



## 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.*

### HONOURING THE PILLARS OF OUR FAITH

#### ***A Reflection on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul***

Today, we pay homage to two mighty pillars of the Church: St. Peter, formerly Simon, a fisherman from Galilee and our first Pope; and St. Paul, formerly Saul, a fierce persecutor of Christians who became a great missionary to the Gentiles.

Both were foundational figures in the early Church, united in their unwavering faith and commitment to Christ. Through their tireless efforts, they helped establish and spread Christianity across the known world. Their legacy of faith has endured through the centuries, though not without challenges. Each generation has faced its own trials, and ours is no different. Our challenge today is to ensure that their legacy is neither lost nor interrupted - to remain steadfast in our faith and purpose.

Peter and Paul were not super beings. They were ordinary people like us, navigating the daily grind - getting up, going out, staying focused, and sharing their faith through their actions and choices. They faced setbacks and opposition, yet they persevered, always striving to keep our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ, at the heart of their mission.

We, too, can emulate their example. Through acts of kindness, compassion, understanding, patience, forgiveness, and above all, love - we can reflect the same faith they lived.

Though this may sound like a daunting list, it's often best to start small. Small acts of virtue, done consistently, grow and flourish - eventually becoming a natural part of our way of life.

I complete my reflection in sharing with you something that gives me both peace and comfort - God loves us, he loves you, he loves me - he loves us!

Thank you for the privilege to share.

***Emily Sua-Dunn - Parish Pastoral Council/OLR Stewardship Chair***

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**29 JUNE 2025 SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (C)**

**READINGS:**

**Acts 12:1-11; Paul 4:6-8.17-18; Gospel Matthew 16:13-19**

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## *Responsorial Psalm*

***Their message goes out through all the earth***

*Mass has been offered for*



### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

*Shirley McLeod*

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



### **ANNIVERSARIES**

*Joseph Wijeyeratne, Elizabeth Williams, Patricia (Trish) Hansen, Patrick Cassidy, Colleen Marment, Patricia Merwood, Colleen Hikuroa, Aoine Monica Longergan, Maurice O'Leary, Faauga (Faa) Ausage, Charles Eising.*

***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.***

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### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

*Francis Ogwaro, Saoleititi Joe Taito, Dorothy Niven, Hira Lal, Gerard Mangan, Gerry Leech, Fr David Orange, Beverley Campbell, Lino Ausage, Tali Sua, Lidwina Gomez, Kolotita Faaetete, Cathreen Faaetete.*

**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**

### **SUNDAY 29 JUNE – FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL:**

The 9:30am Mass at Sacred Heart Petone will be led by the Tokelauan Community.

**SENIORS MASS:** Wednesday, 2 July at 10:00m at Sacred Heart Church, Petone. Everyone welcome.

### **POLICE VETTING:**

The Parish has recently received the Police Vetting Report. It shows those who are current and those expired. Kindly be reminded to check with the Office if your Police Vetting is expired. You need to reapply/apply if you are still involved in the ministry – Eucharistic Ministers and those taking communion to the sick, Children's Liturgy, Youth ministry, Sacramental Programme. For new applicants, you need two identification cards (Passport and Driver's License) and for renewals, one identification is required.

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT AND URGENT MATTER THAT WE NEED TO COMPLY.**

### **REMINDER – CHURCH BOOKINGS:**

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

This is important for security reasons.

**EMAIL ADDRESSES:** The Parish is sending out 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. Thank you.

**CHURCH PARKING:** Please remember to park legally and considerately.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** 22 June 2025- **\$1,633.50** This amount does not include APs.

**Thank you for your financial contributions they are very much appreciated.**

**PARISH PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:**

If you would like to sign up to our Planned Giving Programme please contact the parish office on **971 7885**.

Maria or Nilda will be happy to assist you.

