

St. Theresa's Parish

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18 August 2024 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or after weekday Mass

Monday 19 August

10.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration until 1.30pm.

7.00pm Alpha meet in hall

Tuesday 20 August

9.30am Mass

7:30pm RCIA meeting in the office

Wednesday 21 August

9.30am Mass

Prayer group meet in Reconciliation room after Mass

Thursday 22 August

9.30am Mass

Friday 23 August

9.30am Mass

3.30pm Practice First Holy Communion

Saturday 24 August

11am Rosary and Adoration in the Church

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 25 August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass – First Holy Communion



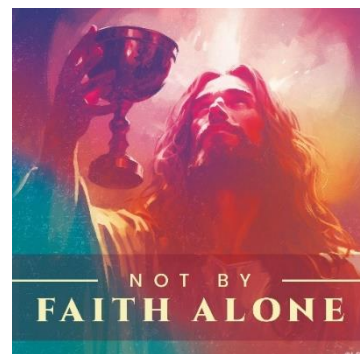
Gospel Reflection - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the **“bread of life come down from heaven.”** Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to **“eat my flesh and drink my blood”** (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart *and* the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticise non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts *and* our bodies, faith *and* the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



PARISH Announcement

Father Andrew has been posted to Nelson. His last Mass with us will be on

Sunday 1st of September. We will see him off with a combined farewell from the School and Parish.

There will be a shared morning tea, including a sausage sizzle.

If your surname is **A-M**, can you please bring something **savoury** and if your surname is **N-Z**, please bring something **sweet**.

We will be incredibly sad to see Father Andrew go, and we wish him all the best.

Please keep Father Andrew in your prayers as he prepares for the move.

Fr Ravi will be with us in September. Cardinal John Dew will be with us from October until the end of the year.



Funseekers Passionist Family Group are having dinner at Plimmerton Boating Club on Sunday 25th August at 5pm. Please email Kayren & Laurie if you will be joining us:

jjkllsmith@xtra.co.nz



First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 25th August during 9.30am Mass.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for their first Holy Communion.



REMEMBER

in your prayers

RIP: John Angelica John sadly passed away on Thursday. There is a private family funeral for John on Tuesday. Please keep Maria and the family in your prayers.

Anniversaries - May they RIP:

Eileen Taylor, Ronald Findlay, Joan Gilmour, Frances Langford, Kathleen Louis & James Carnihan.

Those who are sick: Richard Gibbs, Arthur O'Leary, Sr Trish Hanaray, David Wootton, Jocelyn Bryant, Luca Ashworth, Cristina Fleming, Patricia Maher, John Montgomery, and all parishioners who have Covid or are sick.

THANK YOU!

NEW HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEM

The church now has a new heating and cooling system installed which will be significantly more efficient than the previous heater system. It will be great for all Masses and funerals in both winter and summer. A big thank you from the MSV Trust for their support with the purchase. Paul Kerr on behalf of the Resource Committee.



Teach us how to pray

If the Sunday Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith life (Second Vatican Council *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*) then how can we make our experience of our celebration of the Eucharist richer and more meaningful? We share these notes from "Teach Us to Pray: Living the Year of Prayer in Preparation for Jubilee 2025" resource provided by the Vatican.

Prepare for Mass well:

Approach the communal moment of the Eucharist with a brief personal preparation in silence that helps you step out of the hectic pace of daily life to reflect on the mystery you are about to experience.

You can pause in front of the tabernacle, for a few minutes, where the Blessed Sacrament is present, recognizing that He will soon make Himself present on the altar, giving Himself to us in His true Body. It would also be very helpful to read beforehand the passages of God's Word that will be proclaimed in the liturgy. The Sunday readings are listed in our newsletter, or the full text can be found online <https://glenfieldcatholic.org.nz/mass-readings>

Make the Sign of the Cross well:

The words and gestures we make in the introductory rites enable us, from the very beginning, to be involved body, soul, and mind in the celebration. The sign of the cross, in fact, summarizes the whole of our Christian faith. When we sign ourselves with the symbol of the cross, we recall the incarnation, redemption, and resurrection of the Lord and when we pronounce the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we recall the great Mystery of the Holy Trinity.



