



## 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.*

### BEING UNITED WITH CHRIST

The first reading for the 24th Sunday Ordinary Time B, brings us the words and drama of the Suffering Servant of Yahweh, who, in carrying out his mission, faces misunderstanding, imprisonment, torture and condemnation. Despite all this, the Suffering Servant of Yahweh does not feel that his life has been a failure. He is absolutely convinced that God will come to his aid and make him triumph over persecution and death.

James continues to raise very specific issues in the second reading. This time it is the relationship between faith and works. He reminds his brothers and sisters in the faith that following Jesus is not achieved with beautiful words or very elaborate theories, but with concrete gestures of love, charity, service, and solidarity with others. The examples that James gives are very concrete examples of how empty words and faith can be if they are not accompanied by works.

In the Gospel Jesus gave a very simple theological examination to his disciples by asking them two interconnected questions: First - "Who do people say I am?" and second - "Who do you say I am?" The answer to the first question has been resolved by the early Church Fathers and has been transmitted to us through the Holy Scriptures, the formulations of our faith, and through the Creed. The second question can be answered in two ways on the one hand, challenge us to a personal encounter and experience with Jesus. On the other hand, invites us to a deeper understanding of the role of suffering in our history of salvation.

To be a follower of Christ is not just a title, it is a call into the fullness of life; the life of being an authentic witness of Christ. It is the life called to love and service to God and others. Jesus is the Suffering Servant, because through his suffering and death makes a sacrifice to restore God's people to grace. It is not, however, his suffering and death per se, as the ultimate price, that restored us to grace, but the outpouring of God's divine love. Pope Francis said "the deepest joy in faith isn't found in God's keeping us from all evils and difficulties, but in being united with Christ, when loves calls for mercy and service to others".

*Fr Akuila*

**15 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
READINGS:**

**Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2: 14-18; Gospel Mark 8: 27-35**

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## Responsorial Psalm

***I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.***

*Mass has been offered for*



**OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**  
***May they rest in God's eternal peace.***



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

*Sophie Archer, Thomas Joseph Morrissey, John Michael Murphy,  
Andrew Haughey, Joseph Krummenacher (Jnr), Hugh MacKinnon,  
Daniel & Dorothy Forde, Maurice Tansey, Thomas (Tom) Moran.*

***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, Mapu Ruby Reid.*  
**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



The Parish congratulates all the children from St Claudine Thevenet School who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday morning at the 8:30am Mass at St Patrick's Church.



*Congratulations*

We pray for the children and their families.



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

Baptisms are held every second and fourth Sundays of the month at Sacred Heart Church, Petone.

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 preparation session is on **3rd October 2024**.

### **REMINDER – CHURCH BOOKINGS:**

Please be reminded that a **booking is required** (ring the office at 971 7885) for those who wish to use any of our churches for any reason. This is important for security reasons.

### **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.

## **FEAST OF PEÑAFRANCIA – It's that time of the year again.**

On **Thursday 12 September**, the Filipino Bicolano Group started their 9-day Novena/ Mass in honour of their region's Patroness, Our Lady of Peñafrancia, here in Sacred Heart Church Petone. There will be a daily Mass that follows the novena. Novena is at 5:45pm and Mass at 6:30pm on weekdays. On Sunday, the group will be joining the normal Mass timetable of Sacred Heart Church with the novena having it an hour earlier.

The feast day will be celebrated on **Saturday, 21 September, with Mass at 5:30pm**, then a short procession to Petone Central School Hall where the celebration/fellowship is being held. Everyone is welcome to join in.

In the Philippines the highlight of this celebration is a fluvial parade with only men allowed to join in the barge/boat that carries the Statue of the Blessed Virgin normally referred to as "INA" meaning Mother. Along the route people shout "Viva la Virgen".

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION:**

**8 September - \$1,761.80** This amount does not include Automatic Payments.

**Thank you for your support.**

## **PLANNED GIVING:**

**We need our Parish Community to help and support our Planned Giving Programme to meet the challenges for our church. To continue to provide well maintained buildings and grounds for the use of our schools and communities and provide a budget for parish programmes and activities, and to support our Archdiocese - which is our monthly levy payments.**

This 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.

