



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.

FORGOTTEN TREASURE

I often compare catholic folks, especially young church leaving Catholics to people who are sitting on a diamond mine and yet remain poor! A great treasure is placed at their disposal, but no one helps them to explore it. Adults who have converted to Catholicism often appreciate this treasure more than cradle Catholics. The Jews were the first to receive the Gospel so that they, in turn, may bring that light to the nations. But to Paul's frustration, they rejected it. He had to turn to the Gentiles which to the Gentiles' delight, was great news.

I know many, used to be Catholics, good and decent friends who have now turned to self-help books and yoga/meditation. These days it is not difficult to find a yoga studio near where we live. Most of these people find this kind of experience helps them calm and relax their hectic busy life, and enhances their wellbeing. Though they still believe in a spiritual being out there, they struggle to experience God in an institutionalised church. God is calling us to a greater reality than just feeling good about ourselves.

There is nothing wrong with the above experience. They can be very helpful tools/methods to explore 'the diamond' underneath. The Catholic Church possesses a vast treasure of living experience, traditions and written materials handed down to us for thousands of years. The Church has a lot to offer to people from all walks of life. Our challenge among many other challenges posed by postmodernity is to find ways to effectively communicate the Gospel message anew to the common sense youth of today.

Doctrine and dogma like commandments are not burdens to carry, they are like shelter to help us be secure in our belief with clarity and look beyond where the eye of faith needs aids to see better. A shepherd is needed to steer the way.

The Risen Christ, once a slain Lamb now the chief Good Shepherd, "will lead them to springs of living water; and will wipe away all tears from their eyes".

Fr John

08 MAY 2022 - 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

Acts 13;14.43-52; Apocalypse 7:9.14-17; Gospel John 10:27-30

41 Britannia Street, Petone PO Box 33143 Wellington Mail Centre Lower Hutt 5045
Telephone: (04) 971.7885

Email:holyspiritparish41@gmail.com Website: www.holyspirit.nz



Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Mass has been offered for:

Our Recently deceased: May they rest in God's eternal peace.

Anniversaries: *Graham Edmond Ryan, Kevin Martin, Margaret Durney, Lena Lockyer, Mele Perez, Wouter van Dorrestein, Joseph Toth, Jake Siemonek.*

May they rest in God's eternal peace.



Prayers for the sick:

Nathan Lysaght, Owen Hessian, Anau Patemus Sialau (Samoa), Maureen Te Wehioterangi Jehly, Kalolo Misa, Jon Nelson, Bill Barret, Patricia Rossbottom, Otis Hill, Mons Charles Cooper.

Please remember these and others in the parish who are ill.

If you know of anyone confined to their home or who needs a visit with Holy Communion, please contact the office 971 7885

Parish Notices

REMINDERS WHEN ATTENDING MASS

While we are at Alert Level ORANGE of the following is still in place:

- ◆ Masks to be worn at all times
- ◆ No singing
- ◆ Communion is under one kind and only in the hand
- ◆ No physical contact at the sign of peace.

VOCATION SUNDAY – 8th May 2022

Pope Francis says: ***"Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives."***

Vocation Sunday/Good Shepherd Sunday is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for **Deacon Alfred**, our seminarians, **Matthew, Kinh, Emilio**, and **Gerson** and for all those discerning the call to priesthood.

Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest? Pray for this person. Invite him to consider priesthood. Affirm his gifts and qualities. Encourage him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

CONTACT : Fr Andrew Kim, Vocations Director of Archdiocese of Wellington
Email andlekis@hotmail.com, **Phone** 022 102 2011.

YOUTH GROUP IN PETONE:

Life Teen, a national youth movement is coming to **Sacred Heart Petone**.

We are looking for members to join our Core team to help run the program. Being part of the Core will give you community, formation, fun and an opportunity to be part of The Church's mission.

For more information contact Max Fuhrer: 0272255449 or max@arobake.co.nz

TAX RECEIPTS 2022:

Tax Receipts for the last financial year 2021-22 will be available this month - May .

