

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, 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 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**
- **ADVENT 9 LESSONS AND CAROLS**
Today, 9th December, 7.30pm in St. James' Anglican Church, Woburn. All are welcome.
 - **LOWER HUTT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE RAFFLE**
Tickets will be sold in SS. Peter & Paul Church foyer at all Masses today, 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd December, to raise funds for our missions in Fiji and Solomon Islands. One chance for \$2 or 3 chances for \$5
 - **HAMPER MASS**
The Family Group Hamper Mass will be held on **Sunday,**

16th December at 9am. If you are not part of a group but wish to contribute to the Christmas parcels, please add your food to the boxes in the Church as you arrive for Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Eric Baker, Pat Evans, Rita Hogan, Ngaire Leahy, Brian Lee.

REST IN PEACE

Sante Battiston (husband of Colleen), **Margaret Kelly**
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. All the ups and downs of a full participation in the faith community are on display. Each essay is complete in itself and provides an insightful reflection well worth reading. 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. Now priced at \$10 per 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.

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

**10th - 15th 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	-	--	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.



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



Reading: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6.

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.*

FROM THE DESKS OF THE PASTORAL TEAM

A Transformed Heart!!

Dear Friends,

We are already a week into the Advent Season! Advent is a season of preparation. We prepare our hearts and homes to celebrate the feast of Christmas. The prophet Baruch in our first reading and Christ's forerunner, John the Baptist in the gospel, talk about the preparation that is needed to welcome Jesus into our hearts. "Make the ground level," "Prepare the way of the Lord," "straighten the crooked ways," and "make the rough road smooth," (Bar 5:8, Lk 3:5). Preparing "the way" means to create a favourable environment or to make it easy for someone to come to one and operate in one's life.

Rev. Billy Graham once said that "our basic problem is a heart problem. We need to get the heart changed, the heart transformed" The preparation on which that the prophets

insist was a preparation of heart and of life. The Advent Season invites us to self-examination leading to self-reform. God's kingdom is a rule over man's hearts and to belong to it means a change of heart manifested in a change for the better.

John the Baptist called people to repent as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the Lord's visit. He is calling us, too, to get ready for something so great that it fills our emptiness with expectation. A repentant heart means a great deal to God. Hence, the truly important goal of advent is to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord by eradicating morally crooked ways and by smoothing the rough edges of our character and by straightening our biased attitudes. Then we shall truly be singing with the psalmist: "What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad."

Joy Thottankara

CARDINAL'S CARE APPEAL 2018

Advent is a time of quiet preparation awaiting the birth of Jesus. It gives each of us the chance to be still as we wait for His coming into the world. In our prayerful silence, Jesus draws us closer to Him, reminding us that we are willed, loved and necessary. Like the shepherds following the star we look to God in the most humble of places. Together as one in the Archdiocese of Wellington we provide food, housing, counselling, security and support to countless men, women and children who need our help through the Care Appeal. Please join me and give generously to the Care Appeal.

Cardinal Dew

Caring for those in need

During Advent, our parish is holding the **Cardinal's Care Appeal**, in support of the caring ministries within the Archdiocese of Wellington



The gifts you bring fund the Church agencies that serve our community across the Archdiocese of Wellington. Please join me in supporting the Care Appeal

— Cardinal John Dew

Support the good works of the Church.
Give today: 04 496 1778
www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/CCA2018

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-18A; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3:10-18.

PARISH INFORMATION

• ANNUAL PARISH CONCERT

You are all invited for an enjoyable afternoon TODAY, 9th December, in SS. Peter & Paul Church at 2pm!

• 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.

• 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.

• HOMES FOR THOSE WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD THEM

In response to the call 'Go, you are sent to the peripheries of society' Koinonia Charitable Trust formed to facilitate the development of warm, affordable homes for those in our community who can least afford them. The current housing crisis has seen housing waiting lists in our area increase by 56% over the last 18 months. The building of the Trust's five unit project in Naenae has started. As part of the process, the Trust have sought financial partners - people who believe in the vision and are able to contribute toward the cost of

making this a reality. As part of that fundraising campaign a "Givealittle" page has been setup to run until Christmas Eve, the time of giving. Check out our page/our story and share with whanua, friends or colleagues: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/homes-for-those-who-can-least-afford-them>. Please also feel free to contact Chris on 0274 484 685 or chris.newton@xtra.co.nz for more detail - Thank you.

• PARISH MASS

On 24th February next year, Te Awakairangi Parish will be celebrating Mass in the Walter Nash Stadium. In the spirit of oneness, we are looking to combine all four churches and five schools in this celebration of togetherness. 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.

• 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.

• COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND December 2, 2018

Planned Gifting	\$ 6,363
Other	\$ 1,262
TOTAL	\$ 7,265

• 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 if interested.

EVENTS IN OUR PASTORAL AREA

KNOX COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Knox Church provides a meal on Christmas Day for those who are living alone or without shelter in Lower Hutt. This Parish 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.

• CHARISMATIC MASS IN NAENAE

Tuesday, 11th December, at 7.30pm. A time of prayer ministry for healing will follow the Mass. Fr. John Rea's Latest book, 'Wonders Still Abounding' will be available

for sale.

• 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.

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

REMINDERS

• TUESDAY MID-DAY MASS HAS RESUMED.

Contributions of non-perishable food items would be welcome to add to the St. Vincent de Paul food parcels. Please bring them along on Sunday, 16th December.

• SAMOAN MASS

No Samoan Mass in December or January.

• EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays, following the 9am Mass to 10.15am.

• RECONCILIATION: By appointment.

• CHARISMATIC MASS

Tuesday, 11th December, at 7.30pm, in the Church.

• SINGING PRACTICE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Saturdays 15th & 22nd December, at 12noon in the Church.

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Anamaria-Koleta Kil, Edith Gooley, William O'Brien, Winifred Stuart

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.

• ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, AVALON

Heartfelt thanks for your loving generosity throughout the year. Families under our care have very much appreciated your food parcel gifts and food vouchers. Thank you also for the support of all who have assisted with the smooth running of our monthly morning teas.

Christmas Blessings from your St. Vincent de Paul Society Friends

Parishioners can contact the St. Martin de Porres Church office by email at StMartins@xtra.co.nz and the Church committee at stmartinsavalon@gmail.com.

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

REMINDERS

• SAMOAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Now finished for 2018. Will resume in February 2019.

ANNIVERSARIES

John (Jack) Keenan, John Mar, James Maguren

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On sale now at \$12 each.

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.

Stretch out your hand to us, Lord, and take hold of us. Help us to love as you love. 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](#), 18 November 2018