

THIS WEEKENDS ROSTER			
JULY 25/26	Vigil	9am	10.30am
Sacristan – July	Michael Mears	Darrel Surman	
Greeters		Moira & Alan Pritchard	Mary & David Carter
Hospitality		Passmore team	Rosalind Runciman
Gathering Rite	Virginia Hewson	Christina Lacuna	Childrens / Youth Mass
Altar Servers	Jericho Borja Daniel Reyes	Adam & Brian Rabe Daniel Byrne	Josh Henderson Hunter Mitchell Marcus Stowers
Projectionists	David Passmore	Hugh Steel	Julian Millar
Prayer of Faithful	John & Marie Brophy		
Proclaimer of the Word Cantor	Gerald Carter	Paul Bryne Elsie Anderson	Teresa Millar Tongan Youth
Gifts Procession		P. Dunstan / B. McCrum	R. Runciman / M. John
Collection Procession			David Carter
Music Ministry	Angela Lee	Elsie Anderson	Tongan Youth
Eucharistic Ministers	Denis Lee Maria McDonald Lorraine Sayer	Tina Afoa, Ann Peebles Claudia Homan, Kathleen & Mike Williams	Cathy & Rebekka Cox, Khor Nguot, Rachael Pointon, Monica Zammit
Bell Ringer	Danny	John Dol	
Children's Liturgy	Childrens / Youth Mass – NO Liturgy		
Martha Ministry	Holsted Family - Church to be cleaned before weekend of 1 / 2 August		
July Ministries	Counting Team – St. Clair Team Lawn Mowing – St. Joseph's – Driscoll Family : S.P.C. Centre – Hugh Steel		
Flowers	Kristin Blackwood		

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER			
AUGUST 1 / 2	Vigil	9am	10.30am
Sacristan - August	Michael Mears	Terri Corbett	
Greeters		Moira & Alan Pritchard	Rammell Family
Hospitality		Homan Family	Tongan Community
Gathering Rite	Susan Lloyd	Margaret Dawson	Fatima Morrison
Altar Servers	Andrei Caranay Cameron Maxwell	Manase Taulanga Lantz Antonia Joshua Jordan	Sefo Taufatoutai Sione & Selwyn Uvea
Projectionists	Denis Bourke	Bob Ford	Ana Uvea
Prayer of Faithful	Lorna Zarate		
Proclaimer of the Word Cantor	John Lloyd Joe Moorman	Bernadine Fitzgerald Exaltae	Kathy Estuita Fa'apoi Uvea
Gifts Procession		J. Passmore / P. Dunstan	
Collection Procession	Ellen Grigg	Peter & Angela O'Kane	Des McMullan
Music Ministry	Josephine Bourke	Exaltae	Tongan Choir
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Brabyn Bernadette Barry Peter Borja	Peter Dawson, Tina Afoa Therese Taulanga, John Dol, Charlie McCairn	Malia Fainga'a, Alex Estuita Robbie Baltazar, Teuila Holsted, Des McMullan
Bell Ringer	Danny	John Dol	
Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Dolphin		
Martha Ministry	Murphy Family - Church to be cleaned before weekend of 8/9 August		
August Ministries	Counting Team – Pagaura & Florendo Team Lawn Mowing – St. Joseph's – Jordan & Zammit Families : S.P.C. Centre – Nigel Bennett		
Flowers	Geraldine Hutchings		

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH UPPER HUTT

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Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm, **Sunday** 9 am & 10.30 am
Weekdays: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Sat 9.00am; Fri 6.30am & 11.15am
Reconciliation: Friday: 10.30 – 11am; Sat: 9.25-10.00am

17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25/26 JULY 2015

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Liturgy of the Word:

Psalm Response – “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.”
 Today's Reading – 2 Kings 2: 42-44, Ephesians 4: 1-6, John 6: 1-15
 Next Sunday – Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15, Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24, John 6: 24-35



Welcome to you all to the celebration of the Holy Mass that culminates in the great Spiritual Banquet, the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, through which we are continuously united as one in the Spirit.

