



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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS OUR SUFFERING REDEMPTIVE?

At Jesus' death on the cross, there were also two thieves who also died on their own crosses. But up to this day, the only cross we call holy is the cross that Jesus died on. A cross without Jesus on it is not a holy cross.

Jesus died an innocent death. He carried the weight of our sins on his cross as an atonement, and only his innocent death and suffering have redemptive power.

We catholic folks are often told to offer our personal suffering as an atonement for our sins and the sins of others. There are many kinds of suffering in our lives, avoidable and unavoidable sufferings. Those unavoidable sufferings such as growing old, sickness, dying and death, like it or not, are crosses that we carry daily. But are they holy crosses? Maybe not all of them! As mentioned above, the only cross with Jesus on it is holy. If our cross of suffering has the presence of Jesus on it, then it is holy. And because it is holy and Jesus on it, it has the redemptive power.

Jesus challenges his disciples "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." A disciple must not only carry his cross but also carry it the way Jesus did.

The cross is the most scandalous symbol in Christianity, but "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. God chose what is low and despised...so that no flesh might boast in the presence of God".

(1 Cor 1:27)

John Quang svd.

8TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Readings—Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10,12-17; Gospel Luke 14-25-33

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OFFICE HOURS

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For office queries please phone 569-8045

St Patrick, Wainuiomata

Monday only 10:00am - 12:00pm
For office queries please phone: 970.8405

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS / WEEKLY COLLECTON - 1ST SEPTEMBER 2019 = \$2,339.60

TE WAIRUA TAPU

BNZ Bank Account # 02-0544-0049224-00.

Please note all cheques paid to any of the four communities must be made payable to The Parish of the Holy Spirit.

Parishioners who would like to contribute to our Parish Maintenance Programme please use ANZ bank account #06-0545-0232987-000

FUNDRAISING

Parishioners who would like to contribute towards Stage 2 of our Parish building project at St Patrick Community in Wainuiomata (the community Hall) can do so by using our BNZ bank account # 02-0544-0049224-25.

As always your contributions are greatly appreciated and eligible for a tax receipt at the end of the financial year.

Responsorial Psalm

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

In Our Prayers

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember these and other sick people of the Parish in your prayers.

*Lena Barnao, Brother James, Pat Lee,
Carmarita Marshall, Bob & Noeleen Marshall,
Joan Hall, Bev Moran,*

*Michael & Anne Wheeler, Rosa Marie Santos,
Lie Perez, Margaret Tinney, Lydia Pattison,
Helapia Teofilo, Tim Heath,*

*Paul Hergus, Lagi Gray,
Helen Thomson,
Margaret Smith, Eugenia Smolnicki,*

*Monty Garrick, Eileen Dellabarca,
Mary Fagan, Niamh Quinn.*

If you know of anyone who is confined to their home or who needs a visit with

**Holy Communion,
please advise the Parish Office (971.7885)**

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the souls of our recently deceased.

*Fr Patrick John O'Neill SM,
Elizabeth (Liz) Metcalf.*

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember and pray at all Masses for our loved family members, friends and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*Gwenyth Dunford, Anthony Noaro, John Hall,
Kay & Max Wedde, Margaret Rougham,
Henry Nissanka, Gordon Sinclair,
Thomas Doherty, Winifred Mary Entwisle.*

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

Readings

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

September

- 9 Col 1: 24-2:3; Lk 66-11
10 Col 2: 6-15; Lk 6: 12-19
11 Col 3: 1-11; Lk 6: 20-26
12 Col 3: 12-17; Lk 6: 27-38
13 1 Tim 1: 1-2, 12-14; Lk 6: 39-42
14 Num 21: 4-9; Phil 2: 6-11; Jn 3:13-17
15 Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1: 12-17
Lk 15: 1-32



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First reading: Exodus 32: 7-11,13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

Second reading: Timothy 1: 12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

**“The world tells us to seek success, power and money;
God tells us to seek humility, service and love.”**



Parish Events

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, 10 September, 7:00pm, Presbytery Meeting Room

WORD OF LIFE MEETING

Tuesday, 10 September, 2:30pm, Petone Presbytery Meeting Room

This month's Word of Life is taken from 1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Encourage one another and build up each other." Anyone interested is welcome.

