

Catholic Parish of Wairarapa

A community living and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

Patron: 'Our Lady of Compassion'

Palm Sunday 24th March 2024



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Holy Week 2024



Friends, today we begin Holy Week, the most amazing time in human history- The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent has really only been a preparation for this great event so we could

participate in it with the right heart.

This week we walk alongside Jesus, who though he is good and without sin takes on the stench of sin that we pile on him, and lovingly forgives and accepts the Cross.

It all begins today with Palm Sunday. Jesus is proclaimed King, but there are clouds on the horizon as we hear in the Gospel account of

the Passion.

On Wednesday at the Pro-Cathedral in Karori we celebrate the Mass of Chrism at 7pm. Here the sacred oils are blessed, and the priests renew their vows. Two senior students from Chanel College will travel to the mass to receive the oils on behalf of our parish.

On Thursday evening the mass of the Lord's supper will take place at St Teresas at 7pm, followed by exposition of the Eucharist until 12pm.

On Good Friday at St Patricks there are the Stations of the Cross at 10am followed by the Solemn commemoration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm.

The Easter vigil (and the Easter Sunday masses) are the highlight of the Christian calendar. The Easter vigil is at 7.30pm on Saturday night at St Patricks. Easter Sunday masses are at 8.30am St Patricks and 10.30 am St Teresas.

How wonderful it would be to have our churches packed for each of these services. You are all warmly invited to attend, and make this a truly holy week. Deacon Matt

Our readings today focus on the stark contrast between the love the people had for Jesus and then their total abandonment. The first reading after which we process into the church with palms, recounts that first Palm Sunday when Jesus triumphantly enters into Jerusalem riding a donkey. He is surrounded by crowds of people who waved palm branches and praise him as the son of David and King of Israel.

The Jews longed for a king to lead them to victory against the Romans and thought Jesus might be that king. But Jesus is not an earthly king. He comes as a King of peace, love, and forgiveness. It's why he rides a donkey, used to carry loads, not a horse used in battle. The waving of palms in our liturgy today reminds us that we are called to be true followers of Jesus, not followers who cheer from a distance. In the gospel reading we hear Marks account of the Lord's passion and death.

You are invited to enter into and participate in all the ceremonies in the parish this Holy week.

Deacon Matt

PARISH NOTICES

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP

Mon: 10.00am Lenten Discussion Group at Featherston Church Hall.

Mon 6.30pm Lenten Prayer Group in St Pat's Church foyer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Pat: Fri's: 7.00pm

St Teresa de Avila: Fri's 10.00am

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

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

ROSARY GROUPS

St Anthony's Hall, Tue's 11.00am

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

St Pat, Sat's 4.30pm

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

SHARED LUNCH 11.30am

Last Sun of the month at St Teresa's Church Hall, Fstn. Please bring a plate.

ANOINTING MASS on 26th March, Tuesday

St. Teresa de Avila Church, 10 am

St. Patrick Church, 2pm

Please bring a plate to share.

Lenten Appeal: *Envelopes in the foyer*

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.**

Acknowledgements and Thanks

The carpet cleaning

The cross stand upgrade

The helpers and sewer of the cloths to cover the statues.

The people behind the scenes who help make things happen in our Parish.



BECOMING A CATHOLIC RCIA PROGRAMME

Contact: Claire: 027 715 6130

Please pray for Nathan, Maggie, and Pepe as they continue their formation to be full members of the church.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" These poignant words, uttered by Jesus on the cross, capture a profound moment of agony and desolation.

This cry of abandonment reflects the deep humanity of Jesus, who, in his perfect union with the Father, experienced the full weight of sin and separation from God on behalf of humanity. In this moment, Jesus, fully divine and fully human, identifies with the suffering of all humanity, feeling the anguish of being forsaken.

This cry from the cross also points to the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies, particularly Psalm 22, where King David laments in a similar manner, foretelling the suffering of the Messiah. Through this connection, Jesus demonstrates his role as the fulfilment of scripture and the Messianic promise, showing how his suffering and death were part of God's salvific plan for the redemption of humanity.

