



## 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.*

### REFLECTION

We begin this 27 Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C with the month dedicated to "Mission" There are several themes that interconnect (faith, salvation, or the fundamental nature of the "way into the Kingdom," etc.). What stands out for me is "faith and faithfulness". The importance of the way and how we relate to God's love for us and us sharing that love with others. The readings call us to a simple and a humble commitment, of service and love. It also calls us to be thankful for God's gifts, and to place ourselves faithfully into his hands.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading the prophet Habakkuk speaks with God, inquiring about the constant suffering of the chosen people. The prophet calls God, asking him to intervene and put an end to violence, injustice, oppression and sin. God, in response, confirms his intention to act, destroying death and oppression; but he implies that he will only do so when the time is right and according to his plan. Once again God asked his people to have faith and to trust and faithfully wait for "God's time."

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading is from Paul's second letter to his friend and missionary companion Timothy. Paul reminded him that during this difficult time of proclaiming the Gospel, he must maintain courage in the face of persecution and to renew his commitment and fidelity to the Lord Jesus Christ. As a disciple, he must remain faithful to his brothers and sisters in the faith. Paul also calls us followers of Christ to proclaim and be witnesses to the WORD and the LOVE of God with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

Luke's Gospel invites the disciples to embrace, with trust and faith, this life project that, in Jesus, God came to offer us all. Two parables that gives us a clear picture of the true meaning of faith. First is that our faith be capable of bearing great fruit, like the mustard seed, the smallest of seeds, but through perseverance and fidelity to its own essence, becomes the greatest. Second teaches us that living a life of faith means continuing to proclaim and be witness even when our efforts are not recognized, we receive no thanks, and nothing seems to bear fruit. It is always God's mission and not our mission.

Fr Akuila

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**05 OCTOBER 2025 - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**  
**Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8.13-14; Gospel Luke 17:5-10**

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## Responsorial Psalm

**If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

*Mass has been offered for*



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



### ANNIVERSARIES

*Dot McNeill, Lorna Bargh, Giulio Meo, Orlina Historillo,  
Janette Helen MacLean, Louis Smith, Stella Cassidy, Laurence (Tim) Coupe,  
Monica Frances McGrath, Brittany Watty, Tangiora (Tommy) Dennis, Rex Gibson.*

***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, Fialauia Rose Tamasese.*

**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

### OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY:



This month of October, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to **pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world** and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in their daily lives. **"As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world."**

In observance of October as the Month of the Rosary on **Saturday 11, 18 & 25 October**, parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary together in Sacred Heart Church, Petone at 2:30pm.

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### SAMOAN MASS:

Will be celebrated **Today - Sunday, 5th October at 12 Noon** at St Patrick's Church, Wainuiomata. All Welcome.

### REMINDER – CHURCH BOOKINGS:

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

### BACK TO SCHOOL:

We ask God's blessings on all the teachers, staff, children/students of our 3 primary schools and also St Bernard's College and Sacred Heart College as they begin the final term of the school year 2025.

We trust you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday time.



## WEEKLY COLLECTION:

28 September 2025 - **\$1,655.40** This amount does not include Automatic Payments. Thank you for your financial contributions. They are very much appreciated.

## PLANNED GIVING TO THE PARISH:

**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.**

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.**

**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.**

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 **holyspiritparish41@gmail.com** to obtain a PG No. to serve as your reference. You will receive a tax receipt at the end of the financial year.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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## ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:

During the month of October, Tino Smith will be conducting a training of Altar Servers at Sacred Heart Church after the 9:30am Sunday Mass.

**All interested children, please see him after Mass.**



## DIVINE MERCY:

Every Wednesday at 9.30am at Sacred Heart Church, Petone there is Mass and Adoration followed by Divine Mercy and Rosary Prayers. First Wednesday of the month is the Seniors Mass at 10 am. **Come and join us.**

## CHURCH PARKING:

**Please remember to park legally and considerately.**

**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.

## 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.



## REMINDER: USERS OF PETONE PRESBYTERY MEETING ROOM:

This meeting room is available for use by Parish groups and to anyone/group who has made a booking (this is a requirement done through the office). As good users, it is **EXPECTED** that after use, the room **MUST** be left tidy and clean and ready for use by the next group. There is no provision for tea or coffee in the meeting room, so kindly bring your own for your meeting.

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

October

- 6 Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11; Lk 10: 25-37  
7 Jonah 3: 1-10; Lk 10: 38-42  
8 Jonah 4: 1-11; Lk 11:1-4  
9 Mal 3: 13-20; Lk 11: 5-13  
10 Joel 1:13-15;2:1-2; Lk 11: 15-26  
11 Joel 4: 12-21; Lk 11: 27-28



NEXT WEEK: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Kings 5:14-17**

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.*

**Second Reading: Timothy 2: 8-13** *If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.*

**Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19** *It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.*

## Other Notices

Sunday, 5th October is the JUBILEE OF CONSECRATED LIFE:

We pray in thanksgiving for all religious women and men — that on this day of Jubilee of Consecrated Life we may recognise and be grateful for the gift of Consecrated Life among the People of God, especially in our parishes.

The 5th of October is also CELEBRATION SUNDAY, commemorating the life, spirituality and good works of VENERABLE MERI HŌHEPA SUZANNE AUBERT. The impact of Mother Aubert's kindness, wisdom and compassion is still felt across Aotearoa New Zealand, especially through the work of the Sisters of Compassion, and the wider Compassion Whanau, who strive to feed the hungry, give shelter to the poor, and take care of the vulnerable. On this day, we are reminded of the legacy of this amazing woman and why we continue to pray for her beatification.

**INSIDE THE CONCLAVE WITH CARDINAL JOHN DEW:** Invite your friends, family and co-workers to a very special morning event on Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 6.30am at The Wellington Club (88 The Terrace, Wellington) to find out what happens inside the Conclave, from the only living New Zealander who's been inside. Cardinal John Dew will talk about his time at the Vatican during the funeral of Pope Francis and then taking part in the Conclave that elected Pope Leo XIV. Tickets are \$40 per person. There will be light breakfast nibbles, tea and coffee available from 6.30am, with the presentation commencing at 7.00am. Tickets can be booked at: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/YVJ>

**OPEN HOME FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL** invites you to hear Kolkata directors Lun & Ngaiching share their stories working with vulnerable children in Kolkata's slums protecting them from hunger, exploitation, and trafficking. **ohfi** is a non-denominational Christian organization based in New Zealand, working globally so children are loved, protected, and thriving in strong communities. From New Zealand to Kolkata - and beyond - we are committed to creating a *Home in Every Way*. Please join us on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - 6pm (arrive from 5.30pm)** Function room, Speights Ale House, Petone Free entry and supper **RSVP: [debbie@ohfint.org](mailto:debbie@ohfint.org) by 6 October 2025.**

Stay Informed on NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING efforts: The National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS) is now publishing a quarterly newsletter with updates, resources, and information about the Church's safeguarding efforts. Read the latest issue here: [NOPS Newsletter](#)

**COME CELEBRATE the Late Night Mass for Young People** on Friday, 10 October at 8.00pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. Don't forget to bring a plate for fellowship after Mass and **we look forward to seeing you there!!**