COMBINED LITURGY TEAM MEETING

Wednesday 11 September, 7:00pm, Presbytery Meeting Room

'CHILDREN OF GOD' MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

We warmly invite parishioners to join us for an evening embracing reconciliation, Mass, prayer, hymns, supper and friendship at the home of Julie & Himo Tioniso, 70 Richmond Street, Petone on **Thursday September 12th from 7:00pm.** (Our patron and model is St Therese of Lisieux). Need a lift? Phone 9711660



AN INVITATION: To all parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Spirit - Te Wairua Tapu to join **Sister Therese Couderc** in celebrating her **Diamond Jubilee of Religious Profession** as a **Sister of Compassion**, on **Sunday, 15th September 2019.**

It will commence with the Sunday Mass Liturgy combined with Jubilee Prayers at **1:30pm** in **St Patrick's Church.** The Mass will be followed by a 'Garden Party' (afternoon tea) in the presbytery grounds.

Your presence will give great pleasure, and please no gifts.

ABORTION LAW REFORM IN NEW ZEALAND:

'Have Your say by 19 September' *Inform yourself about this important issue.*

Please pick up a copy of the material available in all four communities and **take a stand for life.**
Your opinion will count!

Parish Futures Team

The Story Thus Far.....

Please ensure you receive copy of the handout from the Parish Futures Team entitled **The Story Thus Far....** It is very interesting reading about the results of the café sessions held in our parish communities to discuss the dreams and views for the future of our Parish, as per the review requested by Cardinal John. The summary will form the basis of the proposal which is due to go to him by the end of October. Once we have our proposal drafted it will be shared with you.

Thank you once again for your input and engagement. We ask that you keep us in your prayers through the next stage of this discernment process.

Parish Futures Team

San Antonio - Eastbourne

San Antonio School, Eastbourne Open for Enrolments:

Only 10 minutes (8km) from Hutt Park! Small School, Big Heart Unique Size,

Exceptional Experience Low teacher/pupil ratios

Contact: e. office@sanantonio.school.nz Phone 562 7398



PASTA VERA ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: Order forms in San Antonio Church Foyer or School Office or link on school **website www.sanantonio.school.nz**

Sacred Heart – Petone

SECURITY MEASURE: As a security measure the Church has now been installed with a CCTV Camera. The Church will be open (Main door will be unlocked) for visitors and those who wish to visit during the daytime between 9:00am – 5:00pm.

CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS: On sale after 9.30 Sunday mass. First Communion cards also available. Proceeds to support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

FEAST OF PEÑAFRANCIA :

On Friday 13 September, the Filipino Bicolano Group will start their 9-day novena in honour of their region's Patroness, Our Lady of Peñafrancia, here in Sacred Heart Petone. The novena starts at 7:00pm on weekdays.

The feast day will be celebrated on **Saturday, 21 September 2019** commencing at 4:00pm with novena, followed by Mass, 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".



Sacramental Signs - The Catholic Church teaches that a sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace. It comprises of two parts: the perceptible sign -something we can see, smell, touch, taste or hear; and the invisible reality - ultimately the grace of God.

We should consider these two things in every sacramental experience.

Ideally the meaning of the sacramental sign should be evident.

Sacramental Signs continued:

Baptism provides a great example because to the Christian mind, water (the sacramental sign) is not simply a chemical formula: H₂O. It takes its meaning, not from science, but from the scriptures: Creation (Gn 1:2), the Great Flood (Gn 7), the crossing of the Red Sea (Ex 12-14), the Jordan (Jos 3-5; Mt 3; Mk 1; Lk 3), the blood and water flowing from the side of Christ (Jn 19:34). Water for Christians means cleansing, washing and purifying.