Furthermore, Jesus' cry of abandonment reveals the depth of his love for us. Despite feeling forsaken, Jesus remained obedient to the Father's will, offering himself as a sacrifice for our sins. In this moment of apparent abandonment, Jesus exemplified the ultimate act of love and self-emptying, showing us the extent of God's mercy and compassion.

As we reflect on these words, we are invited to contemplate the mystery of Christ's passion and the depth of his love for each one of us. In the midst of our own moments of darkness and despair, we can find solace in the knowledge that Jesus, who experienced abandonment on the cross, is with us always, offering hope, redemption, and the promise of eternal life.

Today's Lectionary Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

Easter Sunday

1st Reading:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm: .Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Readings: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

LITURGY WORKSHOPS FOR 2024: Fr Patrick Bridgman will present four workshops on **The Sunday Eucharist**- 1. What do we believe? (April) 2. Liturgy of the Word. (June) 3. Liturgy of the Eucharist (August) & 4. It's impact in our lives. (October)

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. Please see the poster for more information. Registrations are appreciated. c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz See you there

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE HOLY SOULS

Anne Scanlon Richard Griffith Gerald Hensley Patrick McMenamain
Grant Keith 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

Fstn: St Teresa de Avila Church, 50 Bell St **Mstn:** St Patrick's, Church 375 Queen St

16th Mar	Tues	10 am	Anointing Mass - St Teresa de Avila Church
		1.00pm	1st Rite Reconciliation
		2 00pm	Anointing Mass - St Patrick Church,
27th Mar	Wed	11.00am	Mass - St Anthony de Padua Hall, Mboro
28th Mar	Thurs	7 00pm	Mass of the Last Supper, St. Teresa de Avila Church
		5.45pm	Passover — Seder Meal, Harlequin Hall, Mstn
		7 00pm	Liturgy of the washing of the Feet (not a Mass), St. Patrick Church
29th Mar	Fri	10.00am	Stations of the Cross—St Patrick's Church
		3.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy - St Patrick Church
		3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy -St. Teresa de Avila Church
30th Mar	Sat	7:30pm	Easter Vigil - St. Patrick Church
31st Mar	Sun	8.30am	Easter Sunday Mass - St Patrick Church
		10.30am	Easter Sunday Mass - St Teresa de Avila Church

*Funeral Mass replaces Mass of the day.

* Liturgy of the Word & Communion (W & C)

Mboro: St Anthony' de Pauda Hall
36 Kitchner Street

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Sat's: 4.00pm St Pat's Church, Mstn. **All other Sacraments like Baptism and Marriages,** please call Parish Office for arrangements.

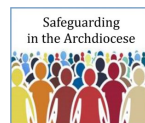
ADW Safeguarding Adviser

Contact: 04 496 1768

Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Sth Wai: Joanne - 022 088 6044

Nth Wai: Lisa - 021 076 1604



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

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



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 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. Please complete the forms, drop it in the box for the Pastoral Parish Council consideration.

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.



Holy Week of Easter for the Wairarapa

23rd March — Palm Sunday Vigil

*Saturday Vigil 5pm at St. Patrick's Church

24th March — Palm Sunday Mass

*Sunday 8.30am at St Patrick's Church

*Sunday 10.30am at St Teresa of Avila Church

26th March — Anointing Mass

*St. Teresa de Avila, 10am

*St. Patrick's Church, 2pm

27th March — Chrism Mass

Wednesday 7.30pm

St Teresa Pro-Cathedral, Karori

28th March - Holy Thursday

* Seder Meal, 5:45pm,

at Harlequin Theatre

* St Teresa of Avila Church

7.00pm Mass

* St Patrick's Church

7.00pm Word & Communion

29th March - Good Friday

* St Teresa of Avila Church

3.00pm Service

* St Patrick's Church

3.00pm Service



30th March - Easter Saturday

*7.30pm Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Church

31st March -Easter Sunday

* St Patrick's Church at 8.30am

* St Teresa of Avila Church at 10.30am

**Combined Churches Walking the Cross. 10am, starts at St Andrew's Union Church, Featherston.*

**Stations of the Cross, 10am at St. Patrick's Church*

**Stations of the Cross Mar 29, 3pm Good Friday will be a Kathy & Gary's farm all welcome. Please contact Paul Traynor at paulus663@gmail.com*

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Address: 161 High Street North, Carterton 5713

Call: 06 379 7915 Or Patrick Hallot (Chair) 027 424 9365

The Society provides any form of help that alleviates suffering or deprivation and promotes human dignity and personal integrity in all their dimensions.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER/PASSOVER MEAL

The Seder/Passover Meal this year will start at 5.45 pm in Harlequin Theatre Foyer Dixon St. Please be on time so we can begin the Readings by 6pm. Holy Thursday Liturgy and Communion follows at 7pm in St Patrick's Church.

