



CALLED, GIFTED, SENT FORTH

We, the people of God, led and inspired by the Holy Spirit, fed by the Word and the Eucharist, strive to share our faith and live our lives daily as disciples of Christ.

THE DILEMMA OF NICODEMUS

Obviously, Nicodemus was a man of absolute integrity --- sincere and totally honest. The way Jesus addresses him, when they just meet, shows Jesus recognised him as one of the leading, if not **the** leading Teacher in Jerusalem, and a highly respected Pharisee.

Nicodemus's just quandary was that while his fellow-Pharisees dismissed Jesus as a nobody to be ignored, Jesus's healing miracles could only be of God. So he decided to approach Jesus secretly, by night, to find for himself what Jesus had to say and what he was about.

Jesus challenged Nicodemus. He talked about the absolute requirement for faith in himself and Baptism. He spoke of his inevitable crucifixion as well as his role as the Saviour, not just for the Jewish people and Israelites, but for the world, and the entire human race.

Nicodemus left with much to ponder and try to understand – for all that Jesus had said cut right across the accepted thinking and teaching of the Pharisees of that time.

Nicodemus, over time, came to accept the truth of Jesus and to a faith in him. We know that at Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin, Nicodemus spoke out and tried to get him a fair hearing. And after the crucifixion he helped bury Jesus' body.

Charles Cooper

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

11 MARCH 2018

Readings—Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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Please note:

Our Parish has a new email address

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OFFICE HOURS

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Thursday & Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm

Phone: 569.8045

St Patrick, Wainuiomata

Monday only 10:00am - 12:00pm

For office queries please phone: 971.7885

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

TE WAIRUA TAPU

BNZ Bank Account # 02-0544-0049224-00.

Please note all cheques paid to any of the four communities must be made payable to The Parish of the Holy Spirit.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

FUNDRAISING

Parishioners who would like to contribute towards Stage 2 of our Parish building project at St Patrick Community in Wainuiomata (the community Hall) can do so by using our BNZ bank account # 02-0544-0049224-25.

As always your contributions are greatly appreciated and eligible for a tax receipt at the end of the financial year.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

25/02/18 \$3,269.80

Thank you

Responsorial Psalm

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Readings

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

March

12 Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4: 43-

13 Ezek 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16

14 Is 49: 8-15; Jn 5:17-30

15 Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47

16 Wis 2: 1, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

17 Jer 1: 4-9; Acts 13: 46-49; Lk 10: 1-12, 17-20

18 Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and will forgive their iniquity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it will yield a rich harvest.

In Our Prayers

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember these and other sick people of the Parish in your prayers.

*Lena Barnao, Janet Carrasco,
Brother James, Patrick Hanson, Mary Kerr,
Cyril Lambert, Joan McTeggart,
Noeleen Marshall, Bernard Su'a,
Michael & Anne Wheeler,
Rosa Marie Santos, Bev Moran, Thomas Harris,
Lie Perez, Wally Blazkow, John Mooney,
Maria Tasi, Margaret Tinney,
Christine Mooney, Lydia Pattison,
Telehia Lino, Helapia Teofilo, ,
Julia Havell, Celia Wright (UK).*

If you know of anyone who is confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please advise the Parish Office (971.7885)

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the souls of our recently deceased.

Mandy Scanlan, Maire Ingham, John Barry.

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember and pray at all Masses for the following souls whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*Alexander Galloway, Joan Walls,
Ramon Swanson Dorothea Rix, Eileen Cassidy,
Patrick (Pat) Healy (London & Eire).*

May they rest in God's eternal Peace.



WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy”.



Parish Events



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This devotion is being held in all four communities every Friday during Lent, starting at **7:00pm**.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH YOUTH

We'd like to invite all young musicians, (Year 9 at school and up) to join us at 6.30-8.30pm, Friday, 16th March for the next...

'Spirited' (Holy Spirit Youth Jam) session.

Please bring your instrument and/or your voice and join us at St. Pauls Anglican Church, Waiwhetu Rd to play music together and get to know other young musicians in your parish.
Contact: Lucy Ryan 022.653.9525 or lucy.nzteacher@gmail.com for more details.