St Patrick - Wainuiomata

SAMOAN FUNDRAISING DAY:

Last Saturday the St Patrick's Samoan Community held their Fundraising Event (**Tausala**), with proceeds towards the Building Project (Stage 3).

From a time of socialising together, enjoying each others company, and having fun, they raised the huge sum of **\$7,116.80** - Wasn't that just wonderful!! An enjoyable lunch together concluded a lovely time.

The Samoan community certainly know how to extend kindness and hospitality to all. Thank you for everything you do.

God bless you all.

St Patrick's Fundraising Committee

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

COIN JAR SUNDAY - THANK YOU:

As you all know last Sunday was Coin Jar Sunday, the weekend where those who had taken coin jars to save their spare coins towards the Building Project bought them back to church and emptied them into the bucket. The total amount given was **\$367.50**. A splendid result from you all. Thank you sincerely. Your donations were greatly appreciated

St Patrick's Fundraising Committee .

ST VINCENT DE PAUL:

St Vinnies would appreciate tinned and non-perishable items be placed in the baskets at church to enable us to continue to support families in need. Your continued support is greatly appreciated - **St Vinnies group.**



St Vinnie's is open every Saturday Morning from 9-11am at 2 Stanley street behind the Church. Check it out for bargain-clothing-shoes-books-bric a brack etc.

Our Lady of the Rosary - Waiwhetu

The Legion of Mary invites you to **Our Blessed Mother's Birthday Celebration:**

Today, **Sunday 8th of September 2019 at 2 pm at Saint Joseph's Church, Upper Hutt**

The programme will include: Rosary, Hymns, a Reflection and Benediction and conclude with afternoon tea in the Foyer.

From the Ecology, Justice and Peace

Following Jesus does not mean taking part in a triumphal procession! It means sharing his merciful love, entering his great work of mercy for each and every person and for all people...

The Christian detaches him or herself from all things and rediscovers all things in the logic of the Gospel, the logic of love and of service.

Pope Francis: [Angelus 8 September 2013](#)

HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS

No one enjoys talking about safety and security issues, particularly in church. But we are called to be good stewards. That includes protecting our buildings, assets, and most important, people.

Please be aware of pedestrians, and surroundings, as you enter and leave the Church grounds.

Please keep the parking spaces closest to the Church available for the elderly and/or infirm. Thank you.

Please park your cars safely and considerately. Please keep our church driveways free of vehicles.

Think Safety, Act Safely!

Scripture Reflection: **'I call you friends', says the Lord.**

Usually attributed to King Solomon, the **First Reading** shows God as one who is always ready to grant the gift of wisdom to those who truly seek it.

The **Second Reading** is taken from St Paul's letter to Philemon, a leader in the Colossian church. Paul is writing about slavery. He knows he cannot do much to change this deep-rooted social structure, but seeks instead to change people's hearts. He invites the recipients of his letter to see everything and everyone in relation to Christ, in whom there is only unity.

The **Psalm** reminds us that,

compared to the wisdom of God, our greatness is as nothing – yet the Lord is a faithful refuge for us.

Christ's call en route to Jerusalem (**Gospel**) is a radical one. Indifference to all the things that distract us is the way of the disciple. God's life can deepen in us through his many gifts to us, but also in our letting go of them.

In the coming days, let us place ourselves within the friendship of the Lord, which is both a place of refuge and source of strength.

May we go forward in joy as we try to embrace the crosses of our lives.

