

CHURCH OF SS. PETER & PAUL, 60 Knights Road, Lower Hutt.

REMINDERS

- **FILIPINO MASS**  
12 noon, 1st Sunday of the month.
- **SAMOAN MASS**  
11am, 4th Sunday of the month
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Thursdays, from 7am through to 11pm. Last date for 2018 is 20th December and resumes on 7th February 2019
- **RECONCILIATION**  
Saturdays, 9.30am or by appointment.
- **BAPTISMS**  
Baptisms in SS. Peter & Paul Church are held during any weekend Mass or at 2pm on the 1st & 2nd Sundays of the month. Please contact the church office 566-3088 for more information and to book.
- **ROSARY**  
The Rosary will resume on Monday, 11th February 2019, in the Chapel.
- **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**  
Sundays, at 4:30pm.

REMINDERS

- **LOWER HUTT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE RAFFLE**  
Tickets will be sold in SS. Peter & Paul Church foyer at all Masses today and 22nd/23rd December, to raise funds for our missions in Fiji and Solomon Islands. One chance for \$2 or 3 chances for \$5

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Eric Baker, Pat Evans, Rita Hogan, Ngaire Leahy, Terry O'Donnell and Brian Lee.

CHURCH-ACTIVITIES

- **PLAYGROUP**  
Every Thursday morning (term time only), 9.30am to 11.30am in the Church hall. For details, please contact the Playgroup Coordinator, Jo Edwards 021-1134956.
- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**  
Meetings are held on Mondays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm and Wednesdays, 11am to 1pm.

BOOKSTALL

**As Good As Gold** by Fr James Lyons  
The life and times of a well known and loved local Catholic priest. Now available at the Bookstall @ \$40 per copy, along with 'There is a time for' compiled and edited by the same author—A collection of prayers and reflections for every season in family and personal life at \$10 a copy. Also available: *Tui Motu, Columban Calendars* @ \$12 each, Christmas cards, New Sunday Missals \$15, Blue books for Advent @ \$6.50, and a good selection of Rosaries & medals and prayer books.

A CHILDREN'S ROOM IN THE CHURCH

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

LIBRARY

WE ALSO HAVE...

A good selection of books. Please remember to return Library books when you have finished reading them. Returned books should be deposited in the box labelled "RETURNS" on the shelf in the library.

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

17th - 22nd December 2018

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)	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, Taita.

Lord, teach us to leave behind all that is passing, to be a source of reassurance to those around us, and to give freely to all those in need. Amen.

Pope Francis: [Homily for the Mass for the World Day of the Poor.](#)



TE AWAKAIRANGI

A Catholic Parish of The Archdiocese of Wellington

Website: [teawakairangi.nz](http://teawakairangi.nz)



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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

16th December 2018

Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18A; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3:10-18.

Responsorial Psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

FROM THE DESKS OF THE PASTORAL TEAM

Dear Friends,  
Peace!

Today is Gaudete Sunday. It is always on the third week of Advent. We are being reminded of the Joy this waiting for the Lord brings. That is the reason why we color our liturgical celebration with pink—symbolizes joy, rejoicing in the coming of the one who free us from sadness, pain and suffering.

We are called to be happy, to be jolly in this week. But what if we don't feel like it. What if we are stressed out, overworked, feeling frustrated, exhausted, and worst is, lonely.

I always admire parents for example. Why? Because their vocation involves never-ending worries about the welfare of their whole family especially their children. From the moment the child is born, the parents start to worry and never stops to worry. They even feel frustrated at some point, feeling helpless regarding the situation of their children.

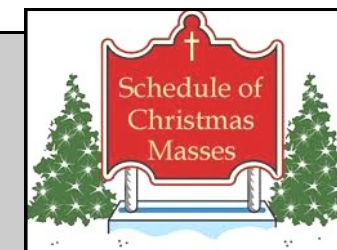
But you know, sometimes people will come to us and say, "hey, get over it!" or say "come on, though enough" or suggest "don't think about it, it will be gone!"