Today's Readings from the Holy Bible echo the importance of unity of God's people in the Spirit of the Lord.

The First Reading from the second book of Kings, we heard that a man brought food from his first fruits to Elisha, the man of God. This generosity was in obedience to the word of God to his people through Moses. *“The Lord said, the choicest of the first fruits of your ground You shall bring into the house of the Lord your God.” (Exc 23:19)*

United with God's people in the spirit of the Lord, Elisha commanded that the food be given to the people. Hearing this, the servant questioned how a hundred people could be fed with so little food,. Trusting in the Lord God to provide, Elisha repeated his command: *“Give it to the people and let them eat for thus says the Lord, they shall eat and have some leftovers.”*

Today's Reading from the Gospel of John reminds us of multiplication of food, how five barley loaves and two fish fed five thousand people while leaving twelve baskets of leftovers. While this is impossible, in the unity of the Spirit, it was achieved. For when the Lord is pleased with his children, nothing is impossible. He is the God who provides according to our needs.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, unity in the Spirit bears much fruits of joys and peace. United in the Spirit of Christ, we gain personal spiritual growth that leads to the growth of the body of Christ.

Fr. Tikoua Kautu

PARISH DIARY 26 July – 2 August

Sun	17 th Sunday of the Year	
10.30 am	Children's Mass	
Mon	7.00 pm	Filipino Legion of Mary
		Meet in Presbytery Lounge
Tue	9.45 am	Legion of Mary meet in Meeting Room
	1.30 pm	MMP Prayer group meet In Presbytery Lounge
	7.15 pm	PPC Meeting in Meeting Room
Fri	6.30 am	Early Bird Mass
Sun	18 th Sunday of the Year	
	2.00 pm	Baptismal Course in Presbytery Lounge
	4.00 pm	Holy Hour in Church

Parish Office Closed Monday 27 July

As Christine is to attend an Accounting Programme at the Catholic Centre on Monday the Parish Office will be closed. Normal hours resume on Tuesday

Holy Hour – Sunday 2 August 4pm in the Church

Everyone welcome.

Preference Enrolment Forms to sign:

Because of the large number of people going to Catholic Colleges and Schools who need to meet Fr Ron to have their form signed, there will be special times set aside for this.

St Joseph's Catholic Presbytery, 1 Pine Avenue
Tuesdays 3pm to 5pm

Our Lady of the Valleys Catholic Presbytery, 5 Palmer Crescent
Thursdays 5pm to 7pm

Fr Ron will sign the form as long as you are living in St Joseph's or Our Lady of the Valleys Parish.

Stewardship - A Future Full of Hope:

Stewardship is about each one of us putting the Gospel into action.



It arises from a spirituality which recognises that everything we have is a gift from God and should be returned to God.

We are called into a living out of our discipleship of Jesus and invited into a radical vision of how our gifts can be used to benefit others and serve the kingdom.

Stewardship therefore has the capacity to be a force for radical hope in our lives, and in our communities, inviting us towards ever greater gratitude, generosity and accountability for what we have each been given: our time, our talent and our treasure.

It is a call to live open-handedly and open heartedly from a sense of abundance, rather than from a sense of scarcity.

1st Communion – 1st Parents / Caregivers Meeting – Wednesday 5 August, 7.30pm in Church Foyer – All parents and caregivers of children wishing to receive Holy Communion for the first time are asked to attend this meeting. Children should be 8 years of age by 23 September. Enquiries to Fr. Ron 972 4282 or Margaret Dawson 526 7046. First Communion Mass will take place on Sunday 20 September at the 10.30am Mass.

Vocation Prayers for July – Elva & Rod Carley

Parish Collection last week - \$2,296.00

Hygiene at Mass: The New Zealand Bishops Conference has published an article on this. It can be found on the parish website. It is particularly important for Eucharistic Ministers.

