

CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL, 60 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Parish Confirmation preparation sessions will be after the 9am Masses on 22nd October and 5th November in the Foyer Meeting room for children yr 3 and older. The Confirmation ceremony will be on Sunday, November 12 at 2pm. Please call Kathryn for more details 027-6788865.

BAPTISMS

We welcome *Tahlia Boaniface* who was baptised this weekend into our Parish family. We pray for her and her family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dennis McCaffrey

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.

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

16th-21st October 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	9am	-	9.30am (Aroha Home)	- 7am
Friday	-	-	9am (Chapel)	7am & 12.10pm
Saturday	-	-	-	9am

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

NEXT WEEKEND OUR PARISH IS HOLDING THE ANNUAL MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL.

This year we are invited to participate in Jesus' life-giving mission, supporting women and children's health in Uganda where bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger and many women take great risks to reach health facilities. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre, they do not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers who come through the doors. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously.



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

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
Lower Hutt. T 566-1089
Principal: Maria Potter

PARISH OFFICE

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TE AWAKAIRANGI

A Catholic Parish of The Archdiocese of Wellington
Website: teawakairangi.nz

Issue 117 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 15, 2017

Readings: *Isaiah 25:6-10A; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14.*
Responsorial Psalm: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

FROM THE DESKS OF THE PASTORAL TEAM

Dear Friends,

A royal wedding feast was (and still is) a wonderful event, and to be invited to it was a marvellous privilege. The question arises: Why would people refuse something as wonderful as that? The following story might help to answer this question.

Tom was doing his spring ploughing when the king's messenger appeared unexpectedly in his field and said, "You are invited to the royal banquet." On hearing this, Tom began to glow like a full moon. In a flash his humdrum life was transformed. "When exactly is the banquet?" he asked. "The banquet is tonight and I will be back in an hour for your answer," replied the messenger.

Tonight! This changed things. Tom looked back over the work he had done. Then he looked ahead at what still remained to be done. With some luck he could probably finish it today. The weather was ideal. But would it last?

At that moment he looked up and what did he see? He saw the royal messenger going into his neighbour's field. So that man was

being invited too! Suppose he was placed next to him at table? That would be unbearable. The banquet was beginning to lose some of its appeal.

Then there was the need to have to wash and change. And what clothes would he wear? He didn't really own anything suitable for a royal banquet. One by one the clouds of doubt began to gather. Tom began to have second thoughts. Then third thoughts. By the time the messenger returned his mind was made up. "Well" said the messenger "Are you going, yes or no?" "I'm, afraid it will have to be no" said Tom. He was about to start a litany of excuses but the messenger was already out of earshot.

God doesn't compel us. God invites us to the banquet. What is the banquet? It is a call to intimacy with God, and to a deeper and more authentic personal life. But it is also a call to community with others, to share with others and associate with others. And it is a call to eternal life, which, for God's people, begins here on earth.

Barbara Rowley

LECTIO DIVINA—AN EXPLANATION

Last year at the end of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote a document for the Universal Church called *Misericordia et Misera*. In it he wrote: "It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused."

Over the weekend Masses of 28th and 29th October, each parish has been asked to read the Gospel using Lectio Divina. This practice

helps us to read, meditate and live the Word of God.

There are four phases: the *lectio* or reading of God's word; the *meditatio*, or meditation on that which we have heard read to us; the *oratio*, or prayer which is when we enter in dialogue with God; and finally the *contemplatio*, or contemplation stage in which we abandon ourselves to holy thoughts. This is when we leave behind our own thoughts and get ready to listen to God's voice, who speaks within us.

Next Sunday's Readings: *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1Thessalonians 1:1-5B; Matthew 22:15-21.*

PARISH NOTICES

• TE AWAKAIRANGI YOUNG ADULTS

Cards and board games night in Taita **Today, 15th October and then every fortnight after that.** We alternate between St. Mike's Presbytery, Taita and SS. Peter & Paul, Lower Hutt. Please contact Mary Anne 021-1077248 if you are interested.

• NAENAE BENEFIT IMPACT

The Archdiocese of Wellington is hosting a *Benefit Impact* at St Bernadette's, Naenae in the **week of 13th-17th November.** Mary Margaret Schuck, Teresa Homan and Lisa Beech will be speaking at all Masses this week-end to explain the Benefit Impact and to invite participation through training as a benefit impact, offering hospitality, undertaking a support role or to check out your benefit or superannuation. This follows a successful event held in Upper Hutt parish last year. There will also be a meeting on **Thursday, 19th October at 7.15pm, in St Bernadette's Presbytery** for anyone in the parish who would like to volunteer or learn more about this opportunity. For more information, please contact Lisa Beech 021-288-4388 or email l.beech@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz.

• PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES

Thursdays, 19th and 26th October, 11am to midday in the meeting room of SS. Peter & Paul Church. If you have any questions, please contact Chris 565-0046.

