



# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C – 17 August 2025

## Daily Mass Readings:

**Sunday 24** Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

**Response:** Go out to all the world And tell the Good News.

**Monday 25** 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday 26** 1 Thess 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday 27** 1 Thess 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday 28** 1 Thess 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday 29** Jer 1:178-19; Mt 6:17-29

**Saturday 30** 1 Thess 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

## Weekday Masses

Tues 9.30am St Patrick's Church  
Weds 9.30am St Anthony's Church  
Fri 9.30am St Patrick's Church

## Weekend Masses

**Saturday Vigil**  
5.30pm St Anthony's Church, Seatoun  
**Sunday**  
8.30am St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie  
10.30am St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie

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## Holy Trinity Parish Vision

*We are a prayerful and diverse Catholic community in the Eastern suburbs of Wellington, drawing strength from one another to grow and become fully alive as missionary disciples.*

## MANY WILL COME FROM EAST AND WEST

Everyone likes to go to a house where the doors are always open in welcome That is how Jesus wants the Church to be: a house of welcome open to anyone. Jesus says of himself that he is the gate or the door. He welcomes all who seek him and even goes out of his way to look for people. But at the same time the door is narrow. We have to make an effort to become like Jesus and to serve and love God and people with him and to live in the spirit of the gospel. With Jesus we thank God, and ask that we too may be open to all. *Fr Bill*

**FIRST EUCHARIST** – this Sunday 24 August at the 10.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church in Kilbirnie we celebrate with 33 of our young people their First Eucharist. Their preparation during the past month has been a time of gathering, reflecting and learning very much the depth of Jesus in their lives. We congratulate them all.

## EVENTS COMING UP:

- **Reconciliation** Saturday 6 September 9.30am – 10am at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie (*please enter through the side door*)
- **Morning tea after Mass** Sunday 7 September after 10.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie
- **Parish Leadership Team** Wednesday 3 September 7pm at St Anthony's
- **Liturgy Committee** Thursday 4 September 7pm at Tricia's place
- **Finance Committee** Tuesday 9 September 1.30pm at Francie's place
- **Centenary Mass** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am St Patrick's Primary School Centenary

## Planned gifting in the Archdiocese of Wellington – Week 4

*"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."* (2 Cor. 9:8)

For the last four weeks at Mass, we have explored why and how we give, especially financially, to the work of our local Church. We have seen that generosity lies at the heart of discipleship. We have explored where our money goes and how necessary it is that we actively contribute and fully participate in our parish community. Now we are more aware of the potential and promise of our community's life, we see the importance of contributing financially to the work and ministry of our Church. There are parish registration forms available at the back of church if you missed out last week. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office 04 3886953 or [holytrinity.wgtn@xtra.co.nz](mailto:holytrinity.wgtn@xtra.co.nz)

**The Passionist Family Groups Community Outreach Event this year is to be held at St Patrick's Primary School on Saturday the 6th September 9am till noon.** The event will take the form of a WORKING BEE as we help get the school grounds ready for the schools 100th celebrations on Sunday 14th September.

We would love what help we can get as there is a list of work to tackle! If you can help - please come along to the school at 5 Childers Tce Kilbirnie at 9am, bring gardening gloves, garden forks (big and small) window cleaning equipment and a small plate to share for morning tea.



**Invitation to St Patrick's Primary School Centenary** Our school has been open for 100 years. We are going to celebrate with **Sunday Mass on 14th September 2025, at 10:30am**, followed by morning tea in our Parish Hall. The school will be open that day with an exhibition of photos, memorabilia and a display of the student's work sharing our school's history. We would love to see you there and go down Memory Lane with you. **PAST STUDENTS AND STAFF** If you have any photos, memoirs or items that you would like to share, please drop them off to Leanne at the school's office between 9-3 pm Mon-Fri: [admin@spps.school.nz](mailto:admin@spps.school.nz) Or Phone: 04 3873370 We are also looking for past students and staff to share any stories from your time as a student at our school. The students would really love to hear your memories.

**HOLY HOUR** for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. JOIN US for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! **7:30 - 8:30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Tuesday 26 August and every 4th Tuesday of the month.**

**St. Catherine's College 75th Jubilee** - St. Catherine's College Kilbirnie is celebrating its 75th Jubilee over **Labour Weekend, 24–26 October 2025**. The long weekend will be an opportunity for past students and teaching staff to connect and share memories of their days at the College. Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/WYU> for three functions during the Jubilee weekend:

- **Friday 24 October 2025** Cocktail Party 5:30 to 8:30pm - \$40
- **Saturday 25 October 2025** Jubilee Festival Noon to 3.00pm - \$30
- **Sunday 26 October 2025** Liturgy & Lunch 11:30 to 2:00pm - \$20

Please email [sccjubilee2025@gmail.com](mailto:sccjubilee2025@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We look forward to the Holy Trinity community joining our celebrations.

