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21st 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

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

Weekday Masses

Tues 9.30m 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

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. \mathcal{FrBill}

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
 Liturgy Committee
 Finance Committee
 Wednesday 3 September 7pm at St Anthony's
 Thursday 4 September 7pm at Tricia's place

 Tuesday 9 September 1.30pm at Francie's place

Centenary Mass Sunday 14th 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

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 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 <u>sccjubilee2025@gmail.com</u> 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

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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.

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 like-minded 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 — pukekarakal@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/

"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.

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation – Love is a Decision - registration for the next Course on the Archdiocesan website, **Sun 7 & 14 Sept 10am-4pm** at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early - limited spaces. Please note: couples attend both Sundays together. Email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

E-Waste collection Saturday 13 September 9am – 2pm at St Catherine's College, Upper Bourke St, Kilbirnie. Small cash fee per item. 0274171500.

Saint Nicholas Children's Trust is a NZ based, international charity, raising awareness of child sexual exploitation (snctrust.org). You can join supporters of this cause (including the Mayor of Wellington and MP Greg O'Connor) for a silent, 10-minute march in Wellington in September ending at the Dockside Cafe for coffee and a slice of the Saint Nicholas Children's Trust cake. **Saturday 13 September,10am from Te Papa.**

JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS - Sunday 14 September A special Jubilee Mass for Migrants will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin on Sunday 14th September at 2pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Mass will be followed by a Multicultural Meal, Fellowship, and Mini-Concert, with some communities rendering songs of hope from their homelands. 3pm at Connolly Hall. All are welcome! FOR THE FELLOWSHIP: Koha appreciated and will be donated for the renovation of the Cathedral. Welcome to bring a plate to share. Email m.bernardo@wn.catholic.org.nz for inquiries.

HOPE & RENEWAL SUMMIT - only 50 seats left! This week, we pray for our bishops—those called to shepherd the Church with wisdom, humility, and faith. Let us intercede for them, asking Mary, Mother of the Church, to accompany and protect them in their ministry. Let us pray: Loving Father, strengthen our bishops with courage, wisdom, and compassion. May they lead with the heart of Christ—rooted in truth, guided by your Spirit, and filled with hope. Mother Mary, gentle guide and faithful disciple, wrap them in your mantle of love and intercede for their ministry. Holy Spirit, set their hearts on fire for mission and renew their joy in shepherding your people. Amen. To learn more or support the Hope and Renewal Summit, visit hoperenewalsummit.com or email hoperenewal@pndiocese.org.nz.

Catholic Social Teaching / Pope quote: 'Let us not be afraid to choose life! It may seem risky and imprudent. Many voices whisper: "Why bother? Let it go. Think of your own interests." These are voices of death. But we are disciples of Christ. It is his love that drives us — soul and body — in our time. As individuals and as the Church, we no longer live for ourselves. This — and only this — spreads life and lets life prevail. Our victory over death begins here and now.' — *Pope Leo XIV, Homily, 15 August 2025.*

Masses have been offered for Ursula Furkert(anniv), Fr Brian Cummings sm (anniv), Noeline Ryan (anniv), Shirley McLaughlin (anniv), Pat Pihema (anniv), Eric Lapionka (anniv), Kevin Henderson (anniv),

Let us pray for all those who are unwell especially *L Paese, J Hunt, W Stevenson, E Wilkins and M Mercado.* And we pray for the wonderful people who are caring for the everyday needs of the sick in our Community.

We also pray for the members of our Parish families who have died recently especially Jean Woodall and those whose anniversaries occur around this time; B Hyland, C Skachill, M McArthur, S Watson & M Guidera.

		SS MINISTRY R ach 3:17-20, 28-2		SUNDAY IN ORD 2:18-19, 22-245	DINARY TIME (31 AUGU 5 Lk 14:1, 7-14	IST 2025)
Prayers of the Faithful: J Papesch			Counters: F Hutton & M O'Sullivan			
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<u>Time</u>	Host / Welcomers	Altar Servers	Proclaimers of the Word	Offertory	Special Ministers	
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10.30am	Dodson Family	Andrew An	V Vaka AM Vissers	Setefano Family	G Caramo F Uhatafe 2 x volunteers pls	P Vaka