



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.

HOLY JOY

Joy shared is the joy multiplied, sorrow shared is the sorrow reduced. Last week I reflected on the holy joy that lasts and can not be taken away, it must be the joy that comes from within and is grounded in God.

Mary set out in a quiet and early morning to share that joy with her cousin Elizabeth. The encounter of these soon to be mothers is simple, yet very deep and holy because they both grounded their joy in God who made it possible. The joy they experienced is not brought about by human efforts or conditioned by external stimuli, but firmly grounded in God, ‘The Almighty has done great thing for me.’ Mary exclaimed.

The secular society is reluctant to mention the word ‘Christmas’ because it mentions Christ, they would prefer wishing each other simply ‘happy holiday’. People of course have their freedom of choice, but we Christians also have our freedom to embrace and share our holy joy like Mary and Elizabeth did for each other.

A non-Christian writer once lamented that he felt sad and deprived when people leave Christ out of the Christmas celebration, and how superficial and hollow the joy of Christmas is when Christ is not there. Christ is the essence, the deepest meaning of the Christmas message – Emmanuel, God-is-with-us.

A blessed and grace filled Christmas to you all.



Fr. John Quang, svd

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 23 DECEMBER 2018

Readings—Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Gospel Luke 1:39-44

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Phone: 569.8045

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

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION 2018

December 16 \$3,283.90

Thank you for your support.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Readings

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

December

24 Sam 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Lk 1: 67-79
25 Is 52: 7-10; Heb 1: 1-6; Jn 1: 1-18
26 Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Mt 10: 17-22
27 1 Jn 1: 1-4; Jn 20: 2-8
28 1 Jn 1: 5-2: 2; Mt 2: 13-18
29 1 Jn 2: 3-11; Lk 2: 22-35
30 Eccl 3: 2-6, 12-14; Col 3: 12-21;
Lk 2: 41-52

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Feast of the Holy Family

First reading: Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14
He who fears the Lord honours his parents.

Second reading: Colossians 3: 12-21
Concerning the Christian life in the world.

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52
His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them.

In Our Prayers

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

*Lena Barnao, Brother James, Patrick Hanson,
Pat Lee, Carmarita Marshall,
Bob & Noeleen Marshall,
Joan Hall, Bev Moran,
Michael & Anne Wheeler, Rosa Marie Santos,
Thomas Harris, Lie Perez,
Wally Blazkow, Maria Tasi, Margaret Tinney,
Christine Mooney, Lydia Pattison, Helapia Teofilo,
Julia Havell, Robert Williams,
Robert & Jocelyn Norris, Tim Heath, Brian Hughes,
Sean Irvine, Paul Hergus, Paul Schmidt-Uili,
Lagi Gray.*

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.

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.

*Francis Nolan, Carol- Dawn Gibson,
Josephine Cook, Wilma Jones, Carol Gradwell,
Michael Wisnesky, Desmond Randall,
Minnie Feakin, Bob Kristensen, Keven Upton.*

May they rest in God's eternal peace.



WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS

**“Advent has a special charm,
it makes us experience deeply
the meaning of history ”**



Parish Events

The Pastoral Team

Fr Marlon, Msgr Charles, Fr Michael, Fr John

*Wish you all a very Blessed Christmas
filled with joy, peace and love.
May the New Year 2019 bring us many more blessings
and grace for us all.*



OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office will be closed from 22nd December and will reopen 7th January 2019.

Please note there will be no Mass/Service in all four communities 26-28 December.

Please note:

This is the final newsletter for the year.

The weekly newsletter will recommence on the first week of February 2019 (2nd/3rd)

SVD CALENDARS

They are available at the back of the Church. Take one - it's FREE.



BAPTISM

We warmly welcome

Yasmine Labrador Olivar (Wainuiomata)
and Theodora Therese Laurance (Eastbourne)
as they received the Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish,
and their families to the
Parish of the Holy Spirit - Te Wairua Tapu.

May they always walk in the light of Christ's love.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS: will commence on the first Thursday of February (7th February), same venue same time.

HALL HIRE:

To be able to maintain and renovate the Parish Hall, it was decided that users of the Hall will be charged a set hire fee of \$25.00 per hour.

A HUGE THANK YOU:

To all of you for your continued commitment to our various ministries as well as our Pastoral Team. Also for your ongoing financial support --- a real gift and treasure to our Parish --- very much appreciated.



This Advent/Christmas Cardinal John is holding the Care Appeal to collect core funding for the less well off in our community.

Great work is already happening across our Archdiocese, from supporting refugees to counselling for the distressed. As well as celebrating this good work, it illustrates the growing need this Appeal helps to address.

Your support will go directly to people in need.
Website - www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/CCA2018



The gifts you bring fund the Church agencies that serve our community across the Archdiocese of Wellington.

Please join with me in supporting the Care Appeal-*Cardinal John Dew*.

Our Lady of the Rosary - Waiwhetu

FATHER MICHAEL: Will be on holiday after 10am Christmas Day Mass returning 12th January. *Father, we wish you God's blessings for a safe journey and a restful holiday with your family. There will be no Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion during this time.*

THANK YOU FROM MARY: To Father Michael and to all parishioners and friends thank you for the beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated last Sunday for my family and I - and for the gifts I received which are lovely.. To Father Marlon and the parish council thank you for your gift and sincere words. *God's blessings to you all.*

THANK YOU TO ANDREA LLOYD: Who baked our Christmas cake to share after Midnight Mass.