**Referendum on Māori wards during the local elections:** Many city councils and some regional councils will be holding referendums during the coming local body elections, Sept-Oct 2025. **Common Grace Aotearoa** ecumenical movement has produced **Belonging in this Land** to enable learning about the Māori wards system. It is designed to create space for curious, gracious and informed conversations in group or parish settings, grounded in the Christian faith tradition and guided by tangata whenua. For a taster see Speakers include Church leaders Sir David Moxon, Dr Alistair Reese, Jay Ruka and Te Aroha Rountree. Contact: Mons. Gerard Burns of the ADW EJP Commission or: [commongrace.nz/maoriwards](http://commongrace.nz/maoriwards)

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**Meet the Candidates (Motu Kairangi/Eastern Suburbs)** Gateway Baptist Church Hall, 33 Park Road, Miramar Thursday 28 August 7.15pm-9.30pm. Light supper to follow.  
There will also be a **"Meet the Mayoral Candidates"** Gateway Baptist Church Hall, 33 Park Road, Miramar Tuesday 9 September 7.15pm-9.30pm. Light supper to follow.

Come to a session with **David Wells** on **Friday 29 August**, which will be held at St Joseph's Church at Mount Victoria. The cost is \$10 per head, which includes morning tea. David will be discussing the topic, *"Hope does not disappoint! Exploring the virtue of hope in our Jubilee year."* Registrations are essential.

**DRC NZ Wellington Unit "Healing Power of the Holy Eucharist"** The DRC NZ Wellington Unit is excited to announce an evening retreat focused on the "Healing Power of the Holy Eucharist". It will be led by Fr. Joseph Edattu VC, the Director of DRC UK. When : 29 August 2025, 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm Where : Sacred Heart Church Petone, For further details, please contact [0273476327](tel:0273476327).

**COME & SEE VOCATIONS MORNING - Saturday 30 August from 9.00am till 12noon @ St Teresa's Church, Karori.** Are you thinking about priesthood? Join other like-minded young men for a morning of reflection, discussion and fellowship. Starts with Mass at 9.00am at St Teresa's Church, Karori. Text 021 164 5800 or email [j.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:j.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) to let us know you're coming!

**A Pilgrimage of Hope will take place at Hāto Mere/St Mary's, Pukekaraka, Otaki on Sunday, 31st August.** Ngati Kapu invites all parishioners to arrive in time for the **Powhiri on the Marae at 1 pm**. Our programme includes sharing aspects of our Māori, Marist and Marian history and spirituality through talks, prayer and time to experience the spirit of Pukekaraka. You are welcome to come with some special hope or prayer on paper, which will be buried with a tree to commemorate this Year of Jubilee. **Our formal gathering will finish about 4 pm**. There will be parking in the school and Church grounds for early arrivals or you can park along Te Rauparaha Street, which leads into 4 Convent Road, where we are sited. If parishes or individuals have an approximate idea of the number of pilgrims who might be coming, please email – [pukekaraka1@gmail.com](mailto:pukekaraka1@gmail.com)

**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy** - Parrhēsia in the Gospels with Dr Christopher Longhurst Monday, 01 September 2025, 7-8.30pm (Zoom). Koha/Donation <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/08/12/parrhesia-in-the-gospels/>  
Bible Stories - what do they mean? with Beate Matthies Sunday, 07 September 2025, 5-6pm (Zoom). Koha/Donation <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-17/> YouTube Recording - Muffin Talk: Eve & The Creation Story - recording with the late Kieran Fenn fms <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2025/08/05/kieran-fenn-fms-snippets-from-muffin-talks/> For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

**"Restart - Holy Hour** :- You are invited to come to a Holy Hour -Blessed Sacrament exposed on every Thursday at 1 Mersey Street Island Bay. **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver**, beginning with first week of **Thursday 4th September - 6pm to 7pm** to pray for peace, families and vocations etc. All are Welcome." Please contact Sisters : 04 3838401.

Come celebrate Mass with young people across Wellington at the September Late Night Mass for Young People! Join us at **Sacred Heart Cathedral at 8pm on September 5th to celebrate the Eucharist together with Fr Kinh**. Please bring a plate to share for food and fellowship after the Mass in the foyer. You are all warmly invited!

They Too Belong Here: Investigating the Relationship Between Parishes and Parish School in Aotearoa New Zealand presented by Colin MacLeod. **Saturday 6 September 2025 from 9.30am – 1.00pm at Connolly Hall, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Thorndon**. Please refer to the poster information.

