



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'
7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 23RD FEBRUARY 2025



Mass Communities

Masterton

St Patrick's Church,
375 Queen St

Featherston

St Teresa de Avila Church,
50 Bell Street

Martinborough

St Anthony of Padua Hall,
36 Kitchener St.

Greytown

St Luke's Anglican Church,
135 Main St.

Carterton

Richmond Funeral Home,
10 Richmond Rd.

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.

Weekend Masses

Vigil Mass

5.00pm at St. Patrick's

Sunday Masses

8:30am at St. Patrick's

10:30am at St. Teresa of Avila

Weekday Masses

25th - 28th Feb

Tues: 10.00am St Teresa's School,
(Mass)

5.00pm St Pat's Church,
(W & C)

Wed: 11.00am St Anthony's Hall
(Mass)

Thurs: 9.30am St Mary's School,
(Mass)

Fri: 9.30am Chanel College Hall
(Mass)

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.

Kia ora and Greetings

I give praise glory and thanks to God and honour to his mother for the gift of priesthood which was bestowed on me on Saturday by Archbishop Paul. It's a great joy to begin this vocation modelled on Jesus Christ, the high priest.

Thank you for the many different ways you have supported me on my journey to priesthood. Your generosity in contributing financially towards the costs for my Ordination and Thanksgiving mass has been truly amazing.

Can I ask you to pray for me and all priests. Pray that priests conform themselves to Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, their hearts and minds are one with Christ and so bring his love to the ends of the earth.

In our gospel reading for this seventh Sunday in Ordinary time Jesus gives us a very radical teaching, love your enemies. We love our enemies because we are called to the divine life, to live as Gods people. We need to find a place with us to show compassion and forgiveness instead of holding grudges, anger and hatred.

When you love someone that hates you, it confuses them by taking away the very energy that feeds the hatred. The author John Bevere said, " A person who cannot forgive has forgotten how great a debt God has forgiven them." If God has shown mercy to us even when we do not deserve it, how much more do we need to show others the same kind of love.

Our forgiving is grounded in honesty. It hurts being wronged. But our deeper grounding is knowing we are recipients of Gods incredible forgiveness.

Fr Matt

What's happening in the near future in our parish

Lenten Retreats with Fr Alan Roberts at the GTN Church Friday's 7.00pm

Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wed no masses will be held in the churches, only in the schools.

Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday 4th & 5th March 2025

Liturgy Tues 4th Mar:

St Pat's & Chanel 10.15am

St Mary's 10.00am

St Teresa's 11.00am

Masses Wed 5th Mar:

St Pat's & Chanel 10.15am

St Mary's 2.30pm

St Teresa's 11.00am

Ash Wednesday (Please bring your palms to church for burning prior to this day). Ecumenical Services for Ash Wednesday details will follow.

Today's Lectionary Readings

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13.

R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45
16-20-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Next Sunday's Readings

8TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Psalm: Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R.

See v.2

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians
15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Edward Parish (Ted) Rosheen Walker Sharon Penman

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

Please note: Changes in the weekday schedules will occur, where possible notice will sent via email.

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

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Featherston community garden: Anybody able to help weed, water and or plant in the garden for a couple of hours monthly or as available? Produce is shared as ready with helpers. Excess goes to the Community Pantry.

A huge thank you for everyone that has supported Kai and Connection and Sunshine Kitchen over the past couple of years. Many people have benefited from these ventures and we have enjoyed learning new skills and having lots of laughs with yummy food and a cuppa. Sadly we are not able to continue weekly anymore. However we will cook meals and preserves as required to manage food from donations and Waiwaste on a casual bases. The prepared food will be donated to the food bank or frozen for people and families in need on request from local agencies. If you can assist with preparations or gardening. Also want a social occasion with other helpers. Call Joanne 0220886044

OTHER NOTICES

Board Available

Suitable for single working person or students. Within walking distance to town. Reasonable rent - including power, meals and internet.

Contact: Alice or Laurie - 021 069 4982

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICES

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course – Love is a Decision - online registration closing soon for the March Course, consecutive

Sundays 2 & 9 March 2025, Wellington. For queries, please email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Elizabeth Berry of ADW

Please call or email if you have any concerns or complaints about matter of ADW or your parish. Please call 021 567 1463 or 0800825 528 or email: complaints@wn.catholics.org.nz

PARISH Events

Timetable for bus

23rd Feb Location for bus pick up please be there in good time before scheduled time leaving to allow for boarding the bus

9.20am Mstn: St Patrick's Church Queen Street

9.40am Ctn: St Mary's Hall Cnrs of King and High Streets South

10.00am Gtn: Opposite former Sacred Heart Church

10.20am Fstn: St Teresa's Church Bell Street

This will allow for suitable time of arrival in Mboro. You will need to find your own transport to these locations for pickup and return drop-off. The bus will return following the conclusion of the celebration.

Meeting

For All Stewardships Ministers of St Pat's Church meeting 27th Feb 5.30pm in St Pat's Church. Appreciate your attendance.

3. Leadership and Ministry: Laypeople are recognized for their unique gifts and charisms, which can be utilized in various leadership roles within the parish. The document advocates for greater access for laymen and laywomen to positions of responsibility in ecclesial institutions, including pastoral councils and committees. This leadership role allows laypeople to influence the direction of parish life and contribute to its spiritual and pastoral development. [^3][^4]

[^3] Instruction "The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church", of the Congregation for the Clergy, 20.07.2020 85 [^4] Evangelii Gaudium 102

'Volunteers Required Vinnies Shop in Ctn

If you can help between Mon & Sat, please contact the manager: Greg, on 021 125 9523 or Phil 027 811 7474



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sean & Anne Mulcahy

ST. PATRICK'S

Chanel College

We are setting up a volunteer army.

What we can do:

Stack firewood
Move furniture
other odd jobs not including power tools
please contact Chanel College (06) 370 0612 or 021 087 61632.



ADMIN NOTES

You will notice a new padlock on the Mstn church side door. When you book the church on the website you will be given the code. The key will no longer be needed.

This will only be given if you are registered on the parish database, for security reasons. Thank you.

Church booking: Mstn only

Is now available through the parish website. You will need to appoint one member of your group to submit a request to book the church, please read and download the terms & condition form and then return to the parish office signed. You will be able to view the dates to see what is available. Please consider all groups, booking for future church use. Cleaning
Prayer/Bible
Adorations/Benediction
Committee meetings
Choir practices
Baptisms/Funerals/Weddings
All other activities and groups. Some are booked already please check this. If you have a regular booking this will only need to be done once, as the dates will continue, unless notified otherwise. Please expect cancellations from time to time. Or requests to move dates. An email & contact number is vital for this purpose.

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