



## 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.*

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - Year A

#### THE KINGDOM OF TRUTH THAT SETS US FREE

The most powerful and influential in our world today are no longer the established politicians but the social media that are owned by almost invisible people or corporations, operated behind the scenes. Though more and more people are distrustful of social media, the majority of us are becoming easy consumers, we take in almost anything thrown at us by these mainstream medias without being critical. Fake news is everywhere and well disguised as 'reliable source'. People are confused where the truth is. We find it difficult to distinguish sheep from goat. **Carl Bergstrom** and **Jevin West** wrote, "*The world is awash with b...sh.., and we are drowning in it.*" Media moguls are like kings ruling over a divided kingdom of divided people.

Unlike this divided kingdom, Jesus is the most powerful and influential King who gathers the scattered and tends the lost. "I myself will pasture my sheep....will give them rest, the lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy... I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats." (Ez 34: 15-17). His Kingdom is the Kingdom of forgiveness and healing, of restoring truth and justice in the face of division and destruction.

Today we celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe. As citizens of Jesus' universal Kingdom, we are also, as St. Paul said, called to be ambassadors for Christ embodying these gospel values of his Kingdom in our lives as witnesses. Christ came as King who sets us free from all falsehood like separating sheep from goat. He liberates us from deadly consequences that this falsehood brings about. Long live the Christ, the Universal King!

John Quang svd

**22 NOVEMBER 2020**

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Gospel Matt.25:31-46

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## Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

## In Our Prayers

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

*Lena Barnao, Brother James, Pat Lee, Bob & Noeleen Marshall, Joan Hall,*

*Michael & Anne Wheeler,*

*Rosa Marie Santos, Lie Perez,*

*Margaret Tinney, Helapia Teofilo,*

*Tim Heath, Helen Thomson,*

*Margaret Smith, Monty Garrick,*

*Eileen Dellabarca, Mary Fagan,*

*Niamh Quinn, Niko Perez,*

*Valelia Lafaele, Etuale Perez, Bill S, Matalena Lemoto, Cathy Richardson,*

*Zmerid Bakhos.*

**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.

**May they rest in God's eternal peace.**

### ANNIVERSARIES

We remember and pray at all Masses for our loved family members, friends and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*John Persoon, Alan Moran,*

*Helen Wallach, Carol Watts,*

*Frs John Broadbent & Brian Fletcher,*

*Peter Kristensen, Ray Glover,*

*Michael MacNeil.*

**May they rest in God's eternal peace.**



## Parish Notices

### SVD PRIESTS ON RETREAT – 23 – 27 NOVEMBER:

There will be Word and Communion at the following Churches at their regular Mass times.

**Sacred Heart Petone**

**St Patrick Wainuiomata**

**San Antonio Eastbourne**

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

**Tuesday, Friday**

**Friday**

**BAPTISMS:** We warmly welcome **Daniel Lima Rocha Amaral** (Sacred Heart Petone) and **Rupert Alexander Haynes** (St Patrick Wainuiomata) who are to receive the sacrament of Baptism in our Parish of the Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu this weekend and their families. May all of you always walk in the light of Christ's love.

### NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS: Month of Remembrance

We always remember our loved family and friends who have gone before us. In the month of November we especially remember them and pray with the church.



### **BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:**

The next Baptism preparation session will be held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** (first Thursday of the month) in the Petone Presbytery Meeting Room, 41 Britannia St. Petone (back of Sacred Heart Church) 7:00pm. Parents wishing to have their child baptized are invited to attend. If you wish to attend the session please register by contacting the Parish Office at 971 7885.

### **SENIORS CHRISTMAS MASS & LUNCH 2020:**

The Parish of the Holy Spirit would like to invite all our senior parishioners and friends to come and join us, and enjoy our Christmas Mass/Lunch. This year we are privileged that our St Patrick community, Wainuiomata will host the said event.



**What:** *Seniors Christmas Mass and Lunch 2020*

**Date:** *December 4th, 2020*

**Place:** *St Patrick, Wainuiomata*

**Time:** *10:00am Holy Mass, 11:00am Catching up with cup of tea/fruit juice etc 12:00pm Lunch*

**Cost:** *\$20.00 per person*

**Note:** Please bring a small gift - \$6 or \$7 and label whether it is for a man or woman. There will be two containers at the Hall for you to place your gifts in. We will also have a few spot prizes for entertainment.

