



## CALLED, GIFTED, SENT FORTH

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*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.*

### Lord teach us to pray...

A mother sent her 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy up to bed. In a few minutes she went to make sure that he was getting into bed. When she stuck her head into his room, she saw that he was kneeling beside his bed in prayer. Pausing to listen to his prayers, she heard her son praying over and over again. *"Let it be Tokyo! Please dear God, let it be Tokyo!"*

When he finished his prayers, she asked him, *"What did you mean, 'Let it be Tokyo'?"*

*"Oh,"* the boy said with embarrassment, *"we had our geography exam today and I was praying that God would make Tokyo the capital of France."* (by: Robert L. Allen).

In St. Luke's Gospel, the disciples said to Jesus, ***"Lord, teach us to pray..."*** This request is itself a good prayer, and a very needful one, for it is a hard thing to pray well; and it is Jesus Christ that can teach them and us, by His Word and His Spirit, how to pray.

The little boy in our story was engaged in praying to God, *"please let it be Tokyo "*. However, prayer is not a magical means by which we get God to do what we want. The power of prayer is not that we succeed in changing God. Rather, that God succeeds in changing us. **Prayer is surrender!** Putting one's self and one's affairs utterly and with complete child-like trust in God's hands. **Let us all pray!**

Fr. Marlon

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**24 JULY 2022 - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(YEAR C)**

**Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Gospel Luke 11:1-13**

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## *Responsorial Psalm*

**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

*Mass has been offered for:*

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

**Anniversaries:**

*Vivian Leech, Ian Brown, Dick Martin,  
Violet Daphne Gasson, Fr John Dooley,  
Maureen Jensen.*

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



**Prayers for the sick:** *Nathan Lysaght, Owen Hessian, Maureen Te Wehioterangi  
Jehly, Kalolo Misa, Jon Nelson, Bill Barret,  
Patricia Rossbottom, Otis Hill, Paul Schmidt-Uili,  
Mons Charles Cooper, Francis Ogaro.*

**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 the following is in place:**

- ◆ **Masks to be worn at all times**
- ◆ **Communion is under one kind and only in the hand**
- ◆ **No physical contact at the sign of peace**
- ◆ **Singing now allowed with masks on.**



### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE:**

Due to the availability and the possible decrease of the number of Priests in our Parish, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is in the process of reviewing the number of WEEKEND and WEEKDAY Masses as instructed by our Cardinal John Dew. At the beginning of August, the Pastoral Council will consult with our parishioners by presenting a range of scheduled options for Masses across the Parish Churches. We encourage you all to please partake in this consultation for us to best meet the needs of our Parish communities.

The consultation will run throughout August, providing opportunities for all parishioners to partake.

### **LIFE TEEN – SIGNS OF LIFE:**

The goal of this Life Night is to introduce teens to the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit and build faith in God's miraculous power. We meet again at the Church Hall 33 Britannia Street, Petone, at 6.30pm - Sunday, 24th July.

Follow us on Facebook -Life Teen Petone- If you want to know more contact Max: 0272255449

### **SAMOAN MASS: Sunday, 24 July at 11:00am at St Patrick Church Wainuiomata**

This will be a joint celebration with Sacred Heart, Petone and St Patrick, Wainuiomata communities.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: 17 July- \$1,765.90 This amount does not include APs. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

#### **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 0544 0049224 00** and put your PG number as reference.

**Your financial contribution is very much appreciated.**

#### **A LEGACY OF FAITH:**

**Remembering The Parish of the Holy Spirit - Te Wairua Tapu in your will provides the ideal opportunity of making a statement of your faith and to give resources that will support your church for years to come. Please contact the parish office for further details - 04 971 7885.**



#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:**

The next Baptism Preparation session will be on **Thursday 4 August 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.

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL:**

We ask for God's blessings on all the teachers, children/students and staff of our four Parish primary schools and also Sacred Heart College and St Bernard's College as they begin the third school term of 2022.



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

**ST.VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES)** Waiwhetu and Eastbourne conference have a new email address for anyone needing Vinnies' help or know of anyone requiring help - **vinnieswaiwhetu@gmail.com'**

#### **SACRED HEART, PETONE**

**MAORI MASS:** This Sunday, 24 July, the 9:30am Mass will be led by the Maori Community.

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM Meeting,** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 7:00pm, Church Foyer.

#### **READINGS**

#### **DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

#### **July**

25 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28  
26 Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43  
27 Jer 15:10,16-21; Mt 13: 44-46  
28 Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53  
29 1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27  
30 Jer 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12  
31 Ecc 1:2,2:21-23; Col 3:1-5,9-11  
Lk 12: 13-21

#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First reading: Ecclesiasticus 1:2,2:21-23**

*What do people gain by all their work?*

**Second reading: Colossians 3: 1-5,9-11**

*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

**Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21** *To whom will all this wealth of yours go.?*



## Archdiocesan Notices

### **WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: - 24 July 2022**

The theme for this year's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is:

**"In old age they will still bear fruit"** (Ps 92:15), emphasizing the value and gift that grandparents and the elderly are both for society and for faith communities.

Their experience of life and faith can contribute to building societies that are aware of their roots and capable of dreaming of a future based on greater solidarity.

**How can your parish honour and value the grandparents and elderly in your community? Are there elderly persons who might appreciate a visit?**

The invitation to listen to the wisdom of the years is also particularly significant in the context of our synodal journey as a Church.

### **LOWER HUTT PRAYER GROUP:**

Our next meeting will be **an hour of meditation and prayer** on **Monday 25th July, 7.00 to 8.30pm in St's Peter & Paul Chapel**. All welcome. Contact +64211804445 or 04 567 0905.

### **HOLY HOUR:– 26 JULY – CONNOLLY HALL CHAPEL**

You are invited to come to a **Holy Hour on Tuesday 26 July at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life**.

We will also be praying for peace in the world and especially for peace in Ukraine.

Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

### **KPF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PROGRAMME:(KLSP)**

"Come to me all of you who are tired and weary, and I will give you rest. (Mat 11:28)".

This is the promise of Jesus to us who wants to experience His love and peace. Come and experience His life-changing love every Saturday, from 6 August to 26 November, 1pm, at St Bernadette's Church Hall (194 Naenae Road, Lower Hutt). Registration and details, contact Joel Macaranas 029 5764713 or Adam Wheeler 021 1987685 or email at [klsp.wn@kpfellowship.org.nz](mailto:klsp.wn@kpfellowship.org.nz).

### **A PRAYER WALK ALONG TE AWA KAIRANGI: Sunday, 11 September 2022**

Care about creation? Care about our local river Te Awa Kairangi? Keen to do something? We're seeking people from each parish from the Upper and Lower Hutt Valley to join with a planning group making this a meaningful way to express how much the river means to our lives.

Check us out on **Facebook**: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/riverprayerwalk>.

**Email**: [riverprayerwalk@gmail.com](mailto:riverprayerwalk@gmail.com) or

**Phone** Martin de Jong 021 909 688.

### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER IS A WEEKEND EXPERIENCE FOR COUPLES INTENDING TO BE MARRIED:**

There is one more weekend in 2022. (**12-13<sup>th</sup> November**). The weekend is held at the Catholic Presbytery, 301 Karori Road.

It is a two day, live out weekend. We have had excellent feedback from couples who have participated over the years.

For more details go to our **website** <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/>

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