



Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A Catholic community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ
Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion' The Ascension of the Lord 17th May 2026



Weekend Masses

16th May - Vigil

5.00pm Chanel College Hall

17th May - Sunday

8.30am Chanel College Hall

10.30am St Teresa's Church

Weekday Masses

19th - 22nd May

Tues: 10.00am St Teresa's School

5.00pm Chanel Chapel (W & C)

Weds: 9.30am St Pat's School Hall

Thurs: 9.30am St Mary's School

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, Mstn

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

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



Dear Parishioners,

On this Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, we celebrate Christ's return to the Father and his command to "go and make disciples of all nations".

As we honour Mary during this beautiful month of May, we look to her "yes" as a model for our own lives.

In this spirit of service, we are pleased to announce that TWE and the Finance Committee are meeting on site next week to put a plan moving forward with a

view that TWE be hired as the project manager for the essential reroofing and earthquake strengthening of St. Patrick's Church. We entrust this work to Mary's protection as we preserve our spiritual home.

Following the call of Archbishop Paul Martin SM, today marks the launch of a special vocations campaign. The Archbishop reminds us that our future priests will come from our own families and schools. He asks us to:

- Identify single men in our parish who exhibit a heart for service.
- Offer them intentional prayer and words of encouragement.
- Invite them to explore "Come & See" mornings and annual retreats.

To the young men of Wairarapa: do not be afraid of greatness. Whether God calls you to marriage or the priesthood, His plans for you are good.

The Alpha course going on is gaining momentum and with more than 20 joining in. Thanks be to God and all the people behind this. You are doing a fabulous job in deepening the faith of everyone in this journey.

This month marks the start of the parish's sacramental program. If your child has turned 8 or is turning 8 this year, let them approach our School DRS's to fill out the form. This term's program is for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Yours in Christ,

Pa Dennis

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 Halbwegs, SM, as the first Catholic resident priest in the Wairarapa

Today'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

R: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Next Sunday's Readings

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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>

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.



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

St Pats Ladies will meet at the Ranfurly rooms on Wednesday 20 May at 10.30 am. Gary Pickering from the Village Chapel (funeral Directors) will speak to us. If your Christian name begins M-Z. please bring a small plate. Looking forward to seeing you there.'

BUILDING NOTICES

The Finance Committee approved the **St. Mary's Chapel project** to begin drawings and a cost estimate for converting the Hall into a chapel.

On site meeting with the potential project manager from TWE (The Western Edge) for **St. Patrick's Church's reroof and strengthening project** to have an in synch understanding of the project management before the hiring.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Chanel Gate will be opened but be mindful of the pedestrians particularly children and especially at the 5pm Mass due to the darkness.

No Parking on the grass at Chanel College please. There is a white rope fencing the ground off.

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

Santacruzán 2026 is a Filipino tradition in commemorating the discovery of the Cross by Queen Helena on the 31st May from 2pm. **Flores de Mayo**—every after Vigil Mass at Chanel Chapel. All invited

OFFICE NOTICES

If you are donating to the parish, make sure we have your details. Sign up here: <https://www.wairapacatholicparish.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

Car pooling will be available.

Please text, phone or email

Helen -027 225 6722

Email: helenm808@hotmail.com

Place in your diaries celebration of **150 Years of Father Halbwachs' arrival in the Wairarapa.**

20th June Parish Social & Dance
21st June 2026.

Mass followed by Book Launch, Lunch & Concerts.

Bus available from Mboro-Fstn-Gtn-Ctn-Mstn and return. Book thru Helen.

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



Privacy Act Week: 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.

If using AI for parish use, please remember to delete any personal details of anyone first.

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.

Parish Prayer Chain

In need of prayer?

Txt or call 027 3192331 OR email: msmandaran94@gmail.com

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

www.wairapacatholicparish.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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