Parish Life



Archdiocesan Events

LOWER HUTT PRAYER GROUP:

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 9th September, 7.30 to 9pm in SS. Peter & Paul Chapel**. All welcome. Contact 567-4420 or 564-9020.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK: 8-14 September:

Social Justice Week was established by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference in 1997. This is a time to consider, reflect and take action on a particular current social justice issue in the light of Catholic social teaching. Social Justice Week falls during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This year the Social Justice Week theme is: Fairness, for further information go to: <https://caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week>

Archdiocese of Wellington Social Justice Week event

Wednesday 11 September, 6.00-7.30pm, Connolly Hall, Thorndon, Wellington

Come join us this Social Justice Week, as we explore fairness and unfairness in relation to work experiences of construction and healthcare workers in our Archdiocese

•Representatives of the Barangay Sta. Maria Assumpta/Filipino Chaplaincy Outreach Ministry

•Cardinal John Dew

•Hon. Iain Lees-Galloway, Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety

For more information, please contact Lisa [Beech l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:L.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz)

STEWARDSHIP NETWORK MEETING at Sacred Heart School Hall, Petone. 1-4pm on Saturday 21st September. Three dynamic speakers including Cardinal John Dew, Afternoon Tea followed by small group discussion. Please register by September 18th with Ann Williams at a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz or telephone 04-496 5182.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 1-18 September NZ wide

On Sunday 1 September, a group of Catholics left, with the Immaculate Heart of Mary statue, from Cape Reinga, and another group of Catholics left, with the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue, from Bluff. The two statues will travel through the country and meet in Wellington on 18 September, the day before the Abortion Legislation Bill submissions close.

Our Lady of Hope Parish Tawa - Titahi Bay will host the North Island pilgrims on: **Tuesday evening 17 September. Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 169 Main Road, Tawa** followed by a time of silent prayer until 9 pm.

On **Wednesday 18 September** Rosary will be recited at **8.30 am**, followed by **9 am Mass**.

The pilgrims will then move to **St Francis de Sales Church, Island Bay** for a final Mass at 7:00pm that evening.

VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN: Saturday 21st September.

St Anne's Catholic Church, Emmett Street, Newtown.

Starts at 10 am with Mass. Ends at 12.00 p.m.

For more information contact Family Life International NZ Phone: 021 231 7954

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday	8:00am 9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 5:30pm	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu St Patrick, Wainuiomata Sacred Heart, Petone Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu Sacred Heart, Petone
Tuesday	9:00am 9:00am 9:30am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu St Patrick, Wainuiomata (Chapel) Sacred Heart, Petone (Chapel)
Wednesday	9:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu Sacred Heart, Petone (Chapel) (10am every 1st Wed of month) San Antonio, Eastbourne
Thursday	9:00am 9:30am	St Patrick, Wainuiomata (Chapel) Sacred Heart, Petone (Main Church)
Friday	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am	Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiwhetu San Antonio, Eastbourne St Patrick, Wainuiomata (Church)
Saturday	5:30pm 6:00pm	San Antonio, Eastbourne St Patrick, Wainuiomata

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday	After 9:00am Mass	St Patrick, Wainuiomata
Wednesday	10:00am	San Antonio, Eastbourne
Thursday	After 9:30am Mass	Sacred Heart, Petone

ROSARY

Wednesday	7:30pm	St Patrick, Wainuiomata
Friday	9:10am	San Antonio, Eastbourne

WORD AND COMMUNION SCHEDULES

Monday	9:00am	St Patrick, Wainuiomata (Chapel)
Tuesday	9:30am	San Antonio, Eastbourne
Wednesday	9:00am	St Patrick, Wainuiomata (Chapel)
Thursday	9:30am	San Antonio, Eastbourne
Friday	9:30am	Sacred Heart, Petone (Chapel)

BAPTISM

2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Every 1st Thursday of the month

MARRIAGE, FUNERALS

By appointment only. Please telephone the Parish Office in Petone on (04.971.7885).

RECONCILIATION

San Antonio and Sacred Heart churches: By appointment only.
Our Lady of the Rosary: By appointment only.
St Patrick: Saturdays 5:30 - 5:45pm.