

St. Joseph's Parish Upper Hutt

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Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 9am Sunday 10:30am	Weekday Masses Mon – Thurs, Sat 9am Wednesday 7pm Friday 6:30am & 11:15am	Reconciliation Friday 10:30am – 11am Saturday 9:30am – 10am	
5th Sunday of Easter		27/28 April 2024	YEAR B

Liturgy of the Word

Psalm Response:	"I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people."		
This Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31	1 John 3:18-24	John 15:1-8
Next Sunday:	Act 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	1 John 4:7-10	John 15:9-17



5th Sunday of Easter

Introduction: Today's Scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity, and holiness.

Scripture lessons summarized: The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. The reading tells us how the Lord pruned the former Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, a fanatic who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. Even Paul's forced return to Tarsus for a brief period is an example of God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest, namely, the mission to the Gentiles.

In today's second reading, John, in his first letter to the Church, explains that only if we remain united with Christ by putting our Faith in him and drawing our spiritual strength from him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love, loving one another as Jesus commanded us. In the Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses God's Old Testament image of the vine and branches to help his disciples to understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. They are not simply rabbi and disciples. Their lives are mutually dependent – as close as a vine and its branches. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should become.

Life messages:

1) We need pruning in our Christian life. Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. A second means of pruning is practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. Cordial mingling in our neighbourhood and society with people of different cultures, races, religions and orientations, with the assistance of God's grace, enables us to prune away our selfish, judgmental, prejudicial tendencies so that we can treat others in our society with Christian charity. His grace also strengthens us, enabling us to face with the courage of our Christian convictions the pain, suffering, contradictions, and difficulties he permits to enter our lives.

2) We need to abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us: The four Gospels teach us how to become true disciples of Jesus and how to abide in him as branches abide in the main trunk of the vine, drawing their life from it. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily and meditative reading of the Scripture, and our loving mutual forgiveness exchanged with everyone enable us, by his Grace, to abide in Jesus, as the true Vine, as fruit-bearing branches.

Fr Maleko Tufuga

PARISH DIARY		28 April – 5 May
5th Sunday of Easter		
Sun	12:00 pm	Tongan community in Church
	4:00 pm	Tongan community in meeting room
Tue	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary OLM in meeting room
Fri	9:15 am	Beginning of term School Mass
	11:15 am	Anointing Mass in Church
	6:00 pm	Tongan Community in Church
6th Sunday of Easter		
Sun	12:00 pm	Tongan community in Church
	2:00 pm	Baptism preparation in parish lounge
	4:00 pm	Holy Hour in Church
	4:00 pm	Tongan community in meeting room

5th Sunday of Easter

The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

Remember In Prayer

Frank Barry & the deceased families and friends of the Barry and Shanly families, sick, the lonely, the vulnerable, special needs, & intentions.

Planned Giving

Aotearoa New Zealand, following Jesus Christ by celebrating and sharing faith, growing in community, and working for justice and peace. "Everything – time, talent and treasure – given to the parish is a gift."



Have you ever considered going on the Planned Giving system here at St Joseph's? Your donations entitle you to a 33% tax rebate and a receipt will be provided to you at the end of the financial year. If you would like to join our Parish's planned giving system please contact Barbara in the Parish office.

Parish Planned Giving Bank Account number:

Account name - St Joseph Parish Upper Hutt
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Parish Fundraising/Coffee Club Bank Account number:

Account name - St Joseph Parish Upper Hutt
02 0772 0074384 25

Anointing Mass

Friday 3rd May at 11:15am in the Church.

Holy hour

Sunday 5th May at 4:00 pm in the Church, everyone welcome.

Food For Faith Books

We still have a number of Food for Faith Books by Fr John O'Connor that were ordered when he visited our parish but have not been paid for and collected. If you ordered a book can you please arrange with Barbara in the parish office to collect and pay for your copy.

CWL UH Lotto Bonus # Result Week 4

The winner for 20th April of \$20 was Robin Greig #19 with consolations of \$10 each to Val Hanning and Mia Ramakers. Many thanks to all who have supported this fundraiser.



