



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 GIFT OF GOD THAT IS FAITH

All of us have something of Thomas in us: 'Unless I see the holes the nails made and can put my fingers in the holes ... I refuse to believe.' Although when Jesus appeared again, and Thomas was there, it was enough to see Jesus. He didn't need to touch him.

Because of the trust we had in the persons who taught us the rudiments of our faith --- our parents, the priests, nuns, brothers or Sunday School teachers, we came to believe. It was a gradual process as we grew to realise the elements of our religion. For most of us it was all a part of our growing up and our education.

Essentially, this came about because of the trust we had in our parents and other teachers.

Because we can't see what we believe, we are living and acting by faith, and it necessarily involves an act of our will --- that we choose to do so. That is as it seems to us. But the belief and the involvement of our will requires a gift of God's grace.

Periodically, we meet people we do not believe but wish they could. They may tell us they envy us our faith. We can only suggest they pray, asking God to give them the gift of faith and pray for them ourselves.

I have found that if they refuse to ask God's help and insist, they must work it out themselves. They will remain faith-less. Invariably, if they attempt some form of prayers, God will give them that initial foundational grace.

Charles Cooper

16TH APRIL 2023
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Acts 2:42-47; Peter 1:3-9; Gospel John 20:19-31

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Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Mass has been offered for

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

Anniversaries: Eileen Theresa Peacock, Theresa Cataldo, Rita Quigg, Patricia Dwyer, Mary Dykes.



***Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.***

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

*Maureen Te Wehioterangi Jehly, Otis Hill, Paul Schmidt-Uili, Francis Ogwaro,
Saoleititi Joe Taito, Derek Wiltshire, Dorothy Niven, Noel Cassidy,
Mairéad Mulvahy.*

**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 04 971 7885.**

Parish Notices

BAPTISM:

We warmly welcome **Benjamin Lawrence Newdick**, who is to receive the sacrament of Baptism in our Parish of the Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu (Sacred Heart, Petone) this Sunday, together with his family. May they always walk in the light of Christ's love.



BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

The next Baptism Preparation Session will be on **Thursday 20 April 2023** (third 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.**



LIFE TEEN HUTT VALLEY UPDATE:

This Sunday 16th April:
Join us for Mass at Ss Peter & Paul's, 5.30pm.
Followed by our life night in the hall.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION:

This Sunday Sacred Heart Church Petone is hosting the celebration of the **FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**, 16 April, 2023, 2pm - 5pm, 41 Britannia Street.

All welcome.



EMAIL ADDRESSES: The Parish is sending out updates and information on what's happening through emails provided to the parish. Kindly advise the Parish Office if you would like to provide your email or change your email address. You can unsubscribe at any time. Thank you. - **PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS - holyspiritparish41@gmail.com**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:

For those parishioners who contribute financially to the Parish by the Planned Giving Scheme your weekly envelopes for the 2023/2024 financial year are available for collection at your community church. Those who already contribute by automatic payment your envelopes for the special collections taken up during the year are also available.

Change of PG Numbers: Some of you will notice that your PG number has changed from the previous one. This is due to a restructuring of the envelope numbering system.

The 2022/23 Tax Receipts will be available early May.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:

For children in Year 4 or older, who have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation (and baptism if needed).

We are beginning the Parish Sacramental Programme in Term 2. If your child goes to either St Claudine Thevenet or Our Lady of the Rosary primary schools, you don't need to do anything yet. The programme will be run in the school and they will let you know.

If your child goes to Sacred Heart Primary School in Petone, your children can attend a programme run by the Sacramental Programme Team in Petone, outside of school hours. There will be notices in the school newsletter about this.

If your child does not attend any of these schools, they can join the Petone based sessions.

Please contact **Bernadette Patelesio** (Sacramental Programme Coordinator) **027439386** or **bcpatelesio@gmail.com** to register your child.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, WAIWHETU

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

There will be a meeting on **Monday 17 April 2023** at **San Antonio Church, Eastbourne** commencing at **7.30 pm**.

SPIRITED:

Music jam for Intermediate youth and older is next on the **23rd April** at **Our Lady of the Rosary Church** from **11:15-1pm**.

Please bring a koha toward pizza lunch.

Contact Lucy on 0226539525 for more info.



ST PATRICK, WAINUIOMATA

SVDP APPEAL: To help the victims of the recent cyclones that have caused devastating loss in the largest and most widespread weather event ever to impact New Zealand. Donations will be accepted at church or you can make a **donation online to account number 06 0501 0065208 00 St Vincent De Paul Wainuiomata Conference** - a tax receipt will be issued for all donations. **St Vincent Flood Appeal is open until 30th May 2023.**

SACRED HEART, PETONE

9:30AM MASS – 23 APRIL:

This will be led by the Samoan Community.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:

Starts at 9:00am followed by Mass every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of the month. All welcome.

There is also Rosary after Mass for those who wish to join.

Readings

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

April

17 Acts 4:3-31; Jn 3: 1-8

18 Acts 4: 32-37; Jn 3: 7-15

19 Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3: 16-21

20 Acts 5: 27-33; Jn 3: 31-36

21 Acts 5: 34-42; Jn 6: 1-15

22 Acts 6: 1-7; Jn 6: 16-21

23 Acts 2:14,22-33; 1 Pet 1: 17-21; Lk 24: 13-35



NEXT SUNDAY:

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First reading: Acts 2:14,22-23

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

Second reading: Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him in the breaking of the bread.



Other events

VOCATION SUNDAY – 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER:

On Good Shepherd Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to pray specifically for those called to serve through priestly vocation. It is also an opportune time to look around our faith communities and consider who you could pray for, invite, and encourage to consider priesthood.

HOLY HOUR:

There will be **NO** Holy Hour on Tuesday 25 April as it is Anzac Day. This Holy Hour is celebrated usually on the 4th Tuesday of the Month in Connolly Hall Chapel to pray for vocations to priesthood and the consecrated life.

WISDOM OF POPE FRANCIS

“Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness.” Homily April 2019