But Zephaniah tells us in the first reading to "Fear not, do not be discouraged...God will rejoice over you with Gladness." "Though enough" as simple as that.

Same message the Psalmist asks of us, to cry for joy, be confident and not be afraid. And so also highlighted in the letters of Paul saying, "dismiss your anxiety from your minds. Just trust our God and present your needs." How is that?

In the Gospel, that is what the people wanting from John. An answer to their questions and concerns. What John said is very interesting. I will baptize with water but the one who is to come will baptize with the Spirit. The fire, the Spirit of God. This the fire and the love that will sustain us; the Spirit that will guide us

Arohanui, Cirilo



ST. BERNADETTE, NAENAE

Christmas Eve

Carol Service at 8.30pm, followed by Mass

Christmas Day

Mass at 10am

ST. MICHAEL, TAITA

Christmas Eve

Carols at 7.30pm followed by Mass at 8pm

Christmas Day

Mass at 9am

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES, AVALON

Christmas Eve

Carols at 6pm, followed by the family Mass at 6.30pm

Christmas Day

Mass at 8.30am

SS. PETER & PAUL, LOWER HUTT

Christmas Eve

6.30pm: Children's Mass  
9pm: Youth Mass

11.15pm: Carols followed by Mass at Midnight.

Christmas Day

Mass at 9am.

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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Next Sunday's Readings: Micah 5:1-4A; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

**PARISH INFORMATION**

**• ADVENT RECONCILIATIONS**

Tuesday, 18th December, at 7pm, in SS. Peter & Paul Church, Lower Hutt. Rite 1 will be held along with a Holy Hour on Thursday, 20th December, at 7pm, in St. Michael's Church, Taita.

**• PARISH OFFICE**

The Parish office closes at 5pm on Friday, 21st December 2018. It will reopen on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019

**• CAROLS AT THE HUTT HOSPITAL**

If anyone would like to come along and sing Carols to the patients in the hospital on Monday, 17th December, please meet tomorrow at 6pm in the Hospital Chapel. This will take approximately 1 1/2 hours Call Kathryn for further enquiries 027 6788865

**• ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FOOD PARCELS**

If you know of any person or family in need of a Christmas food parcel, please contact the Parish Office with the name, address, telephone number, number of adults and children, ages of boys/girls, etc. Any contribution of non-perishable items or gifts will be appreciated and can be left at the Parish Office. Parcels will be packed and delivered on Tuesday, 18th December. Anyone wishing to help, on the 18th, please contact John 027-5650046.

**• PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS**

Whether you are married, single, with or without children, a Family Group is a place for you to meet other parishioners, share experiences and make friends. We have several groups in our Parish and we would love to welcome new members or even start up some new groups. If you are interested, please email Pauline at paulinemichael2017@outlook.com.

**• PARISH MASS**

On 24th February next year, Te Awakairangi Parish will be celebrating Mass in the Walter Nash Stadium. The Parish Pastoral Council is looking for volunteers to help with the organisation of the Mass including (but not limited to) helping with: flowers, hospitality, altar set-up, first aid and any other tasks that might come up throughout the process. If you are interested and can spare some time to help, please speak to your Parish Pastoral Council representative or email [teawakairangi.ppc@gmail.com](mailto:teawakairangi.ppc@gmail.com).

**• PRAYER MEETING**

Every 2nd and 4th Monday 7.30pm-9pm, in SS. Peter & Paul Church hall. For more details, contact Sandra [lousanray@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:lousanray@yahoo.co.nz) or telephone 564-9020.

**• CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Available fortnightly at 23 Charleston Ave, on Tuesdays, 7pm-8pm. All welcome. Contact Tara 972-2030 or 021-1730073 or [taradsousa@gmail.com](mailto:taradsousa@gmail.com).

**• COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND December 9, 2018**

Planned Gifting	\$ 7,478
Other	\$ 1,226
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,704</b>

**• FREE GARDENING SERVICE**

Do you have light gardening or lawn mowing that needs to get done before the Christmas season? We are a group of 16 youth attending the Life Teen Aotearoa Summer camp from Te Awa Kairangi parish who are giving up their Saturdays throughout December, from 10am-2pm to help our parishioners who need our helping hand. Please contact MaryAnne Pereira-Misa 0211077248 or email [mary.pereira@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:mary.pereira@hotmail.co.nz) if interested.