The Seder Meal honours a Feast instituted by God and celebrated by Jesus Himself. The gathering of people and food together is a reminder of the first Passover Supper of the Israelites when God rescued them from bondage. The night before he died, Jesus and his Disciples celebrated the Last Supper in the Upper Room in Jerusalem and He said to them "Do this in memory of me"

All are welcome to join in this significant Celebration.

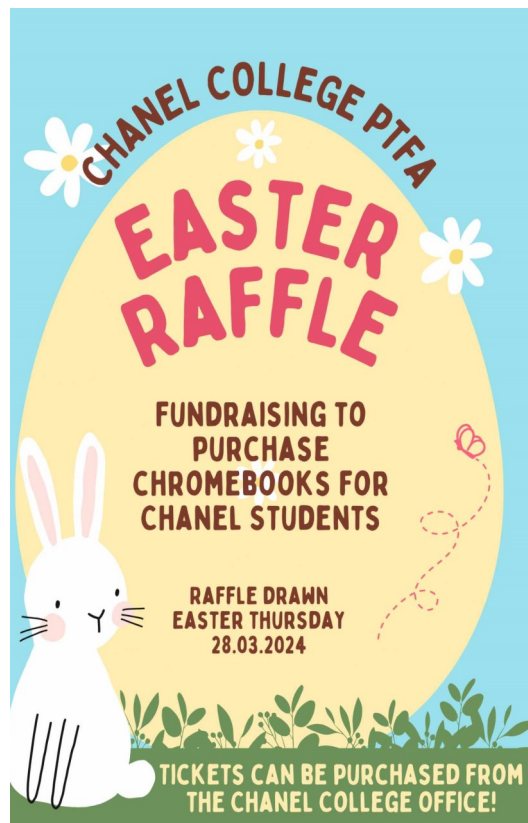


SCHOOL NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



To help develop the reading skills of our kura Tamariki (School children) at St. Pat's School. If you have the time, the patience, and the skills, please get in touch with Steve Wheeler., the Tu-muaki (principal) of the school.



CHANEL COLLEGE PTFA
EASTER RAFFLE
FUNDRAISING TO PURCHASE CHROMEBOOKS FOR CHANEL STUDENTS
RAFFLE DRAWN EASTER THURSDAY 28.03.2024
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE CHANEL COLLEGE OFFICE!



Samoa Trip 2024 Fundraiser
Twilight
CAR BOOT SALE & FOOD FAIR
Chanel College
April 5th, 5.00 - 7.00 pm
register a vehicle space by emailing gregorya@chanelcollege.school.nz
\$20 per space. Goods only.

ONLINE ROCKY ROAD FUNDRAISER

St Mary's School families are selling delicious rocky road to help support our school and our students. The funds raised by our school community make a huge difference in enhancing the overall school environment and educational outcomes of all our students. Our fundraising initiatives over the school year go towards a range of much needed projects, enhancements and upgrades for our school that benefit all current and future families. We don't have a school hall or anywhere big enough to gather as a whole school so we are fundraising for an archgola to go over our quad.



How will this fundraiser work? We have chosen to run a Go Raise It online Rocky Road fundraiser. Made from a love of marshmallows, chocolate and family - these 200g bars are a popular treat that can be eaten by all, as well as an excellent gift for your family and friends. By running our product sales campaign online, it makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your family can fundraise from home - no need to worry about handling all that cash and keeping track of orders. You simply sign up on the fundraising website, share the link with family and friends and they can arrange to collect their products from you at the end of the fundraiser.

How do I sign up to fundraise online? Each fundraiser 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/>

Our Catholic Schools

School Preference form signing please come to the Parish Office

***Wed & Thurs 3.00pm - 4.00pm.**

St Teresa's School, Fstn
Signing

arrangement made through the school.