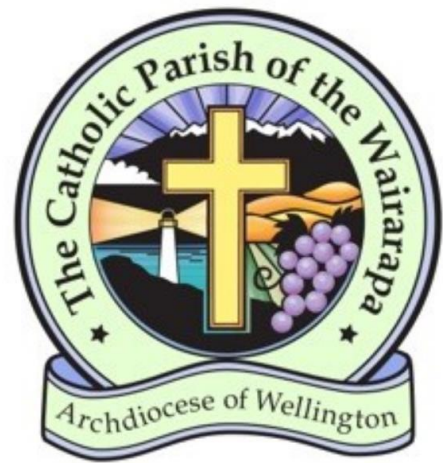
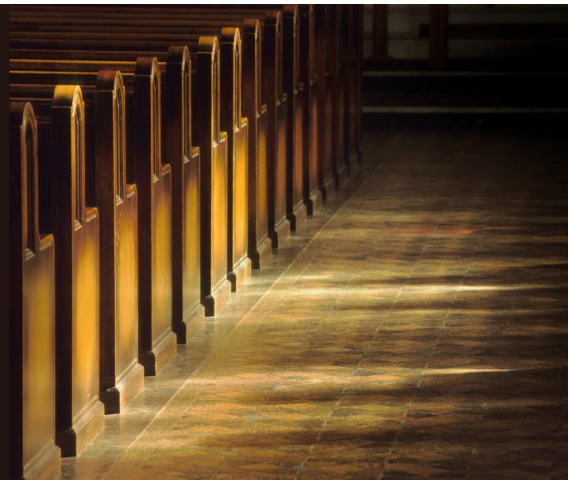


The Parish Pastoral Council of  
**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF WAIRARAPA**



# Parish Plan 2024-2026



# The vision

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“A community living and sharing  
the good news of Jesus Christ.”

The Wairarapa Parish Pastoral Plan reflects our unique five town character and newness as a Parish. Our Plan above all aims to unify our new Parish and sees the commencement of fixing our two Churches.

This Plan has five parts:

1. One Wairarapa Parish; five communities.
2. Pastoral Plan
3. Liturgical Plan
4. Finance and Churches
5. Summary

# The Framework

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**One Wairarapa Parish; five communities.**

The two Wairarapa Parish churches in Featherston and Masterton are in the process of being strengthened or replaced. With one Priest and a Deacon, the Parish has Sunday masses in both Churches, with mid-week masses regularly held in the three remaining towns.

The proposals to remediate or replace Masterton Church and Featherston Church are proceeding in work led by the Finance Committee.

It is the intent of the Parish Council to grow our Catholic faith in all our five towns, and to support our Catholic communities in all towns. In our first year, our prime focus is on uniting our Parish, and fixing our two churches.

The Wairarapa Parish leadership sits in three bodies:

- The Wairarapa Parish Pastoral Council.
- The Parish Liturgy Committee
- The Finance Committee.

The WPPC is ideally made up of one person from each town, a Chair and Deputy Chair, as well as Father Dennis and Deacon Matt. The focus for all members is the full parish, not any individual town. The three Committees have some common members, and Chairs regularly attend other meetings.

Below these Committees, both Churches have church committees which continue to run and look after the Churches, overseen by the Parish Liturgy Committee.

In addition, there are community leaders in the towns of Martinborough, Carterton and Greytown, who have an informal but important role in assisting the Council with its vision of unity and growing our faith in all towns.

## Pastoral Plan

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The Wairarapa Parish Pastoral Council has a wonderful opportunity to build a community that lives and shares the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The governance of the Wairarapa Parish Council has three bodies:

The Wairarapa Parish Pastoral Council. - Peter Chairperson

- Pastoral team contact person: Helen Morgan
- Liturgy team contact person: Lisa Dudley
- Health & Safety contact person: Joe Kirkpatrick

Sitting in the meeting is the chair of the Parish Finance Committee, John Bunny, to ensure collaboration between these committees.

The Wairarapa Parish Pastoral Council, with Father Dennis, is responsible for leading the Wairarapa Parish, providing pastoral guidance and final decisions on the rebuilding of our two churches, and directly managing pastoral and outreach plans and activities through monthly meetings.

