



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.

REFLECTION

The 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time marks the end of the liturgical year, with the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This year, marks the 100th anniversary of Pope Pius XI's 1925 institution of today's Feast of Christ the King with the proclamation, "Pax Christi in regno Christi" (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). It is the recognition of Christ's sovereignty over history and humanity; the rediscovery of Christian values and the peace that only Christ can give.

The 1st reading reminds us of the moment when David was anointed king of all Israel. David's reign came first as a symbol of an era of happiness and abundance that remains in the memory of all God's people. Second as an announcement of a new era, of justice, blessing, and endless peace. God's chosen people lived in this hope and eagerly awaited its fulfilment.

The 2nd reading presents us with a hymn that celebrates the universal greatness of Christ, "For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible..." The hymn encourages us to make Christ the focus of our life, to be in communion with Him. The only path that leads to eternal life and happiness is through Christ "... all things were created through him and for him".

Luke recounts Jesus final moments on the cross. At the crucifixion, two titles were conferred upon him. Religious; the Messiah, the Chosen One of God and a political; King of the Jews. But the kingship of Jesus is a contradictory dilemma to the world. His weapons are love and mercy, his authority is based on humility. It is precisely on the Cross that Jesus fully manifests His kingship.

The Cross reveals to us the merciful face of God. Through our baptism we become priests, prophets and kings. To be king is to follow in the footsteps of the crucified King and the servant who gives his life so that others may have life. It is a commitment to a life centred in love and mercy. May we walk in hope in Christ the King of the universe who renews us in hope and promises us a life full of blessing and happiness. "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise".

Fr Aulia

23 NOVEMBER 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING YEAR C
2Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:11-20; Gospel Luke 23:35-43

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Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Mass has been offered for



OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Stella Scott nee van Dorrestein
Sonasi Lanumata (mother of Akata Lui)
May they rest in God's eternal peace.



ANNIVERSARIES

*Peter Kristensen, Michael MacNeil, Raymond Glover, Marion Hofsteede,
Carol Watts, Peter McGuinness, Fr John Broadbent, Fr Brian Fletcher.*

***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

*Saoleititi Joe Taito, Dorothy Niven, Hira Lal,
Gerard Mangan, Gerry Leech, Fr David Orange,
Beverley Campbell, Tali Sua, Lidwina Gomez,
Cathreen Faaeteete, Fialauia Rose Tamasese, Delia Imperial.*

**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



PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - TE WAIRUA TAPU

PARISH MASS 2025

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER
10:00am ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, WAINUIOMATA**

We warmly welcome **Cardinal John Dew** who is our main celebrant
for this special celebration.

Let us all enjoy this special day in our Parish!!

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND:

Eastbourne
Wainuiomata
Petone
Waiwhetu

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am
Sunday 9:30am
Sunday 10:30am



WEEKDAYS:

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

No Masses
9:00am Wainuiomata & 9:30am Petone
9:30am Petone (1st Wednesday of the month 10:00am)
6:30pm Wainuiomata
11:00am Eastbourne & 6:30pm Petone
9:30am Waiwhetu & 10:00am Wainuiomata

WORD & COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday
Friday

9:00am Wainuiomata
9:30am Petone

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 parish churches for any reason. This is important for security reasons.

NOVEMBER MASS COUNTS:

It is that time of the year again when the Archdiocese requests that we take a count of those who attend Sunday Mass in our churches during the month of November. 2 Sundays left - 23rd and 30th. Counting sheets have been distributed to all four communities. **Please ensure they are filled out each week please.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION:

16th November **\$1,759.60**. This amount does not include automatic payments. Automatic Payments for October (last month) **\$17,547.00**

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

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.

SIGNING OF PREFERENCE FORMS:

Please note: now Wednesdays, same time - 11:00am - 1:00pm

BAPTISM & BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION:

We warmly welcome **Calvin Jayden Parreño Viagedor** who received the sacrament of Baptism (Sacred Heart Petone) last Saturday together with his family. **May they always walk in the light of Christ's love.**

Baptism Preparation 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 Preparation session is on Thursday 4 December.**



NOVEMBER - HOLY SOULS - MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE:

We always remember our loved family and friends who have gone before us and in the month of November we remember them especially and pray with the church.

Each community of our Parish will have a special devotion to participate in as we remember our beloved dead.





COMBINED SENIORS CHRISTMAS MASS & LUNCH 2025



It is hard to believe the great feast of Christmas is fast approaching. Our Seniors Luncheon is a lovely way to prepare with friends and parishioners.

DATE: Friday, 12 December
VENUE: St Patrick's Church/Hall Wainuiomata
TIME: 10:00am Holy Mass, 11:00am Morning Tea, 12:00 Noon Lunch
COST: \$30.00 per person

Have you purchased your ticket???

Please note: the deadline to purchase your ticket is this **Friday, 28th November**
Be quick !!! - Limited to 100 persons

CONTACT: Sister Annette Young 027 6686650
Alan MacLean 04 5646904

2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS: Now available at the Parish Office at \$15.00 each.
Please phone the office (971 7885) if you wish to reserve one.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS are for sale after weekend Masses at Eastbourne, Waiwhetu and Petone parish communities. They can also be purchased at the Vinnies shop 316 Jackson Street, Petone. \$5.00 per pack of 5 cards.

Help St Vinnies "keep Christ in Christmas."



HOW CAN YOU HELP? ST VINNIES SHOP (PETONE) would love to welcome some new volunteers to the team. You might like to help for a few hours weekly, fortnightly or monthly? Alternatively, you might prefer to be called in for a specific 'mini project' or task e.g. sorting clothes, books or linen, cleaning or fixing things.

If you would like to know more, please phone the Shop Manager (Kath) (04) 568 6408 or call into the shop Mon-Sat 10am-4pm.



GARDENING GROUP:

Anyone interested in starting a gardening group? Learn or share your knowledge. Share seedlings and produce with each other and our community. Grow good kai to feed whānau. Meet once or twice a month in Wainuiomata. Contact Bernadette 0274393865 if you are interested.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

November

- 24 Dan 1: 1-6, 8-20; Lk 21: 1-4
- 25 Dan 2: 31-45; Lk 21: 5-11
- 26 Dan 5: 6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21: 12-19
- 27 Dan 6: 12-28; Lk 21: 20-28
- 28 Dan 7: 2-14; Lk 21: 29-33
- 29 Dan 7: 15-27; Lk 21: 34-36

NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14 *The time has come, our salvation is near.*

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.



Other Notices

LAST VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR FOR 2025 Join us for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. 7.30-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on **Tuesday, 25 November**.

November is Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal Month - We need your help. Your ongoing support helps us bring hope to those who need it. Supporting this valuable mahi is easy - www.catholicsocialservices.org.nz/donate