• ST. BERNARD'S COLLEGE QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 28th October, 7pm for 7.30pm start, in St. Bernard's College Gym. Come along and make up a team,

or join a table. BYO drinks and nibbles or purchase a platter on the night. Delicious supper provided. Spot prizes, Best Table, Best Fancy-Dressed individual and team and raffles (bring plenty of gold coins.) **TABLE SPONSORS WANTED.** To R.S.V.P or for more information, telephone Felicity Hislop 021-369748 or email fliss.john@xtra.co.nz.

• COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND, October 8, 2017

Planned Gifting	\$7,580
Other	\$ 777
TOTAL	\$8,357

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.

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

If you are in the hospital or hospice and wish to see a priest or receive Holy Communion, please ensure you put your religion (*Roman Catholic*) on the *Admission Form*. Parishioners who are ill or housebound are requested to contact their nearest Church so a Priest can visit. In emergencies, please dial 027-4501175 for the Priest-on-call.

• NEW PARISHIONERS -A VERY WARM WELCOME!

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

EVENTS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

• ARCHDIOCESAN YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRIES

All young adults are invited to *The Rising Tide: Apologetics: Love, not War on Monday, 16th October* at the Catholic Centre, Hill Street, Wellington. Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. For more information, contact Joshua Nerona 496-1701 or email j.nerona@wn.catholic.org.nz.

• JOSHUA CATHOLIC MENS' FELLOWSHIP

Meeting on **Thursday, 19th October, 7.30pm** at Connolly Hall, Thorndon (behind Sacred Heart Cathedral). For more information, contact John 389-8915, 021-1078538 or email jnjtaylor@paradise.net.nz.

• ST. PAT'S OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

All 'Town' and 'Stream' Old Boys are invited to the

Annual Dinner on **Thursday, 19th October.** Visit the website www.SPCOB.ORG.NZ and find us on Facebook.

• TOOLS WANTED

Catholic Social Services is working with a young man from a refugee background now living in the Eastern Suburbs who has just obtained a job as a builder, but needs to supply his own tools. We would be grateful if anyone is in a position to donate tools. There is a list of the required tools at <http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/archdiocesan-offices/css/support-for-refugee-resettlement/> or please contact Elizabeth Burns at Catholic Social Services 385-8642 or e.burns@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz.

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

REMINDERS

• SAMOAN MASS

11.30am, every 2nd Sunday of the month.

• EUCHARISTIC 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.

• SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We will soon be starting our next round of sacramental preparation beginning with First Reconciliation. If you

have children at a non-Catholic school yet would like them to be part of the sacramental preparation, please telephone Barbara 567-8074.

• ST. BERNADETTE'S YOUTH GROUP BUSH WALK

Sunday, 22nd October. Meet in the Hall in Naenae at 11.30am to walk to Te Araroa or *Stairway to Heaven*. For more details, please telephone Monica 567-8267 or email devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com.

• COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Now on sale at \$12 each.

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Dwyer, Malia Filipo, Terence Gibson.

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

REMINDERS

• POLISH MASS

Sundays, at 11.30am.

• CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Begins **today, 15th October.** Children of all ages are warmly invited to join in learning and taking part in simple scripture based activity. We also need parents or other volunteers (young and old) to help with running the programme. Please meet Tara after the 8.30am Mass or call 972-2030/021-1730073

• ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, AVALON

Next meeting on **Tuesday, 17th October, at 7pm, in the**

Church Hall. New members welcome. Enquiries to John, telephone 567-6777.

• PARISH FEAST DAY GET-TOGETHER

We will be celebrating the Feast day of St Martin de Porres on Sunday, 5th November, with a Get-together after the 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea/brunch. It will be held on the lawn area next to the meeting room. If wet, it will be celebrated in the meeting room. Tea and coffee will be supplied. This is a not-to-miss celebration! All parishioners of Te Awakairangi parish are invited.

REST IN PEACE

Jabwiga Basinski

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

REMINDERS

• SAMOAN MASS

1st Sunday of the month

• SAMOAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday at 9am

• OFFICE HOURS AT TAITA PRESBYTERY

Tuesdays, 9.30am-12noon.

• ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH FUNDRAISER

For the Catholic Youth Festival & Life Teen Summer Camp. **Today, 15th October: Cake Stall after the 10.30am Mass.**

• ST. MIKE'S FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH PROGRAMME

6.30pm-9pm in St. Michael's School Staffroom. For ages 12-18years. If you enjoy meeting new people, singing, dancing, debating, learning more about your relationship

with God and you are not up to anything on a Friday night, you are welcome to come along and join us. Feel free to bring a friend and fellowship with us. For all enquiries, telephone Mary Anne 021-1077248. **NOTE: The last Youth Night for 2017 is Friday, 17th November.**

• PASTORAL MATTERS

For assistance with pastoral matters, such as arranging Baptisms, signing Preference certificates, etc, Barbara Rowley, the Lay Pastoral Leader is available at Taita Presbytery on Tuesday mornings 9.30am—11.45am. If you wish to contact her outside of these times, please telephone 567-8074 (Naenae Presbytery).

REST IN PEACE

Valerie Harris

ANNIVERSARIES

Rose Vile, Joseph Magee, Frank Feakin.