

CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL, 6o Knights Road, Lower Hutt.

FILIPINO MASS: 12 noon, 1st Sunday.

SAMOAN MASS: 11am, 4th Sunday.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays, beginning at 7am through to 11pm.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 9.30am or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms in SS. Peter & Paul Church are held during any weekend Mass or on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month at 2pm. Please contact the church office 566-3088 for more information and to book.

ROSARY

Mondays at 1.30pm in the Chapel.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Sundays, at 4:30pm.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SODALITY

Monthly Mass on **Saturday, 2nd September, at 9am**, followed by the Rosary for world peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Hewson, Terry Dwyer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marie Clegg, Pat Evans, Rita Hogan, Ngaire Leahy, Brian Lee, Min van den Kerkhof, Michael Vega & Renato Vega.

CHURCH-ACTIVITIES

• **PLAYGROUP**

Every Thursday morning (**term time only**), 9.30am to 11.30am, in the Church hall. For more details, please contact the Playgroup Coordinator, Jo Edwards 566-1447.

• **SS. PETER & PAUL INDOOR BOWLING CLUB**

7.15pm every Wednesday (March to October), at Our Lady of the Rosary School Hall, Wainui Road, Waiwhetu. Absolutely no experience necessary. Contacts are Gerard 564-4548 and Anne 564-8192.

• **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Meetings are held on Mondays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm and Wednesdays, 11am to 1pm.

WE ALSO HAVE...

A BOOKSTALL

New Zealand Catholic & the *Tui Motu* available. There are also a good selection of Rosaries, medals & prayer books.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

There is a room with toys and books available at the south end of the church for parents to use if needed.

• **LIBRARY**

A good selection of books. Please remember to return Library books when you have finished reading them.

PARISH OF TE AWAKAIRANGI —SCHEDULE OF MASSES

REGULAR SUNDAY MASS TIMES

	St Bernadette	St. Martin de Porres	St. Michael	SS. Peter & Paul
Saturday Vigil	-	-	-	6pm
Sunday	10am	8.30am	10.30am	9am 5.30pm

**28th August –2nd September 2017
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

	St. Bernadette	Martin de Porres	St Michael	SS. Peter & Paul
Monday	-	9am	-	7am*
Tuesday	12noon	9am	-	7am & 12.10pm
Wednesday	9am*	9am	9am (Chapel)	7am & 12.10pm
Thursday (31st August)	9am (School room 2)	-	-	7am
Friday (1st September)	-	-	9am (School)	7am & 12.10pm
Saturday	-	-	-	9am

*Denotes Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
**Note the Chapel is in the Presbytery at 21 Tocker Street

“Man is suddenly becoming aware that by an ill-considered exploitation of nature he risks destroying it and becoming in his turn the victim of this degradation. Not only is the material environment becoming a permanent menace - pollution and refuse, new illness and absolute destructive capacity - but the human framework is no longer under man's control, thus creating an environment for tomorrow which may well be intolerable. This is a wide-ranging social problem which concerns the entire human family” (No. 21). (Pope Paul VI) “Not only has God given the earth to man, who must use it with respect for the original good purpose for which it was given to him, but man too is God's gift to man. He must therefore respect the natural and moral structure with which he has been endowed” (No. 38). (St. Pope John Paul II)



PASTORAL TEAM

- Fr. Patrick Bridgman
- Mrs. Barbara Rowley
- Fr. David Orange
- Fr. Patrick Grealley
- Fr. Cirilo Barlis
- Fr. Joy Thottankara

CHURCH COMMUNITIES

- St. Bernadette**
Telephone: 567-8074
- St. Martin de Porres**
Telephone: 567-8013
- St. Michael**
Telephone: 976-8409
- SS. Peter & Paul**
Telephone: 566-3088

SCHOOLS

- St. Bernadette**, Naenae.
Telephone: 567-8056
Principal: Jo Buckley
 - St. Michael**, Taita.
Telephone: 567-1514
Principal: Cate Wafer
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- SS. Peter & Paul**
Lower Hutt.
Telephone: 569-5759
Principal: Kay Tester

COLLEGES

- St. Bernard's College**
Lower Hutt. T: 560-9250
Principal: Simon Stack
- Sacred Heart College**

TE AWAKAIRANGI

A Catholic Parish of The Archdiocese of Wellington

Website: teawakairangi.nz



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2017

Readings: *Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20.*
Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

FROM THE DESKS OF THE PASTORAL TEAM

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus first asks the disciples who do others say he is. He then asks who do they think he is. Peter responds that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus then promises that his church will be built upon this rock of revelation, this rock of faith, this rock of a community living his identity and his mission until the end of time.

