THE PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Te Wairua Tapu

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.

The Solemnity of All Saints, wishes to remind us that holiness is not a privilege of the few, but rather a common vocation for all of us. In this single feast, we remember all those who embraced the faith and lived in their lives the Beatitudes proclaimed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, and who were not afraid to wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb, as the reading from the Book of Revelation tells us.

The first reading taken from the Book of Revelation (*Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14*) presents us with hope made concrete. John sees the holiness that has been planted, watered, borne fruit, and harvested throughout the history of salvation. The concrete situations of daily life are sometimes disturbed with suffering.

The saints are those whose awareness of belonging to Christ is so strong that it leads them to do everything for the love of God. What fuels their actions is love; the same self-sacrificing love that moved Jesus Christ to offer his own life on the cross. Each one, according to their life and in their own way, has responded to the Lord's invitation. We can say that on All Saints' Day, the Church presents humanity gathered in unity.
In the second reading (*1 John 3:1-3*), John reminds the faithful that we all receive the same calling. God, in his infinite love, through his Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, has welcomed us as God's children! Our baptismal calling is to reveal God's holiness to the world through our own sanctification.

But how does one achieve holiness? The Beatitudes presented in today's Gospel (*Mt. 5:1-12*) are like a program to be followed by those who aspire to attain the crown of holiness. Christ is the source of holiness for us.
The Beatitudes were first lived by Jesus and, therefore, He became the criterion by which we discern whether or not we are living according to God's will. The Beatitudes represent an ethical life that, when lived seriously, is capable of renewing people and transforming society, as demonstrated by the lives of all the saints.

Thus, on this day the Church invites us, to celebrate the mystery of God's infinite love for us all. To celebrate *the perfection of holiness and fullness of the Body of Christ*, manifested in the life of those who already live the splendours of intimacy with God.

Fr Akuila

01 NOVEMBER 2026
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - YEAR A
Readings: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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Responsorial Psalm

Lord, this is the people that long to see your face.

Mass has been offered for

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

ANNIVERSARIES
James Codyre, Irene Brown, William (Bill) Barrett, Janet Carrasco, Hendricus (Hank) Van Duyn, Elizabeth Jordan, Charlie McBride.
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, Hira Lal, Fr David Orange, Tali Sua, Lidwina Gomez, Cathreen Faaeteete, Fialauia Rose Tamasese, Delia Imperial, Mike Loader.
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

Monday, 2nd November ALL SOULS DAY
There will be two Masses in our parish on the commemoration of all the faithful departed. **9:00am St Patrick's Wainuiomata and 9:30am Sacred Heart Petone**

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.

SENIORS MASS: Will be celebrated on Wednesday, 4th November at 10:00am at Sacred Heart Church, Petone.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION & BAPTISM:
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. Number is limited per session.
Next Baptism Preparation is Thursday 5 November 2026.

Baptism dates: 8 & 22 November - baptisms are held every second and fourth Saturday of the month at Sacred Heart Church, Petone at 11:00am.

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. There are five Sundays in the month this year - 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. **Counting sheets have been distributed to all four communities. Please ensure they are filled out each week.** Thank You.

WEEKLY COLLECTION:
25 October 2026 - $1,833.80 This amount does not include Automatic Payments.
Thank you for your support. Your contributions are greatly 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.

If you would like to sign up to our Planned Giving Programme please contact the parish office on **971 7885** or email **holyspiritparish41@gmail.com** and Maria or Nilda will be happy to assist you. Any amount large or small donated regularly makes all the difference to the Parish.
Our bank account name and number is: BNZ - Holy Spirit Parish **02 0544 0049224 00**
Please put your name and your PG number as reference. You will be given a PG number when you contact the office.
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.

PARISH NEWSLETTER:
Newsletter items must be into the parish office by **Wednesday 12 noon** at the latest for Thursday publication. Email: **holyspiritparish41@gmail.**com or phone us on **04 971 7885**

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.

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.

ADORATION IN CHURCH: Our Lady of the Rosary will have adoration for half an hour after the Friday 9.30am Mass.

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE: 2027 Columban Calendars at $15.00 each. Iconic Catholic Calendar, well known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. Please phone 971 7885 and we will allocate one for you.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW AVAILABLE:
St Vincent De Paul Waiwhetu, Eastbourne and Petone will be selling packs of Vinnies Christmas Cards after the weekend Masses, beginning this weekend. Packs will be $5 for 5 beautiful, Christian themed cards -keeping Christ in Christmas! Cash or online payment available. Thank you for your support.

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**, or texting/calling on **027 3297840**

OCIA: Our parish community formally welcomes **Craig**, a new catechumen, into the OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) with the Rite of Acceptance during Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Petone. He will continue to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion - at Easter.
Please make him feel welcome.

PLEASE NOTE:
On Tuesday 10th November to Friday 13th November there will be WORD & COMMUNION in all four parish communities as our priests will be on their annual SVD Retreat.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:
November

2 All Souls Readings from Masses for the Dead
3 Phil 2: 5-11; Lk 14: 15-24
4 Phil 2: 12-18; Lk 14: 25-33
5 Phil 3: 3-8; Lk 15: 1-10
6 Phil 3: 17-4:1; Lk 16: 1-8
7 Phil 4: 10-19; Lk 16: 9-15

NEXT WEEK:: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13 *Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Other Notices

Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal: help us help people feel belonging! This has been a challenging year for many, especially the poor and vulnerable among us. These challenges have caused many people to feel a loss of connection to one another, and even to God. This is why the Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal is so important. Your ongoing support helps us connect to those in need. Running from 1 – 30 November 2026, the Annual Appeal asks for community support so Catholic Social Services can continue supporting people and their whānau who need help.

You can scan the QR code to donate:

Donations can also be made online at
cadw.nz/our-work/catholic-social-services/donate

Late Night Mass: Come along to our second to last Late Night for Young People of the year! We hope to see you all there to celebrate our Catholic faith together. So, lock in the Friday, 6 November at 8.00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington and don't forget to bring a plate to share. We'll see you there!

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Plant Sale - on Saturday, 21 November 2026 from 12noon - 3.00pm at Convent grounds, 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Wellington.
Proceeds go towards financial support for Franciscan Sisters of Charity Diocese of Mahenge Tanzania - purchasing of balanced food for destitute girls and boys at St Raphael Centre Ifakara in Tanzania. Please come along and find beautiful plants for your home and garden! More information contact Sisters: 04 3838401. We will be grateful for your support to make our Plant Sale fundraising successful to help the above-mentioned missionaries and the people they serve. Be assured of our prayers for all.

EXALT: CHRIST THE KING 2026. You are warmly invited to EXALT: Christ the King, a National Worship Event to be held in Wellington on Saturday, 21 November 2026, from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm at Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street, Wellington. This special day will bring together people from across New Zealand for worship, Holy Mass, prayer, and fellowship as we honour Christ our King and pray for our nation.

Please keep the date free and join us for this special national gathering of worship and prayer for New Zealand. The Mass Presider will be Archbishop Paul Martin. Registration is not required.
For more information, contact Lislie on Ph. 0273476327 or
email: currentofgracewellington@gmail.com (Supported by CHARIS NZ).
Please refer to the poster attached or displayed on your parish noticeboard.