell St.

RECONCILIATION:

Sat's: 4.00pm Chanel College Chapel, Msth

Sun's: 9.30am St Teresa de Avila Church, Fstn.

All other Sacraments: Baptism and Marriages, please call Parish Office.

An incident that is unique to Luke's Gospel is the account where Jesus comes to a Samaritan village which would not receive him because he was going to Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven on the inhospitable Samaritans, but Jesus rebukes them.

In today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles, Philip takes the gospel to Samaria and has great success. This brings Peter and John from Jerusalem to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit for the Samaritans and when Peter and John lay hands on them they receive the Spirit who, in the account of Pentecost is described as tongues of fire come down from heaven.

This reading and today's Gospel are preparing us to celebrate the feast of Pentecost in two weeks' time. In the Gospel, Jesus promises another Advocate – one called to be alongside, to speak on behalf of a person. Jesus promises that although he will go away, his disciples will not be left as orphans because the life of Christ is shared with them.

As a parish community we continue to be blessed, like the early church. New people with different ministries are joining our church here in the Wairarapa. It is important that we get to know each other and grow in faith together. One way of doing this is through Alpha'. 'Alpha' is powerful. Apart from what we learn through the sharing group and Nicki Gumbel's talk, there is a wonderful sense of community and getting to know each other.

I was most impressed with our first 'Alpha' session last Monday night in Greytown. It is still not too late to join the group so please take this as a personal invitation from me to come along. You are most welcome.

Our second session is on this Monday night from 6pm to 8pm at St Luke's Church Hall on the Main Road in Greytown. It's my hope that eventually all of us in the parish will be able to experience at least one Alpha.

For all our mother's, may you have a blessed and happy Mother's Day.

Fr Matt

Liturgical Celebrations in May and June

May 17th: Ascension Sunday

May 24th: Pentecost Sunday

May 31st: Holy Trinity Sunday

June 7th: Corpus Christi Sunday

June 11th: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 21st: 150th Anniversary of Fr. Antoine Halbwachs, SM, as the first Catholic resident priest in the Wairarapa

Today's Lectionary Readings

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

Psalms: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

R: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21 or John 17:1-11

O'Shea Shield 2026

This prestigious competition will be hosted at Sacred Heart College, 65 Laings Rd, Lower Hutt from May 14th - 16th, culminating in a Mass and Prize Giving at the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Knights Rd, at 1.30pm on Saturday, May 16th.

Details of the programme and scoresheet can be found on the Sacred Heart College website (www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz). All events are free (though Religious Drama tickets are limited and must be collected from the School Office on Friday, May 15th). We welcome parishioners to come along and support the many young people taking part, and we wish all the participants the very best for their competition.



Next Sunday's Readings

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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

Psalms: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

Michael McGruddy Jr, Kevin Doyle, Maria Hammond, Losalia Balks, Mark Hinton

Our sincere prayerful condolences to the families of the recently departed.

For the latest information visit the Parish Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080419297130>

ST. PATRICK'S

Adoration & Rosary Mstn - Chanel Chapel

Fri 8.15am-9.10am followed by Mass
Sat - 4.30pm Rosary Chanel Chapel
Sun - 10.00am after the Mass

Bourke Potluck Lunch Mother's Day

2nd Sunday of the month
113 Cole St, Masterton
Grace at 12.30pm - 10th May

A Big thank you for all your Easter Egg/Easter Themed donations for our Chanel College Easter Raffle. Your generosity helped us raise over \$500 to go towards more Chrome Books for student use. Thank you so much for your kindness and support! God Bless.

BUILDING NOTICES

Health & Safety Notice:

Reminder to refrain from coming to the presbytery unless necessary. As works have started on the presbytery roofing please park out on the road if required to come to the office.

No Parking on the grass at Chanel College please.

- The Finance Committee approved the **St. Mary's Chapel project** to begin drawings and a cost estimate for converting the Hall into a chapel.
- A small **Avila project team** is preparing a presentation for community stakeholders to collect their feedback.
- A pedestrian crossing is being installed at the **intersection of Princess Street and State Highway 53 in Martinborough**. The mayor has forwarded our query to NZTA regarding the project, and discussions with NZTA have begun.
- An interview with a potential project manager from TWE (The Western Edge) for **St. Patrick's Church's reroof and strengthening project** is set for next week.

OFFICE NOTICES

If you are donating to the parish, make sure we have your details. Sign up here: <https://www.wairarapacatholicparish.com/parish-roll-update.html>

This allows us to send a receipt for your contributions at the end of each financial year. Thank you!

If you have been donating recently and you are wishing to receive a receipt. Please use instructions above.

To Make a Donations:
BNZ: Wairarapa Parish
02-0688-0049100-00 or Giv2

PARISH NOTICES

ALPHA Course

All Welcome

Monday's

Venue: St Luke's Church Hall, Gtn
Time: Begin 6pm with shared meal [meal and drink provided!] After meal, short video, then discussion.

Finish: 8pm

This course comes highly recommended by Catholic Bishops. Car pooling will be available.

Please text, phone or email

Helen -027 225 6722
Email: helenm808@hotmail.com

Parish Prayer Chain

In need of prayer?

Txt or call 027 3192331

OR email: msmandaran94@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING MASS

aged 5-13

5.00pm Vigil Chanel

College

8.30am Sunday Chanel College

10.30am Last Sunday of the month
St Teresa's



Month of Apr

Total Income In: \$14,340.10

Total Operating

Expenses Out: \$20,626.84

Loss for month \$ 6286.74

Privacy Act: A kind reminder for the parish to keep our records up-to-date of your information please let us know as asap if you have changed any personal details recently.

Parish Safeguarding Repts

South Wairarapa:

Joanne Monk:

Ph. 022 088 6044

North Wairarapa:

Lisa Dudley: Ph. 021 076 1604



Safeguarding Workshop

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/safeguarding/> link in

Reg: Kevin Plant: k.plant@cadw.nz

All new ministers please participate in a workshop.

Simple Option for Parish Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the parish please scan the QR Code register with Giv2, they will send you a receipt on behalf of the parish.

Please save them for the IRD return at end of Financial Year.

Contributions can be made as often as you are able.



Keep me on your
phone:
QR Code donation

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Adoration - held in the Church

Tues - 9.30am

Fri - 6.00- 10.00pm 1st Friday's of the month, starts again in May.

Shared Lunch: Held on the last Sunday of each month after mass. Appreciated if you could bring a plate All welcome.

ST ANTHONY'S NOTICES

Rosary Prayer Group on
Tuesday at 11am. February to
mid-December in the hall.

OTHER NOTICES

10.15am Coffee Morning at Kainga Eatery in Ctn every Thursday. All welcome, no booking just come along.

Chanel Gate will still be closed. Please park your car along the road or near the chapel

Please note if you have misplaced the newsletter, you can find it on the parish website each week.

www.wairarapacatholicparish.com

SCHOOL NOTICES

Preference Form

For St. Pat's /Chanel College, please come to the parish office between 3- 4pm Wednesday. For St. Teresa's and St. Mary's, please go to their school offices.

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICES

Pray with the Pope Monthly video

<https://mcshwellington.org/the-pope-video/>
The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

For concerns or complaints about ADW or the parish, call 021 567 143 or 0800825 528 or email: Elizabeth Berry: e.berry@cadw.nz or complaints@cadw.nz

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