Find us on Facebook: *Spirited*

Parish Events

END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL

Please keep this very important issue in your prayers.

It is vital that our Catholic belief in the sanctity of life be heard!

Prayer for Life

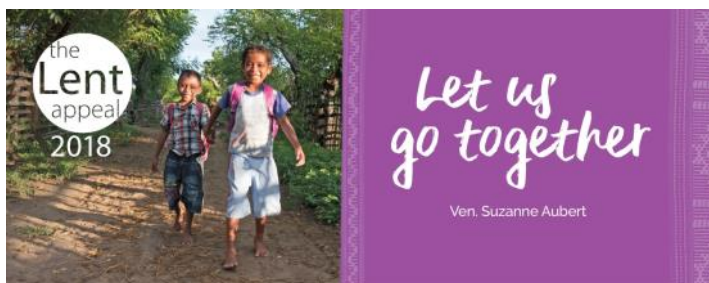
Loving God,
Inspire in us a deepening respect for life and the human dignity of every person.
Guide and strengthen us in caring, especially for the vulnerable,
for those with disabilities, for those who are sick lonely or depressed.

Help us to value the elderly.

Encourage us in enabling people with disabilities to live their lives to the full.

Support and empower all those working to protect life,
especially against euthanasia and assisted suicide.

We make this prayer with full confidence in your guidance, compassion and love.
Amen.



CARITAS LENT APPEAL

Week 4

Nicodemus visits Jesus / Bringing light to East Africa

E te Atua,

We pray for those living in darkness. Give us the courage to love and accept each other in our challenges and suffering. Touch those who cling to the darkness or are unaware of the darkness; may our loving presence show them the power of your love.

E te Ariki. Whakarongo mai ki a matou.

Donations received by Caritas by 31 March will be sent a receipt for the 2017/2018 tax year. Donations received by Caritas on and after April 1st will be sent a receipt for the 2018/2019 tax year.

DONATIONS FOR HOLY PLACES AND EASTER OFFERING (2018)

As Easter falls toward the end of March, it has been suggested that these collections will be included in the 2018-2019 tax year. Please note that banks are closed during this time and donations can only be banked/checked the following month – April which is the beginning of the next tax year.

Parish Events

Our Lady of the Rosary - Waiwhetu

◆ FAITH & LIGHT GROUP

Will meet this Sunday, March 11 from 1:30-4pm in the church foyer.

◆ CHILDREN OF GOD MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

warmly invite Parishioners to join us for an evening of Reconciliation, Mass, prayer, hymns supper and friendship at Lidwina Gomez home 4 Bristol Square, Lower Hutt on Wednesday 14th March at 7:00pm. Need a lift? Phone 971.1660

◆ OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

If you have any pre-schoolers turning 5 this year or in 2019 and you would like to enrol them at Our Lady of the Rosary School, please contact the office to make appointments to meet with the Principal, Karolina Surynt-Tapiki.

Sacred Heart – Petone

◆ SINGING PRACTICES FOR EASTER

Mondays - 12th, 19th March, 7:00pm in the Church.

◆ LITURGY MEETING

Wednesday 14th March, 7:00pm, Presbytery Meeting Room.

◆ PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Catherine Gardiner's two-year term as one of two Petone reps on the Parish Council is over and we give thanks to God for her fine work. She leaves a big gap so we are now looking for her replacement. To nominate someone (perhaps yourself) please contact the office or contact Fr Marlon, Tino Smith (the other rep) or Gerard Duignan from the Sacred Heart Petone Stewardship team.

◆ PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

At the beginning of the 2017-2018 tax year, envelopes have been renumbered and givers have been advised of this. The new number appears on the top right of the envelope. Please do not rub out this number and change with your old number (you can write your old number beside it) as this will create some problem with the recording ie. your donation could be recorded to another number that has already been reallocated. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the office (971 7885).