**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, provide a budget for Parish programmes and activities and support our Archdiocese.**

**For those who contribute by 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. Please think about it.***

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

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**DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE WELLINGTON UNIT SACRED HEART PETONE  
PRAYER MINISTRY/BIBLE STUDY**

Our next Prayer Meeting & Bible Study will be on Wednesday 02 July 2025, from **7.00 PM to 8.30 PM via Zoom Online**. We invite you all to join us. This week's Bible study is on the ***Book of Acts Episode 28 : "The Ideology of Becoming a Christian" Presented by Fr. Joseph Edattu VC (Divine Retreat Centre UK)***.

For further inquiries don't hesitate to get in touch with us on **027 3476327**.


Zoom Link : <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/edl?muid=d7d29061-d558-4cb7-9d77-09035c1af015>

Meeting ID: 863 3207 6322

Passcode: 996192

**ADORATION IN CHURCH:**

**St Patrick's Wainuiomata** will have adoration after the 9:00am Mass on Tuesdays.  
**Our Lady of the Rosary Waiwhetu** will have adoration for 1/2 an hour after the 9:30am Mass on Fridays.

**THE ROSARY** is prayed every Wednesday after the 6:30pm Mass at St Patrick's Wainuiomata. 

**WANTING TO BECOME A CATHOLIC:**

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about becoming a Catholic please contact Gerard Duignan 027 265 6085

**ST VINNIE'S WAINUIOMATA:** If you know of anyone in Wainuiomata who needs assistance please contact us on **0221824178**

**BAPTISM & BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:**

Baptisms are celebrated in our parish on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Baptism Preparation Session is 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 is Thursday 3 July 2025.**



## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025:

This year our parish has 56 candidates who are busy preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 2nd August.



*Please keep them in your prayers as they deepen their relationship with God.*

**WelCom** has returned in a brand new format! It's now an eight-page newsletter, delivered to parishes throughout our Archdiocese, and also sent to parishes and Catholic schools in digital format. In this first edition you'll find a message from Archbishop Paul, hear about Cardinal John Dew's experience at the recent Conclave, discover what's happening in our Archdiocese, and more. If you have an event coming up in your parish, something you're proud of or would like to get the word out about, need help, or anything else, please let us know and we can include it in WelCom.

Please email [b.mack@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:b.mack@wn.catholic.org.nz).

You can read the first edition at this link: <https://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/DIGITAL-VERSION-WelCom-Issue-1-June-2025-compressed.pdf>

## REMINDER:

The Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, June 29, is the day when the annual **Peter's Pence collection** is taken. The collection is to support the Holy Father in his ministry and his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace and spread Christian charity.

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

June

**30 Gen 8: 16-33; Mt 8: 18-22**

July

**1 Gen 19: 15-29; Mt 8: 23-27**

**2 Gen 21: 5,8-20; Mt 8: 28-34**

**3 Eph 2: 19-22; Jn 20: 24-29**

**4 Gen 23: 1-4,19,24: 1-8,62-27; Mt 9: 9-13**

**5 Gen 27: 1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17**

## NEXT WEEK: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Isaiah 66: 10-14** I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

**Second Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18**

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12,17-20**

Your peace will rest upon him.



## Other Notices

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation – Love is a Decision – online registration now open for the next Course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive Sundays 7 & 14 Sept 10am-4pm held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early as there are limited spaces.

Only two more courses before the end of the year, September and November.

Email: [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**NZ Catholic News:** The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference encourage all to sign-up to receive NZ Catholic News direct into your mailbox each week.

You can sign up by going to this link : <https://cathnewsnz.com/sign-up/>

**Enrol at Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College:** Study anywhere, at your own pace, with the support from qualified lecturers, with Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College online courses. Semester 2 starts July 21. To see courses offered in Semester 2, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/distance](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/distance)

**Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain (Part Time 0.6FTE)** Anyone who is interested and has enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology should view this vacancy on Seek .To be considered, please submit the following via the Seek link below

CV, Cover letter and Application form

Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa

Hutt Hospital, Health New Zealand -Te Whatu Ora, Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley

Closes: 4pm, 1 July 2025

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/84857286?ref=cm-ui>