



## 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.*

### 4th Sunday of Easter

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally known as “Good Shepherd Sunday.” It is also the Sunday of Prayer for Vocations. Paul VI initiated it with the purpose to help all of us respond to God’s call and to support all those who are discerning how to best respond to the vocation God calls them to. We are invited to pray specifically for the priesthood, the religious or the consecrated vocation.

In his message on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2024 Pope Francis invites us to focus our reflection on the theme “**Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace.**” Our response can lead us to discover that “*Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty, and peace, wherever we find ourselves*” emphasized Pope Francis in his message.

In saying YES to God’s call we will always encounter new challenges and new aspects of our vocation. It does not end with our ordination. In fact the opposite. I have found that my vocation grows a life on its own; all it needs is to respond wholeheartedly to what God’s plan is for us. As I reflect on my own vocation life a number of words and images come to my mind; pilgrim, trust, companions, unworthiness, gratitude, and openness.

Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life or consecrated life. We pray especially for those of us who have already said yes to God. It doesn’t matter how long ago we said yes to God, we need to say YES everyday! In this way we will be faithful disciples of God and joyful servants of God’s holy people.

*Fr Akwila*

21 APRIL 2024

READINGS:

Acts 4:8-12; 1John 3:1-2; Gospel John 10:11-18

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## Responsorial Psalm

**The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.**

*Mass has been offered for*



**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Johanne Alie Vandervelde  
**May she rest in God's eternal peace.**



**ANNIVERSARIES**  
*La Via Amiello, Patricia May Marchant, Patricia Mary Gellatly,  
Michael Dunn, 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

*Francis Ogwaro, Saoleititi Joe Taito, Dorothy Niven, Hira Lal, Gillian Robinson,  
Gerard Mangan, Gerry Leech, Fr David Orange.*

**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



### 2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:

***Kia ora* parents of children year 4 and older.**

If you would like your tamariki/children to receive the **Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation** this year, please contact Bernadette Patelesio on 027-439-3865 or [bcpatelesio@gmail.com](mailto:bcpatelesio@gmail.com).

If your tamariki is not yet baptised this can also be arranged.

There will be an introduction session **Sunday 5 May 1-2.30pm** for parents/ caregivers only. **Note:** *Our Lady of the Rosary School and St Claudine Thevenet School* will be running a programme this year, so this notice excludes those whanau.

### BAPTISM & BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

We warmly welcome *Calliope Saia Suarez-McGrath, Thiago and Theo Cabrera-Perez* who received the sacrament of Baptism in our Parish of the Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu (Sacred Heart Church Petone) last Sunday, together with their families. May they always walk in the light of Christ's love.

Baptisms are held every second and fourth Sundays of the month.

There is a Baptism Preparation Session held every **first Thursday of the month in the Church Foyer, 7:00pm, Sacred Heart Church 41 Britannia St.**

**Petone.** 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.**

**The next baptism preparation session will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.**



## **WEEKLY COLLECTION:**

**14 April - \$1,897.60** This amount does not include Automatic Payments.

Automatic Payments total for last month (March) - **\$15,150.00**

**Thank you for your support.**

## **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:**

**Envelopes for the 2024/2025 Financial Year are available for collection** for those who still prefer to contribute by the weekly envelope system. Also, there are envelopes for the Archdiocesan Special Collections that are taken up during the year, and Parish Building Maintenance envelopes for those who use the AP system, and would like to contribute. **Please look for them when you come to Mass.**

**For those who contribute by a cash donation** - Have you thought about using the envelope system or setting up an AP? - You will receive a rebate of 33% of your giving at the end of the financial year. Now that's all good isn't it. Please think about it.

The AP system of payment is very easy to do especially if you use internet banking – you don't need to go to the bank. You can set up a weekly/fortnightly/monthly payment to the Parish. **Any amount large or small donated regularly makes all the difference to the Parish.**

Our bank account number is: **BNZ 02 0544 0049224 00** and your PG number as reference.

**If you would like to sign up to our planned giving programme, please contact the parish office at (04) 971 7885 and Maria or Nilda will be happy to assist you, or email us at [holyspiritparish41@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritparish41@gmail.com)**

## **EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

The Parish is sending out the newsletter, updates and information on what's happening through emails provided to the parish. Please advise the Parish Office if you would like to provide your email or change your email address. You can unsubscribe at any time.

## **ALL ARE WELCOME! SANTACRUZAN**

This event is organized by the Filipino Community of the Parish of the Holy Spirit and is open to everyone outside of the community and the parish.

**Date:** Saturday, 25 May 2024

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** St. Patrick's Hall, Wainuiomata

***Santacruzán is a religious and cultural festival that is celebrated in the Philippines every May. It is a procession that re-enacts the finding of the True Cross by Queen Helena and Emperor Constantine. It also honours the Blessed Virgin Mary and the different virtues she represents.***

***The procession features various reynas or queens, each with a symbolic meaning and role. Santacruzán is a tradition that dates back to the Spanish colonial era and reflects the Filipino Catholic faith and heritage.***

If you would like to be part of this celebration by being one of the participants in the procession, please let us know.

For more information, please contact the Holy Spirit Parish Filipino Coordinators at **[holyspiritparish.fc@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritparish.fc@gmail.com)**



If you would like to know more about becoming a Catholic or know someone who is interested, please contact **Gerard Duignan - telephone # 027 2656085** about **OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.**

# ST PATRICK'S, WAINUIOMATA

ANZAC DAY: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Thursday, 25th April.

# SAN ANTONIO, EASTBOURNE

ANZAC DAY - No Mass at San Antonio on Thursday 25 April Anzac Day.

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, WAIWHETU

ADORATION IN CHURCH: Our Lady of the Rosary will have adoration for one hour after the 9.30 am Mass on Fridays starting next week.

# SACRED HEART, PETONE

Today, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, the 9:30am Sunday Mass will be led by the Samoan Community.

## THANK YOU FROM SCHMIDT-UILI FAMILY:

We would like to thank everyone for your heartfelt prayers, support and gifts throughout Paul's journey with his illness. We appreciate all your love during that time. A memorial Mass had been held yesterday Saturday 20 April, here at Sacred Heart Petone. May the Lord richly bless you and your families.

LITURGY MEETING: Wednesday 24 April, 7:00pm, Church Foyer.

ANZAC DAY: Because of Anzac Day, there will be Mass in the morning of Thursday, 25 April, at 10:00am. There will be no 6:30pm Mass.

## DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

### APRIL

- 22 Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10: 1-10  
23 Acts 11: 19-26; Jn 10: 22-30  
24 Acts 12: 24-13:5; Jn 12: 44-50  
25 Wis 3: 1-9; Jn 12: 23-298  
26 1 Pet 5: 5-14; Mk 16: 15-20  
27 Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14

## NEXT WEEK: 5th Sunday of Easter

**First reading:** Acts 9:26-31 He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

**Second reading:** John 3: 18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

**Gospel:** John 15:1-8 All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.



## Anzac Day

LEST WE FORGET

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them"

## Other Notices

**LOWER HUTT PRAYER GROUP: Monday 22nd April, 7.00 to 8.30pm in St's Peter & Paul Hall.** We invite you to join us. Enquiries please contact +64 27 347 6327.

**HOLY HOUR: Tuesday 23 April at the Connolly Hall Chapel 7.30 pm** to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

**HEALING SERVICE with Fr John Rea, sm Tuesday 7 May 2024, 7:30pm,** Sacred Heart Church, 41 Britannia St. Petone. All welcome - Contact:04 8198323.