San Antonio – Eastbourne

◆ SAN ANTONIO SCHOOL - OPEN FOR ENROLMENTS

Only 10 minutes (8km) from Hutt Park!, Small School, Big Heart, Unique Size. Exceptional Experience, Low teacher/pupil ratios.

Contact: office@sanantonio.school.nz or phone 562.7398

St Patrick – Wainuiomata

◆ MEN'S GROUP

The 6 week Saturday morning programme of discernment, fellowship and prayer is well underway. Yesterday (Saturday 10th) we had Judy Dixon from Prison /Fellowship speak to us on prisoner support and community reintegration.

Next Saturday (17th March) we will have Chris Duthie-Jung, Director of Family & Young Church Ministries to talk about Family and Faith - In what ways can we help our men and their families strengthen their faith so as to increase participation and engagement in the wider life and the mission of the church.

We start at 8:00am for an hour or so. Beverages and bikkies will be provided.

HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS

No one enjoys talking about safety and security issues, particularly in church. But we are called to be good stewards. That includes protecting our buildings, assets, and most important, people.

CHECKLIST

Church Protection

- ◆ Sprinkler systems (if installed) inspected annually.
- ◆ Multi purpose extinguisher within easy reach.
- ◆ Fire extinguishers visually checked monthly for tampering.
- ◆ Know where fire alarms are situated.
- ◆ Know where assembly areas are.
- ◆ Smoke/heat detectors checked regularly.
- ◆ Trees/Shrubs trimmed (crime prevention)

Think Safety, Act Safely!

The readings for this 'Laetare ('Rejoice') Sunday' reveal the Lord's desire to save his people.

In the First Reading, the exile of the people, and later their release through the pagan king Cyrus, are understood in terms of God's judgment and mercy.

Today's Psalm speaks of the desolation that is experienced when the Lord's goodness is no longer felt. In exile, the people could not be joyful. They could recall the presence of the Lord, but only with regret at its apparent loss.

The gift of the Lord's presence is given, ultimately, through God's loving gift of his Son to the world (Gospel). God loved us so much that he has led us back from the exile of sin, and in bringing us to life in Christ, he has made us a 'work of art'. Jesus is the means by which we are saved, so that we might live 'the good life' of grace in return (Second Reading).

Let's pray, this week, for a greater awareness of the Lord's wonderful gift, full of grace, that frees us from the darkness of exile to the light of joyful living.



Archdiocesan Events

◆ 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join with 40 Days for Life.

If you are able to stand in prayer for just one hour this Lent for the unborn and their mothers, please join the peaceful vigil on the footpath outside Wellington Hospital by signing up your hour at www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife or text "40 Days" to 021.511.2205.

If you are not able to do that, please pray and fast where you are for an end to the tragedy of abortion and a new respect for life from conception to natural death.

◆ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Bishop Paul Martin SM who was ordained the 10th Bishop of Christchurch last Saturday, and to Fr Michael Dooley of Dunedin Diocese who has been appointed by Pope Francis to succeed Bishop Colin Campbell as Bishop of Dunedin.

Please pray for Michael as he prepares for episcopal ordination on 26th April.

◆ MEMORIAL MASS, Fr Pat McCullough

On Wednesday 14th March there will be a Memorial Mass for the first anniversary of Fr Pat McCullough. The Mass will be celebrated at St Michael's Taita at 7:00pm.

◆ ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Weekends scheduled for 2018 are:

17 - 18 March, 14 - 15 July, 3 - 4 November

For more information go to www.cee-wellington.co.nz or phone Kate & Simon Olsen 801.6192 or email simonolsen@gmail.com

Archdiocesan Events

◆ JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WELLINGTON

Come along and join us on **Thursday 15th of March 2018 at 7:30pm** for fellowship and prayer in CONNOLLY HALL, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral)

Speaker: Fr Kevin Connors, breaking open the Joshua theme for 2018:

"Stay Connected to Christ"

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready (04) 970-7715 or 027-356-9555 or email: scjready@gmail.com

◆ CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Day of recollection on Saturday 24th March at 82 The Parade, Paekakariki 10 am -2.30 pm

All welcome. Please bring lunch and a donation of \$10 for expenses.