**RSVP by 23 November to enable catering to:**

*Christine Morgan* 027 4324962

*Alan MacLean* 022 5646904

*Sr Annette King* 027 6686650 or contact the parish office 971 7885

**Payment:** If you have indicated that you are attending the Christmas Luncheon at Wainuiomata, **Payment is required before the event.**

Please place your payment in an envelope and write your name on the envelope and hand into the parish office or give to Sister Annette, Alan MacLean or Christine Morgan. We realise that this could be difficult for some so we suggest you contact one of the names in the bulletin and collection of the payment can be arranged.

**We do not want a repeat of last year where 10 people indicated they were coming and did not turn up. This resulted in the Parish paying for those people (\$250.00!!) Very disappointing and unnecessary.**

**Numbers will be limited - if you have changed your mind please let us know immediately.**

*We look forward to seeing everybody*

### **MARIA ROSA MYSTICA CELEBRATION:**

Tuesday, **December 8th** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Waiwhetu starting at 7:00pm. For further information please contact Lucia Aiga 04 5771859 or 021 02289544

### **ADVENT RECONCILIATION DATES:**

Thursday, 10th December, 7:00pm - St Patrick, Wainuiomata

Friday, 11th December, 7:00pm - Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu.

## **SACRED HEART, PETONE**

**SACRED HEART PETONE'S (FAMOUS) ART AUCTION: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** Sacred Heart School hall **5pm - 6.30pm** parent art viewing, silent art auction, wine & cheese, \$5 entry incl. glass of wine and your child's beautiful artwork to keep. (FOSH thank you in advance for donations of unwanted framed art that can be auctioned on the night, or wine to be used for the evening event, both currently being accepted at the school.)

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM:** Meeting Tuesday, 24 November, 7:00pm, Presbytery Meeting Room.

**SINGING PRACTICES FOR CHRISTMAS:** Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm and Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> December after 5:30pm Mass

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL GROUP:** Is requesting for donations of non perishable goods to help those in need in our church community as our cupboards are practically bare. Perishable items and goodies are also collected over this Christmas season to be distributed to needy families at this time. The gifting tree will be put up next week – the beginning of Advent. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. **Many thanks to the Samoan community for the wonderful donation of food for the Vinnies food cupboard on Sunday.**

## **ST PATRICK, WAINUIOMATA**

**CATHOLIC TEACHER, 34-YEAR-OLD PROFESSIONAL, LOOKING TO RENT:** (for about a year) furnished studio/granny unit/cottage for 1 person, in Wainuiomata, Petone or surrounding areas of Lower Hutt. Move-in date 22nd Jan 2021. Kindly call/message Stephanie - 021 1648285

**GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** The Fundraising Committee are selling Raffle Tickets. Proceeds also towards the Building Project. It's a lovely prize to be drawn on Sunday 20th December (just in time for Christmas). Tickets are **\$2.00 each** or **3 for \$5.00**. Look for the committee selling tickets.

## **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, WAIWHETU**

**NEW SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER GROUP:** Frances Knoef and Gavan O'Farrell (who is new to the parish) are starting up a small group in the Our Lady of the Rosary community for scripture study and prayer during Advent. The group is an opportunity to consider the Sunday readings more closely (There is always something to discover!) and to pray about any requests. Meetings will be fortnightly, on a weekday evening, starting in the first week of December. Would anyone interested in joining this group please contact Frances on 027 348 2345 or Gavan on 027 477 1777

**MANPOWER REQUIRED:** We are having the carpet in the church stretched. To do this the pews need to be removed. People required on Friday 27th and Saturday the 28th. First Shift after 9am Mass Friday. Second Shift from 7pm Friday evening. Third shift Saturday after 3pm to reinstate the pews. Small levers, or crowbars required, and hammers for Saturday.

If you can help please contact Peter Feakin at: [pjfeakin@gmail.com](mailto:pjfeakin@gmail.com) or 0279158101. Thank you.

**EMAILS TO HOLY ROSARY:** Effective immediately please address all emails destined for Our Lady Of The Rosary Waiwhetu to **holyspiritparish41@gmail.com**