## Pastoral Plan in a Timeline

<b>2024</b>	<b>AREA</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>AREA</b>
		January	No activity
		February	Wairarapa Parish Picnic
		March	Alpha/ Wairarapa Parish Retreat

April		April	Lenten reflection Groups
May	Gifting Sunday	May	Journey through the Bible Study
June	Ministry formation for Eucharistic ministers & home visitors for housebound & bereaved	June	Passionist Family Group formation
July	Midwinter Christmas Social	July	Toiletries donations for Blessing Bags
August	Pope Francis Letters study group	August	Pope Francis Letters study group
September	Training of advocates to support those accessing government	September	A Group activity for Wairarapa Parish men

	departments		
October	Celebrating the Environment inclusive of Tangata Whenua	October	Dedication of Wairarapa Parish - Feast Day Celebration
November	Seasons of Growth offered for those grieving A Group activity for Wairarapa Parish men.	November	Seasons of Growth offered for those grieving
December	Christmas Tree appeal	December	Christmas Tree appeal

### Other Parish Activities

<b>MONTHLY</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>	<b>OTHERS</b>
W. Ladies Group, Youth Group	Hospitality after Mass	Sacramental Programmes
Bible Groups	Rosary	Couples for

Lenten/ Sunday reading focus groups	Bible study focus, Sunday readings, Prayer Chain	Christ RCIA
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## Estimated Budget

2024		
May	Ministry formations	\$300.00
June	Home visitations	\$300.00
July	Midwinter Picnic	\$200.00
August	Pope Francis letters	\$300.00
October	Environment / Maori	\$400.00
2025		
March	Alpha/ Parish retreat	\$500.00
August	Pope Francis	\$300.00

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# Liturgical Plan

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The Wairarapa parish liturgical planning will be led by the Parish Liturgical Committee.

This Committee is comprised of Father Dennis, Deacon Matt, two members of the Parish Council, and two from each of the Church Committees.

The Liturgy Committee focus includes facilitating agreed harmonisation of prayers, music, and other liturgical matters with the two Church Committees. This includes mass times, school masses, midweek masses and so forth, which all finally must be suitable to our Parish Priest.

As said earlier, there is a local liturgical team in each community. They will be responsible for the day-to-day liturgical organization in collaboration with the different liturgical ministries in the church communities.

# Parish Liturgical Plan

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April 2024 – March 2025

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>THEME/FOCUS</b>	<b>CALENDAR</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
APR	THE RESURRECTI	7: DIVINE MERCY	Focus is on the vocation we have in



	<p>ON</p> <p>What can we give?</p> <p><b>Pope: For the Role of Women</b></p>	<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>8: ANNUNCIATION-Day of Prayer for Family Life</p> <p>21: Day of Prayer for Vocations (Week for vocations)</p> <p>25: ANZAC Day</p> <p>28: Parish Gifting Sunday</p> <p>29: St Peter Chanel</p>	<p>our families, in our communities and also in our Parish. What can we give to our Parish family in terms of Time, Talent and Treasure?</p>
MAY	<p>THE BLESSED VIRGIN</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>Parish Unity</p> <p><b>Pope: For the formation of Religious and Seminarians</b></p>	<p>12: ASCENSION – World Communications Day</p> <p>12-19: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</p> <p>19: PENTECOST – Gifts of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>20: Mary, Mother of the Church</p> <p>26: THE MOST</p>	<p>This month we focus on collating information received from the Gifting Sunday questionnaire .</p> <p>How is the communication going within the parish?</p>

		HOLY TRINITY	How are we working together to create unity within our Parish?
JUN	<p>THE SACRED HEART</p> <p>Liturgical Ministries</p> <p>Pope: For Migrants fleeing their homes</p>	<p>2: CORPUS CHRISTI</p> <p>23: Prayer for refugees and migrants</p>	<p>How do we celebrate our Masses? What can we do in our ministries to enhance the way we celebrate?</p> <p>Focus is on Lay Ministry in the Life and Mission of the Church, and the Spirituality of Safeguarding</p>
JUL	<p>THE PRECIOUS BLOOD</p> <p>Pastoral Care of the elderly and the</p>	<p>28: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</p>	<p>How do we look after the older generation within our Parish? What can we do within the</p>

	<p>vulnerable</p> <p>P: For Pastoral Care of the Sick</p>		<p>Mass to celebrate them and to ensure that they continue to be fully embraced as they move through this stage in their lives?</p> <p>Ministry Formation Days will complete the training in the Lay Ministries.</p>
AUG	<p>THE ASSUMPTION</p> <p>Commissioning of all ministers.</p> <p>Mary as Mother to us all</p> <p>P: For Political Leaders</p>	15: ASSUMPTION	<p>Ministers will be commissioned over the four weeks of August.</p>