Contact : Elspeth Preddey 04 4723369

◆ ST MARY'S COLLEGE SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Please email your contact details to marieheffnz@gmail.com if you have any unneeded St Marys uniform items. Thank You.

◆ DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

Saturday 24th March 1:15pm at Connolly Hall, Guilford Tce, Thorndon.

Speaker: Fr John Rea on Lam 3:22-24, our theme of hope, with ministry.

All women welcome. Contact Shura 021 072 4042, 3899938, or email: shuraprice@hotmail.com.

◆ THE PRISON CHAPLAINCY SERVICE OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

Is seeking a fulltime Office Manager. See their website www.pcsanz.org/vacancies

◆ CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Join us each Monday evening for an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All are welcome. 7pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04.383 7134 or 04.383 7769.

◆ QUIET DAYS WITH SUZANNE AUBERT - April 12, 2018 - 10:00-2:00 pm

Insights from Suzanne's life can be a means of developing our own spiritual tools and wisdom. Suzanne knew very well that life can be difficult and exhausting. Her understanding of human nature led her to offer practical and gentle advice.

Register at retreat@compassion.org.nz. Held at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04.383 7134 or 04 383 7769.

◆ GREENSTONE DOORS

On the 2nd Monday of every month, there is a short Prayer Evening at Greenstone Doors, 15 Dudley St, Lower Hutt at 7pm, which is an opportunity to pray for the work of the Trust, the clients and the volunteers. Everyone is welcome and if you cannot attend but would like to be part of our Prayer Team, please email Wendy at info@greenstoneddoors.co.nz

◆ FEBRUARY REFUGEE INTAKE - THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED!

Wellington Catholic Social Services would like to thank all the groups and individuals in parishes and the community who contributed to the recent house set-up for refugees arriving in Wellington in February. With your assistance, we were again able to set-up homes for 43 former refugees in 15 households. Many thanks to all who contributed household and pantry items; set-up homes; and assisted with sorting, packing and transporting goods.

For more information about this work, or to contribute to the April refugee intake, please see our website: <https://wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz/Supporting+refugee+resettlement> or contact CSS: email refugees@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz or phone 04-3858642.

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday	8:00am 9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 5:30pm	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu St Patrick, Wainuiomata Sacred Heart, Petone Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu Sacred Heart, Petone
Monday	9:00am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu
Tuesday	9:00am 9:00am 9:30am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu St Patrick, Wainuiomata (Chapel) Sacred Heart, Petone
Wednesday	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu Sacred Heart, Petone (10am every 1st Wed of month) San Antonio, Eastbourne
Thursday	9:00am 9:00am 9:30am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu St Patrick, Wainuiomata (Chapel) Sacred Heart, Petone
Friday	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu San Antonio, Eastbourne St Patrick, Wainuiomata (Church)
Saturday	9:00am 5:30pm 6:00pm	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu San Antonio, Eastbourne St Patrick, Wainuiomata

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	After 9:00am Mass	St Patrick, Wainuiomata
Wednesday	10:00am	San Antonio, Eastbourne
Thursday	After 9:30am Mass	Sacred Heart, Petone

ROSARY

Wednesday	7:00pm	St Patrick, Wainuiomata
Friday	9:10am	San Antonio, Eastbourne

WORD AND COMMUNION SCHEDULES

Monday	9:00am	St Patrick, Wainuiomata
Tuesday	9:30am	San Antonio, Eastbourne
Wednesday	9:00am	St Patrick, Wainuiomata
Thursday	9:30am	San Antonio, Eastbourne
Friday	9:30am	Sacred Heart, Petone

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Every 1st Thursday of the month

MARRIAGE, FUNERALS

By appointment only. Please telephone the Parish Office in Petone on (04.971.7885).

RECONCILIATION

San Antonio and Sacred Heart churches: By appointment only
Our Lady of the Rosary: Saturdays after 9:00am Mass
St Patrick: Saturdays 5:00pm - 5:30pm.