



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.

5th Sunday of Easter

If last Sunday Jesus was the Good Shepherd who gives life and cares for his sheep, this Sunday he appears to us as the vine and his Father is the farmer. The liturgy of the 5th Sunday of Easter tells us about Jesus as the source of Life. It particularly serves to express the mystery of the People of God and the mystery of our union in communion with Christ.

John, with a language that is also very clear, encourages us to love each other not with word and mouth but with the heart and with deeds. We love in deeds and in truth when our words are alive we are one in communion with God and others. We will be transformed into life in its fullness and newness.

“In him and through him we were regenerated in the Holy Spirit”, commented St. Cyril of Alexandria. To produce fruits of life, not of the old and aged life, but of that new life that comes from love towards him. This new life, however, we can only maintain if we remain perfectly inserted in Christ.

In Paul we witness the fruits produced by his union in communion with Christ. It was his new way of life that convinced others that he had truly changed his life. He had changed from being a persecutor and became an apostle who publicly preached the name of the Lord. Paul no longer looked to his Jewish past and the privileges of his people but rather understands his life based on his encounter with Jesus and his call to be an apostle of Christ. We too have to maintain our personal relationship with Jesus. It is through the Eucharist that we remain in Jesus and He in us. In this way our entire life becomes a sacrament to God through Jesus Christ.

Fr Akula

28 APRIL 2024

READINGS:

Acts 9:26-31; 1John 3: 18-24; Gospel John 15: 1-8

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Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Mass has been offered for



OUR RECENTLY DECEASED
Lagi Wongpown
May she rest in God's eternal peace.



ANNIVERSARIES
Patrick Dennis Jackson, Heather Currie, Paul Daleszak,
Hendrika van Dorrestein, Marcelle Shermod.
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.

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 *Serah Zea Barcelona* who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish of the Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu (Sacred Heart Church Petone) this Sunday, together with her family. 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 2nd May 2024.



SINCERE THANK YOU AND WELCOME:

We wish to extend our sincere thank you to **Chris Cornford** for the valuable service and commitment he has given since the Parish amalgamation. Chris has advised us of his resignation from the Finance Team effective 30th April 2024. Because of this all deals and contracts undertaken by Chris on behalf of the Finance Committee has now been transferred/terminated. Best wishes for your new chapter in your work life Chris.

We welcome **Gerard McKee** (Sacred Heart Petone) and **Nora McBride** (St Patrick's Wainuiomata) - the new members of the Finance Team.

Thank you all for the smooth transition and turn over and wish all concerned best wishes for the future.

SENIORS TRIP TO TE PAPA:

The planned Seniors trip to Te Papa was a great success. Twenty two Parishioners joining together for the occasion. We went by bus, which was so much easier than by car. We wandered about Te Papa at our own leisure taking in the many exhibits available to us. Everyone was happy. We enjoyed lunch together, a nice time to renew friendships. Thankyou to Sister Annette and Father Marlon for organising things.

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

21 April - \$1,712.00 This amount does not include Automatic Payments.
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

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

BACK TO SCHOOL: We ask for God's blessings on all the teachers, children/students and staff of our 3 parish primary schools, also St Bernard's College and Sacred Heart College as they begin the second school term of 2024.

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.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, WAIWHETU

ADORATION IN CHURCH: There will be adoration for one hour after the 9.30 am Mass every Friday.

OLR PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION: – 19 MAY 2024

In celebration of Pentecost Sunday, OLR warmly invite all parishioners to a **shared Pentecost lunch celebration, to be held after 10.30am mass. All parishioners are encouraged to wear their national costume and bring their favourite homeland dishes to share.** Text Emily on 027-2324-306 for any queries.

SACRED HEART, PETONE

SENIORS MASS: Wednesday, 1st May 10:00am. **Everyone welcome.**

PRAYER GROUP/BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday 01 May 2024 from 7.00 PM to 8.30PM at the Sacred Heart Chapel Petone. We invite you all to join us. This week's Bible study is on the **Book of Acts Episode 6 - "Is it Easy to Evangelise, Why ?** Further inquiries please contact 027 3476327

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

APRIL

29 Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14: 21-26

30 Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14: 27-31

MAY

1 Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8

2 Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 15: 9-11

3 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14

4 Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21

NEXT WEEK: 6th Sunday of Easter

First reading: Acts 10: 25-26,34-35,44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

Second reading: John 4: 7-1 God is love.

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Other Notices

HEALING SERVICE WITH FR JOHN REA, SM - Tuesday 7 May 2024, 7:30pm, Sacred Heart Church, 41 Britannia St. Petone.

All welcome. Bring those who need Jesus' healing. Contact: 04 8198323.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - all engaged couples are strongly encouraged to attend the Archdiocese of Wellington's flagship marriage preparation course, "Love is a Decision", the next course is on 9 & 16 June 2024 at St Catherine's College Kilbirnie. For further details or to register visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ or email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz. Explore the realities of a lifetime of married love through a variety of relevant topics...



POPE FRANCIS HAS DECLARED 2025 AS A YEAR OF JUBILEE WITH THE THEME "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

"The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope." - *Pope Francis*

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will give voice to Pope Francis' desire to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Preparations are underway. All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. The 2024 focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope. The NZCBC has created an informative **webpage.**

Please visit the website <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> to find out more information and watch this space for opportunities to become involved in Jubilee 2025.