Sabbatical - Fr Biju

Fr Biju is leaving St Joseph's in May for a Sabbatical back in India. He will be leaving the Parish after many years of generous ministry as our assistant priest. We would like to thank Fr Biju very much. Our Parish has been enriched by his willing help and generous giving of himself. We are specifically grateful for the deeply spiritual influence he has brought us from India. We wish him blessings and happiness in his sabbatical and a happy and fruitful ministry in the future. Fr Biju would like to celebrate all 3 weekend masses with us on 4th May and 5th May 2024. A second collection for him will be held after each Mass - please show your generous support. Tea and refreshments will be provided after each mass, but please feel free to bring a plate. God bless you Fr Biju Xavier. Fr Maleko Tufuga, Fr Kevin Connors, Nigel Bennett and all members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish.

Vigil Roster – Ministers Needed!

Do you attend the Vigil Mass? Have you thought about becoming an Eucharistic Minister, Gathering Rite Leader or Proclaimer of the Word? Have you done one of these ministries in the past and would like to do so again? Please contact Barbara in the parish office if you are willing to be added to the roster. Training will be provided for those who have not been trained in either ministry previously.

Enrolment for Parish

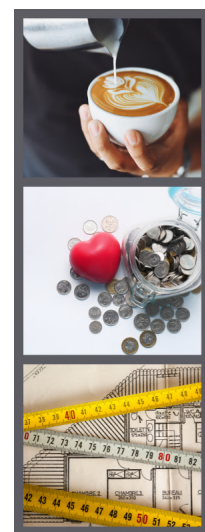
Sacramental Programme 2024

If you would like to enrol your (baptised) child (8 years by 1st May 2024+) into the Parish Sacramental Programme (this is the preparation programme for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) please contact the Parish Office or St Joseph's school office for a form. Forms are also available on the table in the Church foyer. If your child is not yet baptised please contact Father Maleko about arranging their baptism first before enrolling them into the Sacramental programme. First session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Sunday 5th May. If you have any questions or want to know more please email stjosephsuhsp@gmail.com or phone Maryclare Morrison on 021 066 4456.



St Joseph's Parish Coffee Club

The coffee club is our signature fundraiser for our Parish building project. The fundraising group is currently seeking to increase coffee club memberships. Are you a member? If not you can be. We are also asking current Coffee Club members to consider increasing their Coffee Club subscription from \$5 to \$10 a week, the equivalent of two cups of coffee per week. Or to get one other person to become a Coffee Club member. Alternatively, you may be able to contribute the equivalent of a 10 year subscription to the Coffee Club upfront today and become a life member of the St Joseph's Parish Coffee Club. At a cost of \$5 per week, total \$2,600 or \$7 per week, total of \$3,640. If you want to know more about the coffee club or have fundraising ideas please call Hugh Steel 027 840 6143 or Bill Kirkup 021 908 255.



Parish Building Project Fundraiser

We are looking to collect antiques to sell. Do you have any precious items in the back of your cupboard that could be considered antique and are willing to part with them to be sold at an antique stall. If you do and are happy to donate please contact Teresa on 022 312 7259 or Kathleen 021 654 581. We would also appreciate you pricing the item/s as you will be aware of its worth and perhaps a brief history.



Missing Psalm Book

This spiral bound psalm book is missing from the choir loft and needs to be returned asap please. It is required for the cantors and musicians. Many thanks.

Workshops for 2024

Fr Patrick Bridgman will present four workshops on The Sunday Eucharist.

Liturgy of the Word on Wednesday 26th June 7pm - 9pm at Sacred Heart Church, Petone.

Liturgy of the Eucharist on Saturday 17th August 10am - 12pm at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria.

It's impact in our lives on Wednesday 16th October 7pm - 9pm at St Theresa's, Plimmerton.

These workshops are for anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of The Sunday Eucharist. Tea & Coffee will be available half an hour before the start time. Please see the poster in foyer for more info. Registrations are appreciated. c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz.

The Hutt Valley Singers Presents

John Rutter's Requiem Soprano - Mei von Kaisenberg. On Sunday 28th April, 2:30pm (Doors open 2pm) at St Patrick's College Chapel, Silverstream. Adults \$20, Concession \$15 & Children under 18 Free. There will be door sales or purchase tickets from info@huttvalleysingers.org.nz.