**EVENTS IN OUR PASTORAL AREA**

**KNOX COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Knox Church provides a meal on Christmas Day for those in Lower Hutt who are living alone or without shelter. This Church community is looking to help by donating cooked hot meats. If you are able to and can donate a cooked roast, please deliver it carved and covered to the Knox Church at 574 High Street by 12noon on Christmas Day. Enquiries to Kathryn 027-6788865. Thank you for your generosity.

**EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

**• CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP**

Monday evenings at 7pm, in the Chapel of Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay. All welcome.

**• HEALING SERVICE**

"Jesus heals today." A Healing Service will be held at St. Pius X Church, Titahi Bay by Fr John Rea, on Friday, 21st

December at 7.30pm. . Come along and be healed.

**• TAIZE PRAYER**

An hour of meditative singing—a kind of *Lectio Divina* in music, reading and spoken prayer. 1st Friday of each month, 7pm-8pm, at Our Lady's Home of Compassion,

Island Bay, Wellington.

**ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST OFFICIAL MASS IN NZ**

You are invited on January 13, 2019, at 11am, to the 181st anniversary of the First Mass celebrated at Totara Point on 13th January 1838. Shared picnic lunch to follow Mass.

**FRUITCAKES FOR KAIKOURA—THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to the parishes and groups of the North Island part of the Archdiocese of Wellington for your generosity in supplying 145 fruitcakes, which were sent as a gesture of love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters in Kaikōura for the second anniversary of the Marlborough earthquake. These were distributed by local groups in Kaikōura, and acknowledgement has been received for the love and goodwill with which they were sent. Huge thanks to the Society of St Vincent de Paul who supplied a van and driver, and covered the costs of transporting the cakes to Kāikoura

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

**REMINDERS**

**• CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Christmas Eve, Monday, 24th: Carol Service at 8.30pm, followed by Mass

Christmas Day: Mass at 10am

**• TUESDAY MID-DAY MASS HAS RESUMED.**

**• EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Thursdays, following the 9am Mass to 10.15am.

**• RECONCILIATION**

By appointment.

**• SINGING PRACTICE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

Saturday, 22nd December, at 12noon in the Church.

**• SAMOAN MASS**

There will be no Samoan Mass in December or January.

Please continue to pray for Fr. Greally's recovery.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Bette Murphy, Patrick Farrell, Maureen Martin, Peter Wanden & Tekela Tufele

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2019** On sale now at \$12 each

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

**REMINDERS**

**POLISH MASS**

Sundays, at 11.30am.

**• EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Monday, following the 9am Mass to 10.30am.

**• CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS**

The Church Choir will be holding a practice for Christmas on Thursday evenings between 6.30pm and 7.30pm, in the Church. All welcome.

•Parishioners can contact the St. Martin de Porres Church office by email at [StMartins@xtra.co.nz](mailto:StMartins@xtra.co.nz) and the Church committee at [stmartinsavalon@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinsavalon@gmail.com).

**C HURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, 21 Tocker Street, Taita.**

**REMINDERS**

**• RECONCILIATION**

Thursday, 20th December, at 7pm in the Church.

**• MIDWEEK MASS**

Thursday, 20th December, 9.30am, at Aroha Home

**• CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Christmas Eve, Monday, 24th December, Carols at 7.30pm, followed by Mass at 8pm.

Christmas Day: Mass at 9am

**• SAMOAN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Now finished for 2018. Will resume in February 2019.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Patricia Cosgrove, Pat Regan and Teofilo Seufale

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**ST. MICHAEL'S SHOP**

Open every 2nd Sunday before 10.30am Mass.

**ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP PLEASE!**

Our ride-on mower was stolen when our caretaker's shed was broken into. If there is a carpenter willing to secure the shed please contact the School 567-1514.