

St. Theresa's Parish

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21 April 2024 | 4th Sunday of Easter- Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or after weekday Mass

Monday 22 April

No Liturgy of the Word or Adoration

Tuesday 23 April

9:30am Mass

Wednesday 24 April

9:30am Mass

7:30pm Prayer group meet in the hall

Thursday 25 April – ANZAC Day

9:30am Mass



ANZAC DAY
Let us forget

Friday 26 April

9:30am Mass

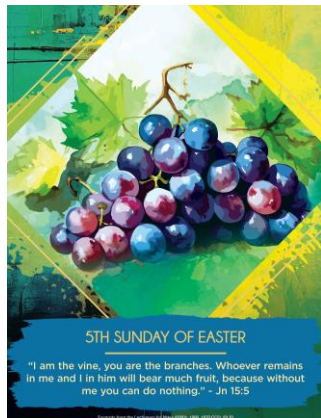
Saturday 27 April

11am Rosary and Adoration in the Church

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 28 April – 5th Sunday of Easter

9:30am Mass



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

GOSPEL MEDITATION – April 21, 2024 4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir - ©LPi



Newly Baptized

Last weekend we welcomed 4 children into the Church. All our blessings and love go out as they begin their spiritual journey!



Taigh Bede, Beauden William, and India Rose Kelleher were baptised last Saturday. Please keep their parents, Tom and Hestia, in your prayers.



Last Sunday, August James McClean was baptised. Please keep his parents, Sam and Gabrielle, in your prayers. In addition, one of our RCIA candidates, Laura Everest-Doughty received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion last Sunday. Please keep her in your prayers.



RIP Annette "Anne" Reidy. Sadly Anne died on Friday 12th April. Her life will be celebrated at

St Barnabas' Anglican Church on Friday 19th April at 11.00am. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Anniversaries – May they RIP: Dorothy Shea, Roy Spencer, Erich Sperl, Geoffrey Pryor, Leoni Williams, Hazel Eastgate, Eunice Murphy, Natalie Blackburn, Michelle Turley, James Cowie, and Maude Hawke.

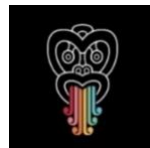
Those who are sick: Richard Gibbs, Arthur O'Leary, Sr Trish Hanaray, David Wootton, Jocelyn Bryant, Luca Ashworth, Cristina Fleming, Patricia Maher, John Montgomery and all parishioners who have Covid or are sick.

Tax Receipts: Hopefully you have received these by email this week. If you didn't receive yours and have an email address you would like me to send it to, please let us know at the office. I have left those who I couldn't send copies to in envelopes in the foyer to be collected.

SACRISTAN CO-ORDINATOR: Thank you to Mike Montgomery who has been doing this role for a few years. **Is someone ready to take over the above role?** Mike has completed the roster for this year 2024 through to December. The person who takes over would be the contact person for the remainder of this year plus do the roster for next year. If you are interested please let Jocelyn or Marylynn in the office know.



ANZAC Day Concert : The Zimbelstern Foundation is delighted to invite you to a concert being given by International Concert Organist Paul Rosoman. Paul will present a programme showcasing works which reflect the importance of ANZAC day. People whose politics, beliefs and aspirations are widely different can share a genuine sorrow at the loss of so many lives in war, and a real respect for those who have endured warfare on behalf of the country we live in. The programme includes works by Bach, Buxtehude, Parry and Dupre. The Spirit of ANZAC is at St Mary of the Angels Church on Thursday April 25th at 2.00 pm and entry is free.

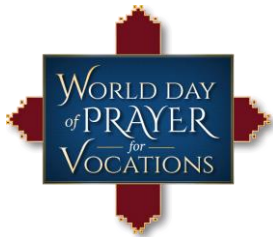


Te Reo Māori in the Mass

We are working our way through the Penitential Rite, this week addressing the phrase **'through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault,'** which is rendered as **'nā tōku hē, nā tōku hē, nā tōku hē, rawa'** in Te Reo Māori. The phrase **'through my fault'**, essentially the same, is repeated three times. The repetition gives the impression that this is a straightforward phrase but **'nā tōku hē'** is a very subtle use of Te Reo which conveys a lot of information in just three small words. **Nā:** 'this comes about because of'; **tōku:** mine or belonging to me; **hē:** A mistake, a failure, a fault. The subtlety arises in the use of the word **tōku**. There are two forms of this word: **tāku** and **tōku**. The difference between the **ā** form and the **ō** form is a very important and challenging area of Te Reo. For our purpose, we will simply accept that **tōku** conveys the essential commitment that **I had full control of the mistake**, or that **I accept full responsibility for the failure**. Using **tāku** in this context would relieve the speaker of some degree of responsibility. In the final repetition of the phrase the word **'rawa'** is appended. **'Rawa'** is used for emphasis. In this case it converts a commonplace fault into a grievous fault. Next week we will examine the phrase **'Therefore I ask'**.



HOLY HOUR: You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 23 April at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.



“HAVE THE COURAGE TO COMMIT” - VOCATION SUNDAY 21st April 2024

This Sunday is the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Please pray that more young

people will generously say yes to God’s call in their lives, and that they will find a supportive community around them.

Envelopes are available in the foyer to make a donation to Vocations.

