



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.

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

THEY HEAR MY VOICE AND FOLLOW ME

His sheep hear, recognize his voice and they follow Him. To be able to hear and recognize the voice of God, one must have a very silent, humble and receptive heart in the midst of worldly attractions and busyness. It must be a complete detachment from the worldly noises and activities so that one can hear nothing but the gentle voice of God whispering in one's heart. And then follow Him.

We connect ourselves to the world around us with five senses: hearing (ears), seeing (eyes), smelling (nose), tasting (tongue), and feeling (body). Unfortunately, these organs when restless can be great obstacles for us to have a complete still silent heart that can pick up the sound of God's voice whispering in absolute stillness and silence. The curse of modern humanity is that we are so addicted to noises and activities, we find it difficult to be still and undistracted (heart/mind) completely for 3-5 minutes. Try it yourself!

In the Middle Ages, lots of heroic saints withdrew into the wilderness completely detached from worldly activities and live in asceticism and solitude. Their purpose was to be in union with God and able to hear God's voice alone.

We need to withdraw into the wilderness of asceticism and solitude of the heart so that we can hear the voice of God gently whispering in our hearts, so that we can recognize his voice and follow Him.

We pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life. We are concerned about not many young people responding to God's calling. Not that young people lack interest or generosity, but in the midst of worldly confusing noises and activities, perhaps they cannot distinguish God's voice from others.

Only if you can hear God's voice and know what God wants from you, you will give up everything in order just to do it.

Quang Phan, svd

12 MAY 2019

Readings—Acts 13:14,43-52; Apocalypse 7:9,14-17; Gospel John 10:27-30

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Responsorial Psalm

We are his people; the sheep of his flock.

Readings

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

May

- 13 Acts 11: 1-18; Jn 10: 1-10
14 Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Jn 15: 9-17
15 Acts 12: 24 -13:5; Jn 12: 44-50
16 Acts 13: 13-25; Jn 13: 16-20
17 Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6
18 Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14
19 Acts 14: 21-27; Apoc 21: 1-5;
Jn 13: 31-35



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter

First reading: Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27
They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Second reading: Apocalypse 21: 1-5
He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel: John 13: 31-35
I give you a new commandment: love one another.

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, Wally Blazkow, Margaret Tinney,
Lydia Pattison, Helapia Teofilo, Tim Heath,
Paul Hergus, Lagi Gray,
Josh Sua'tauloa, Helen Thomson,
Margaret Smith, Zach Howat,
Eugenia Smolnicki.*

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.

*Terry Kelly, Sr Pauline O'Regan,
Fr John Pearce CP*
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.

*Heather Anna Gross, Melton Prosser,
Gladys Berry, Kevin Martin, Margaret Durney,
James & Susan Dooley, Peg Martin,
Eric & Veronica Hickey, Joseph Toth,
Lena Lockyer.*

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

WISDOM OF POPE FRANCIS

“Accept the risen Jesus into your life.
Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards Him:
He awaits you with open arms.”



Parish Events

TAX RECEIPTS FOR THE 2018/2019 FINANCIAL YEAR:

Tax receipts are available for collection in all four communities this weekend - 11/12 May 2019.

BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome **Jake Curtis Beckers** as he has received the sacrament of Baptism in our Parish of the Holy Spirit – Te Wairua Tapu (Petone) and their families. May all of you always walk in the light of Christ's love.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tuesday 14 May, 7:00pm, Petone Presbytery Meeting Room.

PARTICIPATION SUNDAY – 1st & 2nd JUNE

Dear Parishioners,

For those who recently signed the Participation Sunday form, I personally thank you.

The office has now received the entire result of the Parish of the Holy Spirit. However, due to lack of communication/instruction we got a poor response from our communities. It is therefore the decision of the Parish Pastoral Council (dated 29th April 2019) to '**do it again**'. This time we encourage **everyone**

- **Existing** Parishioners on our ministry rosters must fill out the Participation Sunday form for record update purposes. We would like to make sure that our records/list is up-to-date.
- **New** Parishioners who want to get involved in our ministries are encouraged to fill out the form as well.

On the scheduled weekend of Participation Sunday, we will ask you to fill out the form 'right there and then'. The Pastoral Team will make sure you have ample time to do so. Should you be unable to be at Mass that day, there will be forms available in each parish community and it will be available on the website.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** and we **ENCOURAGE** you to fill out the form.

Remember – **You are the life of the Parish** - Fr Marlon (Parish Priest)

CONCERT - *Song and Music*

We want you to know that on **Sunday, 7th July at 2:00pm** the well known **Fr Chris Skinner, SM** Will present an afternoon of his collection of lovely contemporary, Inspirational and Christian Music at **St Patrick's Church, Wainuiomata. Tickets \$25.00 each.**

Proceeds towards the Stage 2 Building Project. Watch for ticket sellers in your community or phone Alan 04 5646904.

Looking forward to your support. It will be an enjoyable afternoon together.

Regards,

St Patrick's Fundraising Committee



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

to all our Mum's



WEEKLY COLLECTION 2019: - May 5th - \$3,088.10 Thank you for your support.

Our Lady of the Rosary - Waiwhetu

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REP

Our community is looking to appoint a new rep to the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are interested in being considered for this role then please get in touch with Fr Marlon via the office or Martin Ryan martin.w.ryan@gmail.com, 022 6539 527.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019

The Our Lady of the Rosary School Sacramental Programme for 2019 is for children Year 4 and up. If you are not at Our Lady of the Rosary School and would like your child to complete the Sacramental programme, please contact the school office or email Sarah Saunders at sarahs@olr.school.nz

Sacred Heart – Petone

WEEKDAY MASSES

We are now coming into the cold months so from next week starting 14 May, weekday masses will now be celebrated at our Chapel.

San Antonio – Eastbourne

ANOINTING MASS

Wednesday, 15th May at 11:00am



St Patrick – Wainuiomata

FUNDRAISING CONCERT with proceeds towards Stage 2 Building Project.
See 'Parish Events' in this bulletin for further information

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Today **Sunday, 12th May** is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for our seminarians Alfred, Matthew and Kinh and all those discerning the call to priesthood. **Could someone you know become tomorrow's priest?**

Pray for this person. **Invite** him to consider priesthood. **Affirm** his gifts and qualities. **Encourage** him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY: St Bernard's College will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 25 May 2019 from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Prospective students and their parents are invited to visit during these hours to find out more about St Bernard's College and what it can provide. St Bernard's College is a Year 7-13 Catholic boys' college. For further information please see our website: www.sbc.school.nz or contact the office at: 183 Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt. Phone 560 9250 email: office@sbcschool.nz

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, LOWER HUTT - ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 9 2020:

Students in **Catholic Contributing Schools** will have an enrolment information pack delivered to them at their school. **Parents/caregivers of students in State Schools** are invited to call at the College Office, 65 Laings Rd, Lower Hutt to collect an enrolment information back from 13 May, or for online enrolments please go to the Sacred Heart College website: www.sacredheartcollege.school.nz

Enrolments are to be completed online or please return all enrolment forms to the College office, no later than 1 July 2019.

LOWER HUTT PRAYER GROUP: Our next meeting will be on Monday 13th May, 7:30-9:00pm in SS Peter and Paul church hall. All welcome. Contact 567-4420 or 564-9020