

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

REMINDERS

- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
•Thursdays, from 7am through to 11pm.
- **RECONCILIATION**
•Saturdays, 9.30am or by appointment.
- **FILIPINO MASS**
•12 noon, 1st Sunday of the month.
- **SAMOAN MASS**
11am, 4th Sunday of the month
- **ROSARY**
•Mondays, 1.30pm, in the Chapel.
- **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**
•Sundays, at 4:30pm.
- **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 details and to book. Please note that Baptisms are not held during Lent.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Every Friday in Lent at 7pm in the Church. Begins Friday, 28th February led by the

- combined Liturgy and Church committees.
- **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**
RECONCILIATION: Parent meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 25th February, in the Chapel. Preparation sessions 1 & 2 will be at 10am-11am on Sundays, 8th and 22nd March. First Reconciliation will take place on Sunday, 29th March at 3pm.
- **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**
First meeting of 2020 in the Church hall at 11.30am on Tuesday, 25th February, followed by 12.10 Mass in the chapel, then shared meal (finger food) in the hall. All women welcome.
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR MIDST
Eric Baker, Ngaire Leahy.
- **PLAYGROUP**
Every Thursday morning (term time only), 9.30am to 11.30am in the Church hall. Resumes on Thursday 13th February. Enquiries to the Playgroup Coordinator, Jo on 021-1134956.
- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**
Meetings are now held on Tuesdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm and Wednesdays, 11am to 1pm in the Church meeting room.

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

24th –29th FEBRUARY 2020 WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

	St. Bernadette	Martin de Porres	St Michael	SS. Peter & Paul
Monday	-	9am	-	7am*
Tuesday	12noon*	9am	-	7am & 12.10pm
Ash Wednesday	9am (hall)	9am	7pm (Church)	7am & 12.10pm
Ecumenical service	7pm (church)			7.30pm
Thursday	9am	-	-	7am
Friday	-	-	9am (Chapel)**	7am & 12.10pm
Saturday	-	-	--	9am

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



TE AWAKAIRANGI

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



Issue 22 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 23, 2020

Readings (Year A): Leviticus 19:1-2; 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48.

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

FROM THE DESKS OF THE PASTORAL TEAM

Dear Friends,

We are on the threshold of another season, the Holy Season of **Lent**, which begins on Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020). It is a period of forty days of prayer, fasting and charity in preparation for Easter. At services on Ash Wednesday, people traditionally are marked with ashes of burnt palm branches as a sign of their recognition of their human frailty as well as sinfulness and need for repentance in their lifelong journey of conversion.

The Word of God for the liturgy for Ash Wednesday says: “Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord, your God; for he is gracious and merciful; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Joel 2:13). Lent is a great opportunity for a reality check on our lives. It offers us a chance to be sorry for things that have not gone well

with us in the past and to come back to the Lord with a repentant heart.

The Lord is waiting for us to come to him so that he could bless us individually and our families and communities. Pope Francis, in his message for Lent 2017 said: “Lent is a favourable season for deepening our spiritual life through means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving,” May the practise of the these “three pillars of Lent” purify us and make us spiritually fit in our journey as Christian disciples.

May the Holy Spirit enable us to take maximum advantage of God’s favourable time to win God’s favours for ourselves and our families. Let us try to tread with the Lord who trod the way to Calvary for our sake! Let us try to be with the Lord who sweated blood at Gethsemane!

With prayers
Joy Raphael

26th FEBRUARY: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES IN THE PARISH

- 7am:** Mass in SS Peter & Paul Church
- 9am:** Mass in St. Bernadette Church hall
- 9am:** Mass in St. Martin de Porres Church
- 12.10pm:** Mass in SS. Peter & Paul Church
- 7pm:** Mass in St. Michael Church
- 7pm:** Ecumenical Service in St. Bernadette Church
- 7.30pm:** Ecumenical Service in SS. Peter & Paul Church

PASTORAL TEAM

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

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**
Telephone: 567-8056
- St. Michael**
Telephone: 567-1514
- SS. Peter & Paul**
Telephone: 569-5759

COLLEGES

- St. Bernard**
Telephone: 560-9250
- Sacred Heart**
Telephone: 566-1089

PARISH OFFICE

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Next Sunday's Readings (Year A): *Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11.*

EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

- **SS. PETER & PAUL UNITED YOUTH GROUP**
For all Parish youth in Year 6 and above - Come along to our fortnightly youth group sessions. The first session of 2020 will commence **today, 23rd February, at 3pm in SS. Peter and Paul church hall.** New members welcome. We are also looking for new leaders. For more details, contact Carmen carmen.sam90@gmail.com
- **PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS**
Passionist Groups in our parish come together monthly to socialise in a variety of ways. If you are new to the parish, it is a great way to meet

other parishioners and to develop a small community within the wider parish community. Family can also be a single person and members do not have to be catholic. We also support each other in times of need. email paulinemichael2017@outlook.com or contact Pauline 938-1492 .