Circle of Friendship Gathering

Our next Circle of Friendship gathering will be on Saturday 4th May at 2pm, at the Petit Centre behind Our Lady of Grace Church. This month we are fortunate enough to have 2 speakers. Tracey Oden and Trish Noble will each tell their story of their journey whereby Trish donated a kidney to Tracey. Please feel free to bring along a friend who may be interested in joining us. As usual, donations are always gratefully accepted. Don't forget our book swap. We will end the afternoon with our usual chat and cuppa.

Healing Service

Fr John Rea sm will conduct a Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church, Petone, 41 Britannia St. on Tuesday 7th May May. Beginning at 7.30 pm. Please invite all who need Jesus' healing. All are welcome.

'But Jesus needs us too, like the vine with the branches...He needs our witness. The fruit that as branches we must bear, is the witness of our lives as Christians. After Jesus ascended to the Father, it is the task of the disciples — it is our task — to continue to proclaim the Gospel in words and in deeds. And the disciples — we, Jesus' disciples — do so by bearing witness to his love: the fruit to be borne is love.'
Pope Francis, *Angelus* 2 May 2021

Parish Database

If you are not receiving emails from the parish but have an email address, please let Barbara in the parish office know. You can be emailed the weekly bulletins and other important parish information. We would like to keep the parish database as current as possible. If you/your family are new to the parish, you/your family are not on the parish database or if your details need updating, please fill in the 'Parishioners household details form' via [this link](https://stjosephsuh.infoodle.com/f/ParishionerHouseholdDetails). Alternatively email or call Barbara in the Parish office.

Preference of Enrolment Forms to Be Signed

Fr. Maleko will be available to sign preference forms on Tuesday between 3-4pm at the Parish office.



An invitation for young adults to explore their vocation and discern their role in the church and the world. To be held on Sunday 5th May from 12.30-5pm at St Anne's Church, Newtown. Open to young adults and teenagers in their final year of college. To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz.

THIS WEEKEND'S ROSTER

27/28 April	Vigil 6pm	9:00am	10:30am
Sacristan	Michael Mears	Mike Williams	Robbie Baltazar
Bell Ringer	Danny	Charlie McCairn	Marie Kirkup
Greeters		Trinidad Family	
Projectionists		David Passmore	Julian Millar
Musician	Josephine Bourke	Gus Taulanga	
Cantor	Peter Dawson	Gus Taulanga	
Altar Server			
Gathering Rite	Cushla Lippitt	Viviana Fon	Wilma Millar
Proclaimer of the Word	Gerald Carter	Bothwell Dindingwe	Carmelitia Baltazar
Eucharistic Ministers	Denis Bourke	Tina Afoa Vangie Ford Peter Dawson	Anna Orallo Roman Zarate Des McMullan
Offertory Procession		Sia Hynam & Pat Dunstan	
Collection		Trinidad Family	Des McMullan
Hospitality		Teresa & Stewart Homan	
Writing of POF		Liz Moala	
Martha Ministry	Rathod Family – Church to be cleaned before weekend of 5 May		
Lawn Mowing	Uvea Family		
Flowers	Kristin Blackwood		

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

4/5 May	Vigil 6pm	9:00am	10:30am
Sacristan	Michael Mears	Vernon Hoey	Robbie Baltazar
Bell Ringer	Danny	Charlie McCairn	Marie Kirkup
Greeters		Sean Fitzgerald	O'Kane Family
Projectionists	Joe Gijbers	Bob Ford	Tongan Choir
Musician	Mary Meo	Gus Taulanga	Tongan Choir
Cantor	Joe Moorman	Gus Taulanga	Tongan Choir
Altar Server			
Gathering Rite	Joe Moorman	Lauano Ilaoa	Elizabeth Te'o
Proclaimer of the Word	Margaret Dawson	Christina Lacuna	Melemo Mataele
Eucharistic Ministers	Cecilia Monzora Aman Ramela Peter Dawson	Josef Dawson Marie Kirkup Charlie McCairn	Pat Salandanan Belina Salandanan Michael Gill
Offertory Procession		Vera Crombie	Uvea Family
Collection			Uvea Family
Hospitality		Bill & Marie Kirkup	Tongan Community
Writing of POF		Anne Bowles	
Martha Ministry	Faraon Family – Church to be cleaned before weekend of 12 May		
Lawn Mowing	Afoa Family		
Flowers	Annette MacDonald		



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