



ST PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC PARISH OF WAIMAKARIRI

TO GROW OUR FAITH AND OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY, THROUGH
PRAYER, WORSHIP, HOSPITALITY, OUTREACH AND WITNESSING TO THE GOSPELS.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A – 26TH APRIL 2020

TODAY'S Readings

First reading	Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 15:1-2,5,7-11
Second Reading	St Peter 1:17-21
Gospel	Luke 24:13-35

Spiritual Geography

One of the last things said by a priest at a Catholic Funeral is to bid farewell to the deceased person as they travel now towards the 'new and eternal Jerusalem'. This gives us a hint that geography is important in our Gospel this week, because the two disciples on the road were heading **away** from Jerusalem not towards it.

It is interesting to note that there is controversy as to where Emmaus actually is. There are up to nine candidates for its location, and even today, four towns in modern day Israel claim to be the Emmaus of the scriptures. In the midst of this uncertainty might we suggest that the underlay for this story is a spiritual one. Could it be that the 'road to Emmaus' is code for the journey from the certainties of faith in Jesus Christ towards the confusion of the world?

All of us face this temptation, to turn our back on the promise of salvation through friendship with Christ, and to instead embrace the bright lights, but ultimate darkness, of a life separated from God. And, as we move away, like those first disciples, we too might ask 'where is Jesus?...'

The answer to that question is given to us very beautifully at the end of our Gospel today. Jesus reveals himself in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. This is of course at the heart of our Catholic faith and at the heart of the Mass – **Word and Sacrament**. Jesus does not abandon us, He is always walking along side, even when the direction of our lives is taking us away. It is in our faithfulness to the Scriptures and to the Eucharist that we will recognize him. And, like those two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we will turn around and run back to Jerusalem.

Fr John

I. This Week's Online Parish Mass Times Schedule

During the week, parish Mass Schedule celebrated will be live-streamed via the parish YouTube channel: www.WatchPCNZ.org.

- **Sundays** 9.30am Mass
- **Tuesdays** • 6.30pm Adoration • 7pm Mass • 7.30pm Rosary followed by Reflection
- **Wednesdays** • 6.30pm Adoration • 7pm Mass • 7.30pm Rosary followed by Reflection
- **Thursday** • 6.30pm Adoration • 7pm Mass followed by Prayer Workshop on **Taizé**
- From this Sunday 26 April **Shine TV** will be broadcasting **Mass from 2.00pm** Free-to-air Channel 25, Sky TV channel. We do know that a number of people without access to the internet greatly appreciate being able to have mass on TV.

II. THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES/EVENTS:

1. **Saturday 25th April @7am Facebook Live ANZAC Day Mass with our Priests:**
<https://www.facebook.com/PeterChanelParish/>

2. **Tuesday 28 April @1:30pm - Feast of St Peter Chanel Facebook Live with our Parish Priests**
<https://www.facebook.com/PeterChanelParish/>

We invite all the kids of the Parish to tune into FB Live with Fr John, Fr Tien and Fr Arsene on our Parish Feast Day and learn more about our wonderful priests.

Our priests will share stories of their childhood, how they grew up in the faith, why they decided to become priests, and more.

PLUS [Children are encouraged to ask questions via the FB comments section](#). This is their opportunity to ask the questions they have always wanted to ask

Parish Feast Day 28th April: A Video of Many Testimonies by the Parishioners of St Peter Chanel Parish

We would like to compile a video made up of your stories to share on the Parish website and Facebook page. If you would like to contribute, please film yourself landscape answering one or more of the questions below, keeping it to a maximum of 2 minutes.

Please send it to alpha@waimakariricatholic.org.nz by Sunday 26 April.

- What is St Peter Chanel Parish for you personally and/or for your family?
- How has our Parish helped you draw near to God and/or grow in your faith?
- How have you, your children and possibly grandchildren grown up in the Parish setting?
- How have you been involved in Parish Life daily, weekly and/or annually?
- What are your hopes for our Parish? In other words, what is an ideal Parish community look like to you?

3. Alpha is back online!

The Rangiora and Kaiapoi groups are combining to complete our final sessions over the next two Tuesday evenings from 7pm-8:30pm using Zoom.



Tuesday 28 April - Does God Heal Today?

Tuesday 5 May - What About The Church?

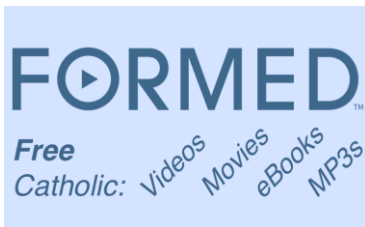
Details will be sent to Alpha participants via email. For more information please contact Carly at alpha@waimakariricatholic.org.nz

4. Fr Arsene's Prayer Workshops are back online!

Taizé: 7:30pm-8:30pm Thursday 30 April

Live-streamed via the parish YouTube channel: www.WatchPCNZ.org.

