



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ
Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'
Easter Sunday 31st March 2024



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Tena koutou katoa,

Hari Āranga ki ā koutou katoa!

"Alleluia! Alleluia! He has risen as He said, Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Easter celebrates one of the central mysteries of our faith – Jesus rose from the dead. God shows that He is the Messiah sent for the world's salvation.

On Easter Vigil, we sing the Exultet with our hearts out, joyfully proclaiming that the light of God is filling the farthest bounds of the earth and claiming all the darkness in our hearts. Salvation and eternal life have been won for us through Jesus Christ.

The locked doors of the Upper Room cannot contain the joy the apostles felt of Christ's resurrection. It seeks its way out to reach weary and dark hearts. It seeps through walls hardened by doubt or suffering. And it ought to remain in our hearts until the fullness of time.

Where can we find this Easter joy in this time of financial crisis, war and human conflicts, and the intensifying "natural" calamities everywhere? Where can I find this Easter joy as your new priest amid the parish community's challenges? Will our thunderous cheers of Alleluia be short-lived, and will we find ourselves jeering again with the Good Friday crowd? Will all these dampen our Easter spirit and make us feel uncertain about where to go and what to do?

We must be reminded of the Easter joy that sustained the disciples in their faith journey — joy that any life circumstances could not rob — the ultimate joy brought about by Jesus in His death and resurrection.

This same joy is a grace that will carry us through our life's journey as we face hardships, challenges, and tribulations. This same joy should bring us together and unify us as a parish community. This same joy should lead us to proclaim Christ in our community and the wider society. This same joy should be expressed in our ministries towards our society's poor and less fortunate. This same joy should launch us into participating and continuing the works of Jesus in building God's kingdom in our community.

Let us strive to live as a song of thanksgiving to God. Let our participation in the life of the church (our ministries) be an authentic witness to our gratitude to God for the joy of salvation.

"Surrexit Dominus vere! Alleluia!"

Happy Easter!

Fr. Dennis Nacorda

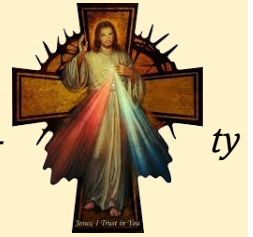


PARISH NOTICES

Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April held in St Patrick's Church, Mstn

2-3pm	Reconciliation and Exposition
3pm	The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
3.15pm	Holy Mass
3:45pm	Blessing of Divine Mercy Statues and Icons

Then join us afterwards for hospitality & refreshments



Lenten Appeal: *Envelopes in the foyer*

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 GROUPS

St Anthony's Hall, Tue's 11.00am

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

St Pat, Sat's 4.30pm

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

Congratulations to Pat Flynn of

Featherston who will be 100 years old on Easter Monday. Pat is a faithful parishioner at St Teresa of Avila Church. She taught at St Teresa's School for many years and has been Mayoress of Featherston as well as being involved in countless community organisations. She is also an historian and author.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Thursdays From 10.30am
in Kainga Eatery, Carterton

WORD AT HOME Bible Study Group

Fri's 11.00am call

Claire: 027 715 6130

Helen: 027 225 6722

NO SHARED LUNCH AT EASTER SUNDAY

However from next month, there will be at 11.30am, St Teresa's Church Hall, Fstn. Please bring a plate.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Nathan, Pepe, Maggie

Our new full fledged members of the parish community.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC RCIA PROGRAMME

Contact:

Claire: 027 715 6130



COMMUNITY GROUP FEATURE



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

Founded in Manila in 1981, Couples for Christ (CFC) is a Catholic movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life.

There is a CFC group present among Filipinos in our community. At some stage, they will present themselves in the community after Mass.

FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION - GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT!

Divine Renovation (DR) is a Catholic organisation focused on parish renewal. Parish Pastoral Council members and everyone interested in parish leadership are warmly invited to join us for a thought-provoking evening of inspiration as we ponder where to for our parishes. We strongly recommend being there in person, but you can join us on Teams. Please email for more details. l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz **Date: Thursday 18 April - 6:30pm (Cup of tea) 7.00pm- 9.00pm Session, Venue: St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville, Wellington.**

EASTER is the pinnacle of the liturgical year for the Catholic Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Easter delves into the core of salvation history and divine mercy. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 647) states that Jesus' resurrection is the fulfilment of the promises of the Old Testament and the foundation of our faith. Easter reveals the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and good over evil.

Through Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and subsequent resurrection, the Catholic Church believes that humanity is redeemed from sin and offered the gift of eternal life. This truth is emphasized in St. Paul's letters, particularly in 1 Corinthians 15, where he eloquently explains the significance of Christ's resurrection for all believers.

Furthermore, Easter is not just a historical event but a living reality that continues to transform the lives of believers. The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates God's power to conquer sin and death, offering hope and new life to all who believe in Him. As the Easter Vigil liturgy proclaims, "O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!" Easter also highlights the importance of the sacraments in Catholic Church, particularly the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Through Baptism and confirmation, believers share in Christ's death and resurrection, dying to sin and rising to new life in Him. The Eucharist, celebrated during the Easter season with great joy, nourishes the faithful with the body and blood of Christ, strengthening their faith and unity in the mystical body of Christ.

Easter is profound and rich, encompassing themes of redemption, salvation, hope, and new life in Christ. It is a time of great joy and celebration for Catholics worldwide, reminding us of the central mystery of our faith - the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Today's Lectionary Readings

Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm Response: *This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.* (Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23)

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-9

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: . Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

2nd Readings: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Jim Wyse Anne Scanlon Richard Griffith

Sara Kamper Gerald Hensley Patrick McMenammin Grant Jonassen

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.

Weekly Mass Timetable

Mstn: St Patrick's Church, 375 Queen Street

Fstn: St Teresa de Avila Church, 50 Bell Street

2nd Apr	Tues	10 am	Mass - St Teresa de Avila Church
		5 pm	W & C - St Patrick Church
3rd Apr	Wed	11am	Mass - St Luke's Church, Gtn
4th Apr	Thurs	9.30am	Mass -Richmond Funeral Home Chapel, Ctn
5th Apr	Fri	9.30am	Whole School Mass - Chanel College Hall, Mstn
6th Apr	Sat	5pm	Mass St. Patrick Church, Mstn
7th Apr	Sun	8.30am	Mass - St Patrick Church, Mstn
		10.30am	Mass - St Teresa de Avila Church, Fstn
(Divine Mercy)		2-3pm	Reconciliation and Exposition
		3pm	The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, followed by Mass, Icon & Statue blessings & hospitality

* *Liturgy of the Word & Communion (W & C)* Mboro: St Anthony of Padua Hall, 36 Kitchener St.

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

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>.

RECONCILIATION: Sat's: 4.00pm St Pat's Church, Mstn. Sun's after 10:30am Mass, Fstn.

All other Sacraments like Baptism and Marriages, please call Parish Office for arrangements.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE is now running. Please click <https://www.wairarapacatholicparish.com/>

Acc: 15-3947-0316116-00 Ref: Lujan.

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



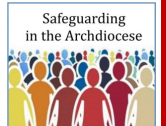
ADW Safeguarding Adviser

Contact: 04 496 1768

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Sth Wai: Joanne - 022 088 6044

Nth Wai: Lisa - 021 076 1604



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.

Suggestion Box

A suggestion box is available in the foyers, of St Teresa of Avila and St Patrick Churches.

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.