We still have the weekly envelope system available, however we would like to see more giving by Automatic Payment.

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

If you would like to sign up to our planned giving programme, please contact the parish office at (04) 971 7885 or email the Parish Secretary to obtain a PG No. to serve as your reference. (holyspiritparish41@gmail.com)

**Your financial contributions to the parish are gratefully appreciated.**

**SPIRITED YOUTH JAM** is today, **15th of September** at **OLR Church** from 11:35am.

Bring a koha toward our pizza lunch. All young people in our parish from year 7 at school and up are welcome to come along. Contact Lucy 0226539525 for any queries.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL WAIWHETU AND EASTBOURNE:**

Conference is meeting tomorrow, **16th of September, 7:30pm** at **San Antonio Church**. The meeting room is down the back. New members are most welcome to come along.

If you or someone you know could do with a hand up at the moment, please get in touch with the Vinnies by emailing [vinnieswaiwhetu@gmail.com](mailto:vinnieswaiwhetu@gmail.com), or texting/calling on **027 3297840**

## **STEWARDSHIP MEETING:**

Tuesday, 17th September at 7:00pm in Sacred Heart Church Chapel.

**PRAYER MINISTRY/BIBLE STUDY (Divine Retreat Centre Wellington Unit Sacred Heart Petone)** Our next Prayer Meeting & Bible Study will be on **Wednesday 18 September 2024** from **7.00pm to 8.30pm** at **Sacred Heart Church Chapel, Petone**. We invite you all to join us. This week's Bible study is on the **Book of Acts Episode 12- "Stand Under the Mighty Hand of God"** Presented by Fr. Joseph Edattu VC (Divine Retreat Centre UK) For further inquiries please contact 027 3476327.



**DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE NZ WELLINGTON UNIT - Upcoming Events (September & October)**

**General Prayer Assembly - September**

Mark your calendars for the evening of **September 29, 2024!** The DRC NZ Wellington unit will hold its general prayer assembly from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, followed by Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Petone at 5:30

PM. Everyone is invited to join us!

**Fr Augustine Valooran VC (Director of DRC India) Visit to New Zealand - October**

Save the date for **October 14, 2024!** The DRC NZ Wellington unit is hosting a retreat from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, led by Fr. Augustine Vallooran VC from DRC India. This event presents a valuable chance for everyone to participate in spiritual development and rejuvenation.

**FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ:**

We would like to invite you to join us for a special Mass to commemorate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz - the patron saint of Filipino youth, the Philippines, people working overseas, and altar servers.

**Saturday, 28th Sept 2024 starting at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church, Petone**

Fellowship follows after the Mass. Kindly bring a plate to share.

**OTHER NOTICES**



**SEASON OF CREATION** runs from September 1 to October 4. The theme is "To Hope and Act with Creation" which draws its inspiration from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:19-25.

*The scriptures for this 3rd week warn that when God opens our ears and we hear, we must expect to suffer opposition. When we act on the call that we hear to care for Earth, we will face resistance and conflict as Isaiah did, as Jesus did, and as Jesus called his disciples through the ages to, even down to our own day. The history of ecological martyrs*

*witnesses to this truth, as does our politics.*

**Māori Language Week 14-21 Sept:** "Creation is of the order of love. God's fundamental moving force in all created things (#77 Laudato Si)

Reflect on the rich kupu Māori **aroha** and its layers of meaning: sympathy, compassion, heart, open-mindedness and generosity. **Aro-hā** literally means to follow the breath and implies an attentive care for self, other and world: to follow one's heart, going with the flow.

**Stay up to date with Archdiocesan events**

<https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/events/>

**DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**September**

- 16** 1 Cor 11: 17-26; Lk 7: 1-10
- 17** 1 Cor 12: 12-14; Lk 7: 11-17
- 18** 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13; Lk 7: 31-35
- 19** 1 Cor 15: 12-20; Lk 8: 1-3
- 20** Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13;
- 21** Mt 9: 9-13



**NEXT WEEK: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First reading:** Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

**Second reading:** James 3: 16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity...All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.