St Theresa's Catholic School

cordially invite you to the **celebration of our 75th Jubilee**. St Theresa's Catholic School, 1 James Street, Plimmerton, **12**

September 2024, 9.30am – 11.30am. The celebration will be marked with a Mass, the blessing of our art installation and morning tea. RSVP to:

<https://forms.gle/9FDv6t8efe3hBbrj9>

For more information: office@stp.school.nz



Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship 2025

We are delighted to announce that the Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship applications for 2025 open on 1 September 2024.

This scholarship is designed to

support students within the Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North who will be studying in their second year of tertiary studies in 2025.

For more details and to apply, please visit our website:

www.compassion.org.nz

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact: Felicity

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RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is

a process through which non-baptised men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer, and rites at Mass. We have candidates currently going through this process at St. Theresa's. Please pray for our RCIA Candidates: Heath Gair & Faze Harper.



Social Justice Week runs from 8 – 14 September 2024

The theme is *Imagine Peace for all: Choose forgiveness, know peace*. Each year, the New Zealand

Catholic Bishops lead us in Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in Aotearoa. This year we are looking at the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation for building lasting peace. Join us in reflecting on how these values can transform our lives and communities. Through prayer, education, and action, we can work together to create a more just and peaceful society. For resources and more information visit www.caritas.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week.



The Lifeteen Aotearoa Leadership Convention is happening this month. Please shoulder tap anyone you think might benefit from attending. For more details, please refer to the poster displayed in the foyer.



An invitation to Liturgy Workshops 2024

Theme: The Sunday Eucharist

Father Patrick Bridgman, Liturgy Advisor, Archdiocese of Wellington is presenting a series of workshops on the theme of the Sunday Eucharist. These workshops are open to all parishioners in the Archdiocese. It will be an opportunity to refresh our understanding of the Sunday Eucharist. Tea & Coffee will be available half an hour before the start time. Please see the poster in the church foyer for more information. Registrations are appreciated.

c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz

The next workshop is "Liturgy of the Eucharist":

10am-12pm on Saturday 17 August

@ St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

Notice: There will be no Holy Hour in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart for the month of August. We will be back in September.



Upcoming at the Michael Fowler Centre:

The Creation - 24 August at 7.30pm.

The Creation is a production that offers a reimagined perspective on Haydn's visionary work, merging timeless music

with modern creativity. Presented by the Orpheus Choir Wellington.

Please refer to the poster in the foyer for ticket details.



Attention all young adults:

Here's an exciting opportunity!

Ask your burning questions to Archbishop Paul Martin sm on Friday 30th of August at St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall,

Wellington with doors open from 6pm, starting at 6.30pm.

If you have any questions you would like discussed please email: smayacs@gmail.com by 22 August.



Quote from Pope Francis:

'The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us. *Nourishing ourselves* of Him and *abiding* in Him through Eucharistic Communion, if we do so with faith, *transforms our life*, transforms it into a gift to God and to our brothers and

sisters. Nourishing ourselves of that "Bread of Life" means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour. It means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity. The very things that Jesus did.'

Service Rosters for 17/18 August – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am	
Sacristan	Kelly Ross	Russell Plume	
Greeters	Gina Rollandi & Kelly Ross	Jonathan Burchell	
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Carmel Keane	Julian Howard	
Altar Servers	Gabriel Anthony	Nicholas, Emily & Isabelle Aubrey	
Karanga		Frankie Blank	
Children's Liturgy		Anne Dodds	
Proclaimer of The Word	Audrey Hinder	Rosaleen Taylor	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grant Baker & Alan Fleming	Luke Barber, Gillian Quinn & Daniel Blank	
Hospitality		Isabelle & Joseph Williams	
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Cristina Fruscalzo

Service Rosters for 24/25 August – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am	
Sacristan	Kelly Ross	Veronica Young	
Greeters	Margaret & Grant Baker	TBC	
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Rommel Anthony	TBC	
Altar Servers		Finlay Blank, Sammy Cato	
Karanga		Isabelle Aubrey	
Children's Liturgy		TBC	
Proclaimer of The Word	Jude McKee	TBC	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosaleen Larsen, Mike Montgomery	Dorothy Gibbs, Sef Truyens, Richard Barraclough	
Hospitality		TBC	
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Cristina Fruscalzo

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