

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.

REMINDERS

• **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, LOWER HUTT**  
Monthly meeting and end-of-year outing on **Tuesday, 28th November**. We will gather in the Church Hall at 11am for a short meeting before moving on together to Alfred Coles House for lunch at 11.30am. Shared transport will be available and we look forward to celebrating with a great meal and plenty of happy conversation. Members who wish to provide an item for our Christmas Treats raffle, please bring it along. A reminder also that our *Advent Evening of Reflection* will be held this year on

**Friday, 1st December, at 7pm**, at Heretaunga. For details, call Perry 566-8102.

• **APPRECIATION SUNDAY 2017**

All are invited to an ‘Open House’ on **Sunday, 3rd December between 10am and 12noon, in the Presbytery**, to thank you all for your involvement and service in the Church community.

• **PRAYING THE OUR FATHER IN TE REO, MAORI**

We are blessed by having three official languages in Aotearoa, New Zealand—English, Maori and Sign language. We have become accustomed to the *Karanga* at the Consecration. During Advent, we will pray the *Our Father* in Te Reo. To this end, an evening of introduction and learning will be facilitated by Christine Hetaraka on **Wednesday, 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Church Hall**. Please come along.

**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.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Dennis Murphy

**BOOKSTALL**

*New Zealand Catholic* & the *Tui Motu* available. Also **Columban calendars for 2018 are now available at \$12 each, new Sunday Missals at \$15 each, Christmas cards at \$2.50 a pack and the Little Blue Books for Advent at \$6 each.**

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

20th-25th November 2017

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

	St. Bernadette	Martin de Porres	St Michael	SS. Peter & Paul
Monday	-	9am	-	7am*
Tuesday	12 noon	9am	-	7am & 12.10pm
Wednesday	9am*	9am	9am (Chapel)	7am & 12.10pm
Thursday	9am(School Mass in the hall)	-	-	7am
Friday	-	-	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

**RELIEF WEEKEND COOK POSITION**

Cooking for a community of 7 religious Sisters in the Hutt Valley Area. 16 hours per fortnight—Saturday and Sunday. Cooking and some house assistance duties. Also filling in for other staff when sick or on annual leave. Extra hours over the December & January period. Contact: Ria527-8045 or [pcmanagervj@gmail.com](mailto:pcmanagervj@gmail.com).



**PASTORAL TEAM**

Fr. Patrick Bridgman  
Mrs. Barbara Rowley  
Fr. David Orange  
Fr. Patrick Greally  
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

**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](http://teawakairangi.nz)



Issue 122      THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      November 19, 2017

Reading: *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6; Matthew 25:14-30.*  
Responsorial Psalm: *Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

**FROM THE DESKS OF THE PASTORAL TEAM**

*Dear Friends,*

We are now living in the delay before our Master's return. We can learn from the lesson of the parable of the talents in today's Gospel, that one of the best ways of being ready for our Master's return is to do the best we can with who we are and what we have. The problem for many of us, however, is that we don't look upon our lives as something to be used to their fullest. We don't always explore our assets or even acknowledge our potential. We are often stuck in our routines and habits and don't take the time to learn what our "best" is.

Sometimes we get dazzled by the talents of others and give more attention to our limitations than to our possibilities.

The gospel today challenges us to pay attention to our talents and to use them to the best of our ability. We have been entrusted with them for the purpose of furthering the Kingdom of God and spreading God's goodness throughout the world, as well as appreciating the joy of all that has been given to us. Joy isn't something only for the future; it is a fruit of the Spirit we can enjoy now.

*Barbara Rowley*

**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR.**

The Archdiocese of Wellington has answered Pope Francis' call to action in recognising the plight of the poor and his wish to designate **today, 19th November** as the 1st *World Day of the Poor*. The Pope has initiated the 1st *World Day of the Poor* to help us recognise our poverty before God and to make greater efforts to respond to the enormity and richness of God's love for us. Such recognition can help shape us into people of compassion, understanding and acceptance. With these qualities we not only respond to God's love for us, but we reach out with open hearts and hands to the needs of our sisters and brothers

In the words of Pope Francis, the *World Day of the Poor* is to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter.

We do not live in the dark; we live in the light of Jesus Christ. So we cannot claim ignorance of the struggles that people face in coping with daily life...

As Christians, we cannot bury our "one talent" – we cannot hide our light. We are called to be stewards of the gift we have been given – to place it at the service of others – our "one talent" becomes part of a great patchwork that draws the gifts of all together. Together we overcome the difficulties of each. Those with "many talents" risk becoming selfish – trading them for more; becoming richer at the expense of others. Manipulation, exploitation, greedily grasping the little others have...

***Blessed are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them – bring hope***

***Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity.***

***Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange...***

***These are hands that call down blessings upon their brothers and sisters.***

*(Pope Francis)*

**Next Sunday's Readings:** *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46*

PARISH NOTICES

Fr Patrick Bridgman is away till 2nd December and Fr Cirilo Barlis will return on 8th December. During this period Fr Kevin Purcell will be residing at the Knights Road Presbytery and assisting with Masses within the parish.

• PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please come along and perform at the Christmas Concert on **Sunday, 10th December, at 2pm**. Contact Kathryn 027-6788865 to register your interest. If you are not a performer, do come along to support the performances and watch this great community event.

• PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES THROUGH AN ADVENT LENS

If you were inspired or made curious by using *Lectio Divina* to pray the Sunday Gospel in October, join us in using *Lectio* to pray the Advent scriptures. **Tuesdays 21st, 28th November and 5th December 11am - 12noon** in the meeting room of SS. Peter & Paul Church. Any questions, call Chris 565-0046

EVENTS AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

• YOUNG CHURCH MINISTRIES

\* *The Rising Tide*: **Monday, 20th November, 6.30pm -8pm, at the Catholic Centre**, 22-30 Hill Street, Thorndon.

\* CHALLENGE 2000: Gap Year applications due by **21st November, 2017**

\* AOTEAROA CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: **2nd-3rd December, in St. Mary's College, Auckland**

• HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a *Holy Hour* on **Tuesday, 21st November, beginning at 7.30pm, in the Cathedral Chapel** to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and consecrated life. **Please note this date is the 3rd Tuesday and not the 4th as is usual.** The Holy Hour concludes with Benediction followed by supper. All welcome

• HEALING SERVICE

Fr. John Rea will conduct a Healing Service beginning at **7.30pm on Thursday, 23rd November, in St. Theresa's Church, Plimmerton**. Especially invite those who are in need of Jesus' healing. Included in the service, are testimonies of people who have been healed.

• CHALLENGE 2000 ANNUAL STREET DAY APPEAL

**Thursday, 23rd November**. Donate your time or money, email your friends/business colleagues/family to support our work and pray for the poor, the struggling and those

• COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND, November 5, 2017

Planned Gifting \$7,457

Other \$ 887

**TOTAL \$8,344**

• COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND, November 12, 2017

Planned Gifting \$6,504

Other \$1,104

**TOTAL \$7,608**

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

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or hospice and would like 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.

who journey with them. Please help. Call Megan 477-6827, or email [challenge2000@xtra.co.nz](mailto:challenge2000@xtra.co.nz).

• CHRISTMAS EVENT

A Very Welly Christmas event is being held again this year on **Lambton Quay, on Saturday 25th and Sunday, 26th November, from midday until 6pm on both days**. It gives Wellington Area Christians an opportunity to put "*Jesus back into Christmas*." Groups that would like to take part this year, are invited to contact the organizers at: [Jamie@chameleonevents.co.nz](mailto:Jamie@chameleonevents.co.nz).

• A CARNG SPACE

An invitation for those who care for a loved one, to spend a few hours creatively exploring with God what scriptures says about their role as carers. Led by Gill Schaap and Veronica Parton. **Monday, 27th November, 11am-2pm, at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay**. Hot drinks provided. Please bring your own lunch. Cost: \$10. For more details or to register, please email Veronica [vi@dap@gmail.com](mailto:vi@dap@gmail.com).

• FINAL CHANCE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO POPE FRANCIS BEFORE THE 2018 SYNOD.

Next year will see a focus by the Catholic Church on young people, their views, thoughts and dreams for their faith and relationship with the Church. As this year

draws to a close, Pope Francis is giving young people a final opportunity to speak more directly to him. Read more on Synod 2018 and take up this final chance to be

heard, before the Synod. **Visit and complete the Synod 2018 survey before 30th November 2017 by visiting <http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>.**

SITUATION VACANT—DIRECTOR NATIONAL LITURGY OFFICE

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference (NZCBC) is seeking expressions of interest in the role of Director of the National Liturgy Office. In addition to a background in liturgical studies/ministry, the successful applicant will have excellent interpersonal skills, strong administrative and managerial experience. While currently based in Auckland there is flexibility on the location of the role. For enquiries or a job description, contact James van Schie, Executive Officer, NZCBC – [jvanschie@nzcbc.org.nz](mailto:jvanschie@nzcbc.org.nz) - including a current CV and an outline of your motivation for the role. **Final date for acceptance of applications is Monday, 20 November 2017.**

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

Finished for this year and will resume in February 2018.

• SCHOOL MASS

**Thursday, 23rd November, at 9am in the hall.**

• ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Meeting on **Monday, 20th November, at 7pm, in the Church meeting room.**

• NOVEMBER MASSES

Masses in November will be offered for those on the November list, i.e., our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors. Please put your lists marked "Holy Souls" or "November Masses" in the purple box on the Altar.

• COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2018

Now on sale at \$12 each.

ANNIVERSARIES

Robin Atkins, John Brice, Sainimili Sadole-Kosema, Jean Mullins and John Turner.

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

POLISH MASS

Sundays, at 11.30am.

REMINDER

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Christmas Cards on sale after Mass.

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

REMINDERS

• SAMOAN MASS

1st Sunday of the month

• OFFICE HOURS AT TAITA PRESBYTERY

Tuesdays, 9.30am-12noon.

• NOVEMBER MASSES

All parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased relatives and friends and place their lists in

the box in the foyer of the Church.

• 2018 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

On Sale now at \$12 each.

ANNIVERSARIES

John Connor, Drahomir Hiess, Patrick McCartan, Peter Cardinal McKeefry, and Owen Wallace.

ST. MICHAEL'S SHOP

Open every Sunday before Mass.

SITUATION WANTED

I am Lydia, a parishioner (member of SS. Peter & Paul Church community) who has just completed a post-graduate Diploma in Business Enterprise in New Zealand. I am experienced in in sales and contract negotiations and in dealing with people and I am looking for a job. If anyone knows of any job vacancy, please email me [lydiamai2016@gmail.com](mailto:lydiamai2016@gmail.com) or telephone me 0204-1199065.