III. Family, Youth and Children: We currently have a parish registration free for 40 days



WE highly recommend families, children and youth to register for an account at the catholic website **FORMED.ORG**. You'll never run out of topics, movies and documentaries about Saints, Sacraments, faith at Home, School at Home, Prayer at Home, Bible Studies, Kids activities and Music, to name a few.

How do parishioners register for an account?

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select our parish - **St Peter Chanel Parish, 41 Victoria St, Rangiora, Canterbury**
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

IV. Pastoral Care

- If you or anyone you know needs support, please don't hesitate to let us know so that we can make contact. The Parish Office number is 03 313 6285 or email admin@waimakariricatholic.org.nz
- If you know anyone who is not currently receiving these emails, please let us know, or encourage them to register directly with Sandra at admin@waimakariricatholic.org.nz
- Visits by our Priests are unfortunately highly unlikely. Our priests can offer pastoral support mainly over the phone. If you want to talk to one of our priests, you may contact:

Fr John Adams: 021 264 8927

Fr Tien Cao: 021 181 4721

Fr Arsene Kapya: 027 303 4951

IV. Welfare Support

If you know anyone who could do with a food voucher or parcel or some other kind of support that the St Vincent de Paul offer then they can go to the webpage <https://www.svdpchch.co.nz/> or contact details below.

To request help you can either:

- Fill out the form on our website page under “How can we help you”
- Or Call 03 389 7484 ext 1 and leave a message.
- Or Text 0273589400 (Text Line Only).

For fast handling of your request please ensure you have included your first and last names, address, contact number and request details. A volunteer will contact you within 48 hours to discuss with you how we can assist.

- Civil Defense has also set up a Helpline for Cantabrians - 0800 24 24 11. The hotline is primarily for those in need of welfare support and are struggling to get these goods or services through community connections or other means. Welfare needs could include: Food, water, or clothing, medication or other medical needs, baby or infant needs, pet needs. The help line service will also be able to navigate and refer callers to the relevant Government agency already working to deliver particular services.

V. Internet Banking; Planned Giving and Donation

We encourage planned givers on envelopes to please switch to internet banking to electronically transfer your regular giving direct from your own bank account.

TYPE	ACCOUNT NUMBER	PARTICULARS	CODE	REFERENCE
Planned Giving	<u>03-1592-0522551-020</u>		Your Surname	Planned Giving number
Donations	<u>03-1592-0522551-020</u>	Voucher	Your Surname	Planned Giving number

TAX RECEIPTS: Parishioners whose donations are on direct credit will receive the tax donation receipts via the email. For information on tax receipt, please contact Elaine Ramsay at accounts@waimakariricatholic.org.nz

VI. CARITAS COVID 19 PANDEMIC APPEAL:

Caritas New Zealand is running an appeal to help our neighbouring island nations. Donations can be made online through: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online>

Saints of the week:

St Louis Grignion de Montfort: 27th April



Louis-Marie de Montfort is a 17th century saint who is revered for his intense devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He is perhaps most famously known for his prayer of entrustment to Our Lady, “Totus Tuus ego sum,” which means, “I am all yours.” The late-Pope John Paul II took the phrase “Totus Tuus” as his episcopal motto. St. Louis-Marie founded two congregations: the Daughters of Divine Wisdom – which tended to the sick in hospitals and the education of poor girls, and the Company of Mary, missionaries devoted to preaching and to spreading devotion to Mary.

ST PETER CHANEL: 28th April



Tuesday 28 April is the feast day of our parish patron. Our church communities and schools while retaining their individual names, come under the patronal name of St Peter Chanel.

Fr Peter Chanel was ordained on 15 July 1827 and spent three and a half years as a diocesan priest. In 1831, at the age of twenty-eight, Chanel joined the Society of Mary (Marists), who would concentrate on local missions and foreign missionary work. He eventually landed on the island of Futuna in November 1837. It was a difficult mission, coping with isolation, different foods and customs, but eventually began to bear some fruit. The Island chief believed that Christianity would undermine his authority as high priest and king. His son-in-law, took an axe and clubbed Chanel to death on **28th April 1841**. He was canonised 12 June 1954.

His attributes are Kindness, Gentleness and Encouragement.

St Catherine of Siena: 29th April



The value Catherine makes central in her short life and which sounds clearly and consistently through her experience is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive about her is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970.

St Pius V: 30th April



Pius was elected in 1566. During his papacy, he ordered the founding of seminaries for the proper training of priests. He published a new missal, a new breviary, a new catechism, and established the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes for the young. Pius zealously enforced legislation against abuses in the Church. He spent long hours with his God in prayer, fasted rigorously, deprived himself of many customary papal luxuries, and faithfully observed the spirit of the Dominican Rule that he had professed.

Please Visit Our New Website : www.waimakariricatholic.org.nz

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for Dereck Monaghan who died recently. May God welcome him into His kingdom.

We pray for comfort and consolation for his beloved family at this time.