“Rise up! Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life.... **Have the courage to commit!”**

- Pope Francis, Vocation Sunday 2024

WHO CAN YOU ENCOURAGE?

Pray for them.

Invite them to consider priesthood or religious life.

Affirm their gifts and qualities.

Encourage them to be open to God’s call.

Visit wellingtonpriests.org to explore the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The website features vocation stories of local priests and seminarians, as well as helpful materials for anyone discerning a vocation. For more information contact

Fr Andrew Kim at wellingtonpriests@gmail.com or Lucienne Hensel at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Special Prayer for Vocation Sunday: LORD of the Harvest, bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. Inspire all your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. Instil those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. Unite us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen. (Pope Francis)

WORKSHOPS

An invitation to Liturgy Workshops 2024

Theme: The Sunday Eucharist The Eucharist is the “heart” of the Church, namely, the Eucharist. In order to live ever more fully our relationship with God, we need to understand the value and significance of the Mass. (Pope Francis, Nov 2017) Father Patrick Bridgman, Liturgy Advisor, Archdiocese of Wellington is presenting this series. Open to all. Tea & Coffee available half an hour before start time. See poster in church foyer for more information. Registrations are appreciated.

c.walker@wn.catholic.org.nz

The First Workshop will be:

• What do we believe?

10am-12pm on Saturday 20 April

@ St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, Johnsonville

CALLED AND SENT! A day for the whole family to explore living the Gospel and reaching out to society at large. A program for children will be provided. An initiative of the Focolare Movement

When: **Sat 20 April, 9am to 4pm – byo shared finger lunch.**

Where: **Home of Compassion, Rhine St, Island Bay**

Cost: **\$10 per adult, children by donation.**

Contact: **Gloria - 022 1931957 or**

email: mariapolis.nz@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS



Deacon Matthew White
Currently serving as Deacon in the Catholic Parish of the Wairarapa
From Te Ngākau Tapu Parish, Porirua



Kinh Nguyen
Sixth Year Seminarian
Originally from Vietnam



Emilio Capin
Fifth Year Seminarian
Currently on Pastoral Placement in Our Lady of the Bays Parish, Tasman
Originally from the Philippines



Gerson Badayos
Fourth Year Seminarian
Originally from the Philippines



Max Copley
First Year Seminarian
From Holy Trinity Parish, Wellington East

Called to serve
wellingtonpriests.org

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The Fifth Gospel Project. Fr John O’Connor’s Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation and send an experience (up to 400 words) before the end of April to john@fff.org.nz. Information on this mission at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>



Game On! Is an 8-week parenting course for Dads by Dads, in Wellington starting 8th May, at Catholic Social Services premises. Starts: Wednesday 8th May 6.30pm-8.30pm, Duration: 8 weeks, Venue: Level 1, 132 Tory Street, upstairs of Compassion Soup Kitchen. Registrations can be emailed to: reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or by phone: 04 385 8642 / or by text 027 40 55 469 See flyer in the church foyer.



God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage Programme for Engaged and Married couples

Joy-Filled Marriage is a marriage program designed to help engaged and married

couples embrace God's plan for the sacrament of matrimony. It offers a comprehensive approach to marriage that covers not only the sacramentality and theology of marriage but also the practical life skills necessary to live out the rich Catholic vision of marriage. The first component about the sacramentality and theology of marriage will be covered on the weekend of May 4 & 5 at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay.

For more information or to register, visit www.marriageandfamily.org.nz See flyer in the church foyer.



WAY2GO Children's Ministry Conferences

are HERE! This years theme is The Ripple

Effect - how meeting Jesus changes us and impacts those around us. Come explore and celebrate ways childrens' ministry is having a ripple effect in our churches and communities. Join us in being equipped to make ripples that bring spiritual life and growth. 'I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples' – Mother Theresa

Registrations are open for Wellington's conference on the 18th May, The Street City Church, 21 Hania Street, Mt Victoria 9.30am-4pm, \$80 per person, register for the event:

sunz.org.nz/children-and-families/way2go/
For more information about WAY2GO or if you have any questions please contact : Liz Eichler - liz.e@sunz.org.nz

Service Rosters for 20/ 21 st April – 4 th Sunday of Easter – Vocation Sunday			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher		Julian Howard
Greeters	Margaret & Grant Baker		Alwyn Kelly & Gary Calderwood
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Rommel Anthony		Ray Wolken
Altar Servers	Gabriel Anthony		Finlay Blank & Sammy Cato
Karanga			Franchesca Blank
Children's Liturgy			School holidays
Proclaimer of The Word	Mary Va'a		Julian Howard
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mike Montgomery Kelly Ross		Richard Barraclough, Paul Kerr Jude McKee
Hospitality			Kayren & Laurie Smith
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Maureen Wilmshurst

Service Rosters for 27/ 28 th April – 5 th Sunday of Easter			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery		Russell Plume
Greeters	Mike Montgomery		Kay & Richard Barraclough
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Carmel Keane		Graham Taylor
Altar Servers	Gabriel Anthony		Colin Feng & Michael Bastian
Karanga			Janet McClean
Children's Liturgy			School holidays
Proclaimer of The Word	Julianna Ritter		Hamish Baker
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mary Cruz, Grant Baker		Russell Plume, Klara Noldan Laurie Smith
Hospitality			Hugh & Catherine Blank
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