Sacred Heart College Lower Hutt

Enrolments for 2016 are now open. Students in Catholic contributing Schools will have packs sent to them. Parents of students at State Schools are asked to call at the School Office from **Monday 29 June** to collect an enrolment pack. Applications close **Thursday 30 July**.

Open morning for students at state schools is **Thursday 30 July from 9am-12noon**. (Please contact the College to book)

Open morning for Catholic primary schools is **Wednesday 29 July from 9am-12noon**. (Please speak to your school)



Remember in Prayer: Lou Gardner, Margaret Koot, David Mead, Rosaleen Mears, Brendan Blackburn, Johanna Hageraats, Margaret Newhouse, Florida Bentley, Hughina Martyn, Therese Freeman, Deceased members of the Martyn Family, the sick, special needs and intentions.

The Lazarus Experience: A healing weekend for separated and divorced Catholics. When: October 16-18. Where: Lower Hutt Contacts: Katrin 04 970 9385 or Eustie 04 550 9240 Facebook: Lazarus Experience Wellington

A Charismatic Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday, 30 July at 7.30pm to celebrate Fr John Rea's 60 years of Priesthood.

Taking Communion to the Sick: Fr Patrick Bridgman is running this workshop. It is both a refresher course for those involved in this ministry, and a chance to provide information for others who would like to be involved.

Where: St Teresa's, Plimmerton

When: Thursday 10 September 2015

Time: 7pm – 9pm.

Please register with Debbie Matheson debsmathe-son@paradise.net.nz or 04 233 0233 by Monday 07 September.

Urgently Required – St. Vincent de Paul Stokes Valley urgently require helpers to work a half day in the Stokes Valley Shop. 10am-1pm or 1-4pm Monday-Friday. If you are able to help us please contact Gordon 938 2750 or Frances 527 8449.

Altar Servers Needed - If you have completed your Sacraments and wish to become an Altar Server please give Carol a call on 971 2543 for more information.

Archbishop Oscar Romero Prayer: A Step Along The Way:

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision.



We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

Marriage Tribunal fees to end:

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have decided the marriage tribunal will no longer charge fees for the marriage annulment process.

Cardinal John Dew, Moderator of the Tribunal, announced the decision on behalf of the Bishops saying "The Tribunal process is an important pastoral ministry within the Church at a very difficult time in people's lives seeking an annulment of their marriage. The Bishops wanted to ensure that cost was no longer a barrier to people seeking an annulment."

Those who are currently undertaking an annulment process have been informed by Tribunal staff of the change directly in relation to their particular circumstances.

"The annulment process is undertaken following a civil divorce. Those who would like to know more about engaging in this process should contact their local Diocesan office of the Tribunal. Details are also available on www.catholic.org.nz

Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home

Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* is a call for global action as well as an appeal for deep inner conversion.

He points to numerous ways world organisations, nations and communities must move forward and the way individuals -- believers and people of good will -- should see, think, feel and act.

Each week, we offer one of the Pope's suggestions, with the paragraph numbers to indicate their place in the Encyclical.

"Reduce, reuse, recycle. Preserve resources, use them more efficiently, moderate consumption and limit use of non-renewable resources." (Pars 22, 192)

Expressions Arts & Entertainment Centre. A photo exhibit follows the journey of Pope Francis from the Holy Sea to the Holy City of Jerusalem during his visit to Israel in May 2014. From 23 July until 31 August. Admission is free.. Sponsored by the Israeli Embassy.

Social Justice series for our pastoral area. What does it take for families to flourish?"

St Theresa's parish Plimmerton, are running two afternoon sessions aiming to raise awareness of family poverty within the Porirua pastoral area.

There will be key speakers, a panel discussion and an opportunity to ask your questions. The social justice theme for 2015 is "*What does it take for families to flourish?*" based on the Caritas Social Justice Week resources including a video. We have invited some excellent speakers so make a note in your calendars now. Sunday 23 August and Sunday 20 September between 2-4pm at St Theresa's parish hall.

See the parish website for more details soon.