For church is not something we go to once a week, but it is an identity we share as members of the Body of Christ into which we were initiated at baptism.

The disciples were “ordered” by Jesus to

“tell no one that he was the Christ”. No, we are not to talk about the Christ, we are to be the Presence of Christ living as he did. We build up this Body, the church, any time we reach out to another in need and respond as Christ would. We build up this Body, the church, every time we gather at Mass to give God praise and thanks. We build up his Body, the church, any time we forgive, offer an encouraging word, show mercy and compassion.

In all these ways we witness to our identity as church – as the Presence of the risen Christ made visible in and through us.

Barbara Rowley

**SCHOOL MASS FOR STAFF OF THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF
TE AWAKAIRANGI PARISH**

SACRED HEART COLLEGE HOSTED THE STAFF OF ST. BERNARD'S COLLEGE AND OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE PARISH—SS. PETER & PAUL, ST. BERNADETTE AND ST. MICHAEL.



Next Sunday's Readings: *Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16: 21-27.*

**THE NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS' 2017 ELECTION STATEMENT
THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION**

We **appreciate the hard work ethic** of so many of our fellow citizens. We desire a **tax structure that is fair to low income earners** and respects the contributions of all workers to our society. In a globalised economy, we recognise New Zealand has much to offer in the **upholding of sound business and investment ethics**.

PARISH NOTICES

• MAORI PASTORAL CARE COLLECTION—TODAY

This collection is taken up to support the work of the Māori Pastoral Care team of the Archdiocese. The team supports Māori Catholics in their participation in the Church as Māori, advises parishes and schools on these matters and helps to develop bicultural awareness and practices throughout the Archdiocese. Your koha to this work is welcome. Tēnā koutou katoa.

• FUNDRAISER

The Ss Peter and Paul Samoan Youth group, who sings at our 5.30pm, 6pm and 9am Masses, will be selling raffle tickets as well as delicious baking after Mass in the church foyer from Saturday, 28th August. This will help get our young people to the Aotearoa Youth Festival in Auckland this December and also to Life Teen camp early next year. Raffle Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Your support will be very much appreciated.

• VISIONS OF THE SACRED—AN INTRODUCTION

Dreams and Christian Spirituality. Monday, 28th August 7pm-9pm, in SS. Peter & Paul Church Hall. A presentation by Brother Kevin Dobbyn fms who is specialising in the place of dreams in our spirituality. The evening includes input and the chance to share a dream in small groups.

• LOWER HUTT ELECTION FORUM

The Catholic Parish of Te Awakairangi is hosting an election forum for our Catholic & Anglican communities

VINCENTIAN FOUNDATION FOR THE ELDERLY—HEARING AID GRANTS

The Foundation is providing grants to assist the over 65s purchase hearing aids. Pensioners must hold a Super Gold card with a Community Services endorsement to be eligible. A leaflet providing further information is available in the foyer. Please feel free to take one. If you have any questions, please telephone Michael 938-1492.

EVENTS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

• CALLING YOUNG NEW ZEALANDERS

Young New Zealanders are being called to share their views through an online nation-wide survey published by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops. New Zealanders, aged 16-29years are encouraged to answer the survey and share the link with their networks. **Closing date for responses is TODAY, 27th August 2017. The survey is on**

on **Tuesday, 29th August at 7pm in Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Lower Hutt.** Please do come and hear what our local candidates have to say about the issues of interest to you.

• CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Alternate Tuesdays, 7pm to 8pm, at 23 Charleston Ave, Lower Hutt. For more details, contact Tara, 972-2030 or 021-1730073 or email taradsousa@gmail.com. Visit the website at www.wccm.org or just turn up.

• COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND, 20th AUGUST 2017

Planned Gifting	\$6,154
Other	\$ 719
TOTAL	\$6,873

• IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS AT THE HOSPITAL OR HOSPICE OR IN AN EMERGENCY

If you require a priest urgently, please call 027-4501175 which is the number of the Priest on call at the Hospital. If you are hospitalized and wish to see a priest or receive Holy Communion, please ensure you put your religion (*Roman Catholic*) on the *Admission Form* at the Hospital. Parishioners who are ill or housebound are requested to contact their nearest Church so a Priest can visit.

• NEW PARISHIONERS -A VERY WARM WELCOME!

We would love you to fill in a New Parishioner form which is available in the Church foyers and please make yourself known by visiting the Parish or Church offices.

<https://www.facebook.com/voicetovaticanNZ> and on the homepage of the New Zealand Catholic Bishop's website: <http://www.catholic.org.nz>.

• CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Meeting every Monday evening for an hour of Christian Meditation in the ancient form of contemplative prayer at 7pm in Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay.

• HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday, 29th August, beginning at 7.30pm**, in the Cathedral Chapel to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The Holy Hour will include prayer, Scripture and conclude with Benediction, followed buy supper.

• AOTEAROA CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Stay informed about the details as they unfold across the country by liking Aotearoa Catholic Youth Festival on Facebook.

• CATHOLIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Catholic Foundation Scholarships for study in the 2018 tertiary year are now open. Application forms and conditions are available on the Foundation's website www.catholicfoundation.org.nz. Completed applications together with supporting documentation should be at

the Foundation's office by **Friday, 1st September**. Contact the office if this time frame presents difficulties. If you have any questions or queries, please contact Kathy Whelan, Secretary, Catholic Foundation, Telephone 496-1721

• TAIZE PRAYER

You are invited to an hour of meditative singing, scripture and prayer in the Taize tradition, on **Friday, 1st September, 7pm-8pm**, at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington.

• YOUNG CHURCH MASS

Sunday, 3rd September, 7pm - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Thorndon.(Hosted by Challenge 2000)

• XLT (EXALT)

Worship, adoration and fellowship **Friday, 8th September, 7pm**, in St. Anne's Church hall, Newtown.

CHURCH OF ST. BERNADETTE, 194 Naenae Road, Naenae.

SAMOAN MASS

11.30am, every 2nd Sunday of the month.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays, following the 9am Mass to 10.15am.

RECONCILIATION

By appointment.

SAMOAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month after 9.30am Mass.

REMINDERS

• SCHOOL MASS

Thursday, 31st August at 9am in Room 2. All welcome

• ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Meeting on **Monday, 28th August, at 7pm** in the Church meeting room.

• ON LEAVE

Barbara will be on leave of absence during the month of September. If you have any pastoral needs or issues during that time, please leave a message at St. Bernadette's Presbytery, telephone 567-8074. Messages will be cleared regularly.

ANNIVERSARIES

Lily Quinn, Joseph Penman, Colleen Stevenson.

CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES, 6 Park Avenue, Avalon.

POLISH MASS

Sundays, at 11.30am.

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, 21 Tocker Street, Taita.

REMINDERS

• PASTORAL MATTERS

Barbara will be on leave from **Monday, 28th August until Monday, 2nd October**. If you have any pastoral issues during that time, please telephone the Lower Hutt Office 566-3088.

• FIRST COMMUNION

1st Communion Class: Tuesday, 29th August, 6pm-7pm, in the Church. Parents and Children are needed for this

week please.

Srs. Fran and Ruth

First Communion will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church next Sunday, 3rd September at the 10.30am Mass

• Friday, 1st September: Mass at 9am in the School.

• OFFICE HOURS AT TAITA PRESBYTERY

Tuesdays, 9.30am-12noon.

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen Leen, James Gresham, John Lanceley.

REST IN PEACE Fr Michael Sweere who was a priest of the Archdiocese for 53 years, passed away on Saturday, 12th August after a short illness. He was buried from St Joseph's Upper Hutt on Friday, 18th August. May he rest in peace.