PLANNED GIVING TO THE PARISH:

We encourage parishioners to support the life and ministry of the Parish of the Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu through making your weekly offering by automatic payment. Automatic payment contributions make it easier for us to plan our activities and to budget for expenses more accurately. If you would like to sign up to our planned giving programme, please contact the parish office at (04) 971 7885 for more information. Thank you for considering this possibility.

For those who are already in our planned giving using envelopes, we encourage you to go on automatic payment. Our bank account number is BNZ 02 054 0049224 00 and put your PG number as reference.

Your financial contribution is very much appreciated.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:

1 May 2022 \$2,151.50 This total does not include Automatic payments.

Holy Places \$ 65.00

Easter Sunday \$ 75.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

BAPTISMS AND BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

We warmly welcome *Vincent Richard Dawson* and *Megan Drew Robinson* (Petone) who are to receive the sacrament of Baptism in our Parish of the Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu, and their families this Sunday. **May they always walk in the light of Christ's love.**

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on **Thursday 2 June 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.



PARISH PROPERTIES REVIEW UPDATE:

Included with this weekend's newsletter is an insertion from the Parish Pastoral Council and Pastoral Team concerning Our Lady of the Rosary church, Waiwhetu.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE 2023 ENROLMENTS OPEN:

Online from Monday 2 May

OPEN MORNINGS – Wed 1 June (Catholic Schools) & **Thurs 2 June** (All welcome). Please visit sacredheartcollege.school.nz under 'Enrolment' to submit an online enrolment or for more information. You can also contact us directly at enrolments@sacredheartcollege.school.nz

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY:

St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on **Saturday 28 May 2022** from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what we can provide. Our new classrooms will be completed by then and open for visitors to view. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college.

For further information please see our website: www.sbc.school.nz or contact the office at: 183 Waterloo Rd Lower Hutt Ph 560 9250
Email: office@sbcschool.nz

SACRED HEART, PETONE

LITURGY TEAM meeting: Wednesday, 11 May, 7:00pm, Church Foyer.

AVAILABLE HELP DURING COVID:

Are you isolating because there's Covid in your household? Or are you a more vulnerable member of our community who would prefer to keep close to home and avoid supermarkets at the moment? There are parishioners who can help. We can collect groceries and other supplies, or are available if you're feeling isolated and would appreciate a friendly chat on the phone. **Please call Cath Fitzgerald on 586 7598 or 021 1733 629.**

SAN ANTONIO, EASTBOURNE

San Antonio School, Eastbourne - Open for Enrolments 2022

Small School, Big Heart, Unique Size, Exceptional Experience, Low teacher/pupil ratios

Contact: **email** office@sanantonio.school.nz **Phone:** 562 7398

READINGS

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

May

- 9 Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10: 1-10
10 Acts 11: 19-26; Jn 10: 22-30
11 Acts 12: 24-13:5; Jn 12: 44-50
12 Acts 13: 13-25; Jn 13: 16-20
13 Acts 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6
14 Acts 1: 15-17; Jn 15: 9-17
15 Acts 14: 21-27; Rev 21: 1-5;
Jn 13: 31-35



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First reading: Acts 14: 21-27

They assembled the Church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Second reading: Revelations 21: 1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

To all our Mums

Mothers hold our hands for a little while, but they hold our hearts forever.

Irish proverb.

Every human person owes his or her life to a mother, and almost always owes much of what follows in life, both human and spiritual formation, to her.

Pope Francis, Jan 7, 2015



Archdiocesan Notices

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND FAMILY MASSES WORKSHOP: Presented by Fr Patrick Bridgman. This workshop is aimed at everyone who is involved in Children's liturgy or organising Family Masses. Those people who are just curious are very welcome to attend as well. St Joseph's, Mt Victoria. June 9th at 7pm. See the poster for more details.

EMPOWER YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING: Life Teen Aotearoa and the ADW Young Church are working together to bring Empower Youth Ministry Training to Wellington! The weekend training will be held from 10am – 7pm Saturday 14th and 10am – Get excited, save the dates, invite your friends, priest, teens who you want to invite to leadership, and anyone else who might be interested and register by emailing I.lloyd@wn.catholic.org.nz