• COLLECTIONS WEEKEND FEBRUARY 16, 2020	
Planned Gifting	\$5,603
Other	\$1,444
TOTAL	\$7,047

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank YOU, Te Awakairangi parish for all the support, love and prayers. 4 years of service and love. I thank God for the opportunity of journeying with you. May God's blessing be upon you always and forever. Please remember me in your prayers.

Love, Cirilo

AROUND OUR PASTORAL AREA

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAMME

Greenstone Doors is running the *Seasons for Growth* 6-week programme **each Tuesday beginning 25th February, 1pm-2:30pm at 15 Dudley St, Lower Hutt.** This is a support programme for adults to explore the effects of grief, change and loss. For more information or to register, call 566-5037 or email office@greenstonedoors.co.nz. Cost \$15 (subsidies available).

GREAT FATHERS PROGRAMME

Greenstone Doors is running the *Great Fathers Programme*; a **free 8 week course** for fathers with children of any age. Begins **at 6:30pm on 27th February, at 15 Dudley St, Lower Hutt.** It is being facilitated by two great dads who are passionate to see fathers engage with their children on another level. To register, please email francis@greenstonedoors.co.nz or contact Francis 566-5037.

EVENTS IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

• ABORTION BILL

Please see the notice board for:

The Abortion Law Reform parish response and the Catholic Bishop's warning on the proposed law.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH DURING LENT

We may not choose the changes in our lives – but we can choose how we face them. *Seasons*

for Growth can help to process and respond well to such experiences. During Lent 2020, Catholic Social Services is offering a 4-session-programme to adults on **consecutive Thursdays: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March, 5.30pm to 8.30pm, in the Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street, Thorndon.** Cost of \$30 covers materials and research. Please register by Wednesday,

26th February

• MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT EVENING

On Thursday, 27 February at 7pm, in Connolly Hall, Thorndon, Yvonne and Brian Pauling will guide couples with communication tips and insights to enhance their relationship. A glass of bubbles will be provided! To RSVP or for more information, contact Felicity 4961719 or

email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

• MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

1st March in Wellington. Contact Felicity at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

• PA MARIA MARIST SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

The programme for 2020 is now available. If you would like a copy, please contact Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz.

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

REMINDERS

- **ASH WEDNESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY**
School Mass at 9am in the hall
Ecumenical service at 7pm, in the Church
- **SAMOAN MASS**
2nd Sunday of each month at 11.30am.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
Thursdays, after the 9am Mass to 10.15am.
- **RECONCILIATION:** By appointment.

• WORKING BEE

A *Working Bee* will be held on **Saturdays, 7th and 21st March, starting 9am** to wash down the buildings, clean out spoutings and the interior of the Church. If you are able to help in any way, please write down your name and 'phone number on the list in the Church porch.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

REMINDERS

- **POLISH MASS**
Sundays, at 11.30am.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
Every Monday, following the 9am Mass to 10.30am.

• ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Next meeting on **Tuesday, 25th February, 7pm, in the Church hall.** Contact John 5676777.

CONTACTS

Church office email: StMartins@xtra.co.nz

Church committee email:

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

REMINDERS

- **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Mass in the church at 7pm
- **SAMOAN MASS**
2nd Sunday of the month at 12noon.
- **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**
Every Sunday at 2.30pm in the Church, hosted by the Samoan Community.
- **SAMOAN SUNDAY SCHOOL**
Every Sunday at 9am in the school.

• SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME TAITA

Begins on **Tuesday, 3rd March, at 6pm in the school.** Please pick up an enrolment form from the Church foyer or the school or email coleruthrc31@gmail.com. Enquiries to Srs. Ruth or Frances 973-7381.

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles Gates, Annette Mauga, Lili Tovio,
Fia Neru

- **OFFICE HOURS: 9.30am–12noon on Tuesdays**