Sacred Heart – Petone

A BIG THANK YOU:

Thank all those who made cakes for Kaikoura. It was an amazing response from our Petone Community.

Thank you to all the parishioners who so kindly donated Christmas goodies, and all the beautiful presents for the Vinnie's to do the food parcels, Happy Christmas and many thanks - Anne Pegg, St Vincent de Paul Petone.

ROSTERS:

Over January there is no formal Ministry roster. A blank list is on the wall at the back of the church where you can put your name by the date you are available to help.

San Antonio – Eastbourne

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We require more people to be Proclaimer of the Word (Reader), Ministers of Holy Communion and Greeters who also do the Offertory. If interested, please contact Helen on 568 5653.

St Patrick – Wainuiomata

COIN JAR SUNDAY:

A big thank you to all who contributed to the Coin Jar Collection for our Stage 2 Building Project. You gave a total of **\$223.20** - Thank You.

The Fundraising Committee thank you fore all the support given over 2018.

A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all.



SENIORS:

Last Friday, 14th December a large group gathered at St Patrick's to celebrate the 10:00am Mass, together with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Then followed the greatly anticipated commissioning of **TRISH WAGNER**, who had been preparing over preceding months. She now has been commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and as well commissioned to lead services of the Liturgy of the Word and Reception of Holy Communion. Our congratulations and gratitude to Trish for undertaking this commitment.

All of this was followed by our Christmas Gathering - dinner in the Strand Another bigger than usual number. We thank **Christine Morgan** for arranging this celebration for us all.

We, with sadness let you know that **LAGI GRAY** has had to return to Wellington Hospital. Please let us all join in prayer that she will once again surmount this obstacle to her health. May Mary Mother of the sick, intercede on her.

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:

“In Search of True Peace”

‘Christmas is God’s response to the drama of humanity in search of true peace’ — **Benedict XVI**

As we leave the season of Advent and step into the celebration of Christmas, we are given a liturgy filled with promise and hope.

In his **Gospel**, St Luke shows how salvation dawns through the meeting of two women. The Father’s promise for humanity is fulfilled in Mary, the “most blessed of all women”. Elizabeth recognises this through the movement of her own child within.

Micah, the prophet, draws together the great expectations of the people (**First reading**) and shows how God’s power is revealed in peace and security.

The letter to the Hebrews (**Second reading**) calls those seeking security in past rituals to a new way of worship, that of self-giving love.

Finally, today’s **Psalm** is a plea for God’s continued protection, which is a source of both life and strength.

This week, let’s pray that God’s life and strength, rooted ever deeper in our hearts, may give rise to a new and hopeful way of worship through self-giving love.

Parish Life

From the Archdiocesan Commission for Peace and Development

Once Mary has received the message of the angel and said “yes” to the call to become the Mother of the Saviour, she sets out in haste to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her pregnancy.

Mary is very young; what she was told is a great gift, but it also entails great challenges... Yet Mary does not shut herself up at home or let herself be paralysed by fear or pride. Mary is not the type that, to be comfortable, needs a good sofa where she can feel safe and sound. She is no couch potato! If her elderly cousin needs a hand, she does not hesitate, but immediately sets off.

Pope Francis:
Message for World Youth Day 2017

Parish Thank You

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS AND THANK YOU

*to all our parishioners
who are involved in ministries of
our four communities*



Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Stewardship Teams, Readers, Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, Children's Liturgy, Offertory, Prayers of the Faithful, Altar Servers, Music Ministry, Data Projectionists, Welcomers, Sacristans, Tea Duties, Counters, Altar Flowers as well as all who are on the St Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Liturgy Committees, Youth Group, and of course Secretaries, and to all who individually help and support our communities to run smoothly.

We thank you all for your loving support, time and expertise in building our church communities.

Archdiocesan Events

CHALLENGE 2000 MARIST GAP AND INTERNSHIP YEAR 2019:

Aged 18- 24? Finished School or University and not sure what path to take? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The Marist Challenge Gap year programme, starting mid February enables you to make a difference, serve others and learn about youth work and different career paths while getting paid! The programme offers many opportunities to grow professionally, personally and spiritually and to gain a wide range of employment and life skills and experience. The applications are still open for 2019, if you are interested or want more information go to

<https://www.challenge2000.org.nz/> or contact Anna on 0278421280 or Kitty on 021491459.

ST VALENTINE'S DAY MASS: Thursday 14th February 2019 at 6pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria. All welcome to a celebration of love.

Also, we are looking for couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary. If you, or if you know someone celebrating 25, 30, 40 or 50+ years married, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Felicity Giltrap at the Catholic Centre (04) 496 1719 or email f.giltrap@wn.catholic.org.nz

PILGRIMAGES DEPARTING IN 2019: to The Holy Land, Medjugorje and within NZ.

Expressions of interest welcome. Visit: www.pilgrimage.nz or see noticeboard for details. Contact Patricia Parsons on 0274 219 064. E: info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP:

Join us each Monday evening for an hour of Christian meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer. All are welcome. 7pm, Chapel, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 383 7134 or 04 383 7769.

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

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: Saturdays 9:30 - 10:00am
St Patrick: Saturdays 5:30 - 5:45pm.