<p>SEP</p>	<p>THE HOLY CROSS</p> <p>Creation and how we take care of it both practically and theologically</p> <p>.</p> <p>P: For the Cry of the Earth</p>	<p>1: Day of prayer for Care of Creation</p> <p>8-14: Social Justice Week</p>	<p>How do we take care of our world both practically and theologically. How does this fit in with Social Justice?</p>
<p>OCT</p>	<p>THE ROSARY</p> <p>P: For a Shared Mission</p>	<p>6: Celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert</p> <p>7: Feast of our Lady of the Rosary</p> <p>13: Day of Prayer to Support Life.</p> <p>15: St Teresa of Avila</p>	
<p>NOV</p>	<p>THE POOR SOULS</p> <p>P: For</p>	<p>1: ALL SAINTS</p> <p>2: ALL SOULS</p> <p>17: World Day of the Poor</p> <p>24: World</p>	<p>Special liturgy on the last Friday of the month to recognise those who</p>

	Anyone who has Lost a Child	Youth Day/JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	have died.
DEC	THE COMING OF CHRIST The Beginning of Advent P: For Pilgrims of Hope- Beginning of the Jubilee Year	1: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 24: Opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica 25: CHRISTMAS DAY	Focus on the beginning of the Jubilee Year on 24th December Jubilee Prayer of St. Fra
JAN	HOLY NAME OF JESUS	1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 3: Most Holy Name of Jesus 5: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 12: BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
FEB	THE PASSION	1: St Brigid 2:	

		PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	
MAR	ST JOSEPH Beginning of Lent	5: ASH WEDNESDAY 9: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 17: St Patrick 25: ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	

Key: P: Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions <sup>L</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING LITURGICAL PLAN:

##### Feast Days related to Parish Churches and Schools:

- St Patrick – 17 March
- St Teresa of Avila – 15 October
- St Peter Chanel – 28 April
- St Mary – 20 May
- St Brigid – 1 February

The council will endeavour to work with the schools to participate in a youth mass, and other church activities.

# Liturgical Plan Budget

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>Costs for Year ending 31-3-24</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Costs: Year ending 31-3-25</u></b>	<b><u>Notes</u></b>
Hosts		\$1600.00	
Wine		\$1664.00	2 bottles per week
Candles		\$1500.00	
Flowers		N/C	
Linens			To be assessed.
Vestments		\$500.00	Rose Coloured vestments  Altar Servers Robes
Manuels			Liturgy

Missals			Not being renewed in 2024
Charcoal/Incense		Minimal	
Music License Fees	\$760.00	\$800.00	
Organ Maintenance	\$1016.60	\$1020.00	
Sound System Update		Significant	
Sacramental Programmes			Certificates, candles, etc
Liturgical Environment		\$1000	Statues Foyer Bulletin Boards
Extraordinary Minister Pack: · Pyx · Crucifix · Linen · Booklet · Candle		\$60 pp X8 \$480.00	



# Finance and Property

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The Wairarapa Parish has significant financial and property challenges in the near term which the Finance Committee is addressing.

In relation to fixing our two churches, final costings are expected to be received very shortly. We are confident that we have the resources to deliver two safe churches.

It is our aspiration to grow our Catholic faith in all five towns; however, in this commencing Plan, our focus is on unity and fixing our two Churches.

On a separate financial matter, the challenge of balancing our annual income and spending is a big challenge. Major steps toward addressing this have been taken, but we have a long way to go. The Financial Recovery Plan is being organized now. The Parish Council will support the Finance Committee which leads this work.

Also, at the recent Parish Gifting Sunday, there will be committees or teams to be organized to help the Finance Committee in its role:

- Money Counters
- Fundraising Team
- Grants Committee

# Health and Safety

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Ensuring the health and safety of parishioners both within church facilities and in their vicinity is a multifaceted responsibility that requires proactive measures and

community cooperation. The health and safety person will collaborate with the church committees on the many areas of concern with regards to health and safety of people in the facilities.

- cleanliness and hygiene
- medical emergencies
- disaster and emergency preparedness
- evaluation and plan for potential hazards

Coordinating regular surveillance, evaluation, and communication about potential hazards, emergency procedures, and preventative measures would help foster a culture of vigilance and preparedness within the community.

By prioritizing the health and safety of parishioners both within church facilities and in their vicinity, the parish can demonstrate its commitment to the overall well-being of the parishioners. Through collaboration and proactive measures, the parish can create an environment that nurture spiritual growth while safeguarding physical health.

## Summary

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This Plan has been prepared with the main goal of unity in mind; liturgically; pastorally; in our Council structure, and organisationally.

The Council is clear that achieving Parish unity, two safe churches, and supporting our Catholic communities in all five towns, are the foundations for growing our faith in the Wairarapa.

It is our aspiration that we Catholics can do more to share our wonderful Catholic faith with our communities, with the

help of the Holy Spirit. Options to do this will be considered once we have achieved the foundations of unity, safe churches and supported Catholic communities in each of our towns.