



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.

2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Up and Down the Mountain!

Sir Edmund Hillary, from New Zealand, is the explorer who was the first man to stand atop Mount Everest, the highest mountain on the face of the earth. In his autobiography, titled **Nothing Venture, Nothing Win** Sir Edmund writes these words: *“After one scale the mountain, after one achieves that which one has perhaps dreamed of and worked for all of his or her life, the time comes when one must come back down from the mountaintop. A man or woman must go on with everyday living. There is always another challenge ahead of us”.*

The Gospel of Luke presents to us the event called the **Transfiguration**, that heavenly revelation by God that Jesus was the true Son of God. Jesus' face was changed as He was invested with a heavenly light and power. The voice of God came out of the clouds and said, ***“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”*** Wow! that was some mountaintop experience.

However, we must remember, about eight days before this episode, Jesus had told the disciples that He would suffer greatly, be rejected by the Jewish leaders, and killed (Lk. 9:22). I could imagine why Peter reacted by saying; *“Master, it is good that we are here, let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”*. In other words, what Peter is trying to say is, ‘let’s stay here Lord’ – a place without suffering, pain, and difficulty. After all that is what it means to stand on the mountaintop with God.

However, St. Luke teaches us this week, that we must come down from that mountaintop to live in a world where *there is always another challenge ahead of us*. And *as we go on with our everyday living*, know that Christ is always there with us, no matter what may happen. Somehow, some way, Jesus will help us in our greatest hours of need.

Fr. Marlon

13 MARCH 2022

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18; Philippians 3: 147-4:1; Gospel Luke 9: 28-36

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Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and salvation.

In Our Prayers

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

*Lena Barnao, Brother James,
Joan Hall, Michael & Anne Wheeler,
Rosa Marie Santos, Lie Perez,
Margaret Tinney,
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 & Joe Richardson,
Zmerid Bakhos, Julie Soane, Fetu Perez,
Hililo Savelio, Ana Pereira,
Nathan Lysaght, Owen Hessian,
Leota Toluao Osa Faamao,
Anau Patemus Sialau (Samoa),
Maureen Te Wehioterangi Jehly,
Kalolo Misa, Joe Wesselingh.*

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.

*Ngairie Young, Craig Henry Smith,
Ramon Swanson, Dorothea Rix, Jessie Cudby,
Joan Cecily Walls, Eileen Cassidy,
Kathleen Stokes, Maisie Jackson, Iakopo Ausage,
Philip Watson,
Patrick (Pat) Healy (Eire & London).*

May they rest in God's eternal peace

Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the **Blessed Virgin Mary** and of all the saints, come to share your Eternal happiness through **Christ** our Lord. Amen

Eternal Rest, grant to them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Notices

REMINDERS WHEN ATTENDING MASS

- Vaccine Pass sighted and/or verified on entry to church.
- Please keep to your bubbles.
- Masks to be worn at all times.
- No singing.
- Limit of **100** in Church. Need to book online (holyspirit.nz) or phone parish office 971 7885 no later than **midday Friday**.
- Please observe distances when going to communion.

BAPTISM:

We warmly welcome **Ronaldo Andrew Kersten** who will receive the sacrament of Baptism in our Parish of the Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu (St Patrick's Wainuiomata) this weekend, and the family. **May you always walk in the light of Christ's love.**



BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

The next **Baptism Preparation session** will be **Thursday, 7th April 2022** (first Thursday of the month) in the Church Foyer, Sacred Heart Church 41 Britannia St. Petone, 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.

CARITAS LENTEN GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS:

The Lenten giving packs have been distributed or are available at the back of our churches. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes in the offertory basket at Mass or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. **NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.**

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2022 will be sent receipts for the 2021/2022 tax year, Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2022/2023 tax year.

Thank you for your generous support.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS: 6th March 2022 **\$1,264.90**

Thank you for your support. **This total does not include Automatic Payments.**

PUBLIC NOTICE:

We were recently informed that someone was infectious with Covid-19 whilst attending our parish churches.

- **26 February** - 6:00-7:30 pm **Vigil Mass** St. Patrick Church, Wainuiomata
- **02 March** – 6:30 - 7:30 pm **Ash Wednesday** St. Patrick Church, Wainuiomata
- **02 March** - 6:30 – 7:30 pm **Ash Wednesday** Sacred Heart Church, Petone
- **06 March** - 8:00am **Sunday Mass** Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu

Please be advised that whoever was at church on the above dates should monitor themselves and should they experience any symptoms get tested and isolate while waiting for the result (*do not come to church*).

**Thank you and let us help each other to stay safe
and please be kind to one another!!!**

WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

We need to pray because we need God.

Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility,

**may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God,
without whom we cannot stand firm.**

Message for Lent 2022



ST PATRICK, WAINUIOMATA

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm in the church every Friday during Lent.

ROSARY: Every Wednesday after the 6.30pm Mass.



ST PATRICK'S DAY - Thursday, 17th March

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm.

Please note: - **No morning Mass**

ST VINNIES WAINUIOMATA: we are now **open every Saturday 9:00am to 11:00am.** Great bargains for all. See you there.

SACRED HEART, PETONE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm every Friday during Lent.

JOB VACANCY: SACRED HEART SCHOOL

Our caretaker Des Jago is retiring at the end of this term after 17 years at our school. We have begun our search for someone to be our new caretaker. If you know anyone who might be interested in this position the details are below.

School Caretaker Part-time 10 hours per week. Job description available from the school office. Applications close 18th March 2022. Start date negotiable.

Please contact the school for further details: liz@sacredheartpetone.school.nz or admin@sacredheartpetone.school.nz or Phone 5686711

READINGS

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

March

- 14** Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6: 36-38
15 Is 1: 10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12
16 Jer 18: 18-20; Mt 20: 17-28
17 Jer 1: 4-9; Acts 13: 46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20;
18 Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43 45-46
19 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1: 16,18-21,24
20 Ex 3: 1-8,13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

First reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Second reading: Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12 *All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Archdiocesan Notices

Lower Hutt Prayer Group: Our next meeting will be on **Monday 14th March, 7.00 to 8.30pm** in **St's Peter & Paul meeting room.** All welcome. Contact +64211804445.

Vaccine Pass required.

Please pray for our Seminararians: *Alfred, Kinh, Emilio and Gerson* have returned to Auckland to continue their studies, while *Matthew* is on pastoral placement at Otari Parish. Please keep them all in your prayers as well as *Fr David Dowling*, the new Seminary Formator. **Thinking about priesthood?** Visit www.wellingtonpriests.org



Synod
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Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel.

(Evangelii Gaudium, n.20)