

St. Theresa's Parish

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25 August 2024 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or after weekday Mass

Monday 26 August

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

7.00pm Alpha meet in hall

Tuesday 27 August

11:00am Requiem Mass for Patricia Pihema.

7:30pm RCIA meeting in the office

Wednesday 28 August

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

7.30pm Prayer group

Thursday 29 August

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday 30 August

9.30am Mass

Saturday 31 August

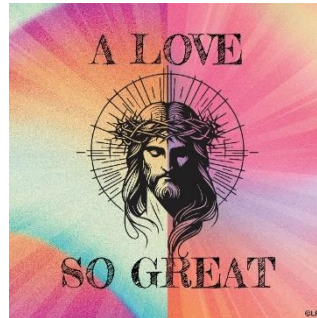
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 1 September – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FATHER'S DAY

PARISH/SCHOOL MASS & FAREWELL MASS FOR FR ANDREW

9:30am Mass



Gospel Reflection – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, "Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



This weekend our children from the Sacramental programme receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

A big thank you to our Sacramental leaders – we are so blessed to have these wonderful people helping and guiding the children and their families through the gift of these sacraments.

Reconciliation: Rommel Anthony & Angela Cole.

Confirmation: Angela Cole & Maria Gair

First Holy Communion: Jude McKee and Libby & Hamish Baker.



Father Andrew's last Mass at St Theresa's will be on *Sunday 1st September*. We will see him off with a combined farewell from the School and Parish with 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**.

PARKING: Please note that there will be **NO** parking in the school for this day as the children will be gathering prior to the Mass in this area.

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.



How to prepare for Mass well

Listen carefully to the Word of God:

Maintain a receptive, meditative attitude that enlightens the heart and mind of

every Christian because the Word is "living". By listening and through personal recollection, it is possible to translate the Word into everyday life, receiving help and consolation.

Therefore, especially when standing up at the time of the proclamation of the Gospel, we are called to recognise the presence of the Lord who, through the minister, still speaks to us today in the Eucharistic celebration.

Welcoming the Eucharistic Jesus:

The broken bread becomes nourishment for the life and presence of God that strengthens and sustains us. It is necessary to experience this important moment with greater awareness in the certainty that the Lord enters each person's life and desires to be received into a generous and attentive heart. As you approach Holy Communion, some silent prayers can be recited in your heart that will prepare you to receive the Lord with greater awareness and gratitude.

Thanksgiving:

Before leaving the church, it is good to pause (at least for five minutes) to give thanks for the gift received in Holy Communion, aware that the Lord has come to visit us. In this way, we can more carefully cherish the grace within us and be able to face the world with His help.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

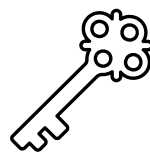
RIP: Patricia Pihema. Sadly Patricia passed away on Thursday 22/8/2024. A Requiem Mass for Patricia will be held at St. Theresa's Tuesday 27 August at 11am. Please keep the Pihema family in your prayers.

RIP: Shirley McLaughlin. Shirey's funeral will be held at Seatoun – date not known at this stage. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Anniversaries - May they RIP:

John Bishara, Alan Rickerby, Cushla Connor, Anthony Veitch, Paul Nevin, Phil Desmond, Ian Cameron and Mel Kelly

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.



Church Keys:

Do you have a Church key or a Foodbank key you are no longer using? If so, please drop the key into the Parish office or leave in the letterbox slot by the door.



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.



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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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.



Quote from Pope Francis, *Angelus*

'Jesus affirms that the true bread of salvation, which transmits eternal life, is his very flesh; him, in his incarnation. This means that... God...



NET Recruiting

Young people deserve to hear the hope that Jesus brings. God has a plan for their lives!

NET are accepting applications from 18-35 year olds for ten months of life-changing mission in Australia & New Zealand for next year. Are you good at running camps? Are you interested in building up youth groups? Will you step out and share your story of how Jesus has impacted your life?

NET Ministries Australia and New Zealand do this in teams, fostering authentic relationships, being peer with peer on this journey of life together – sharing that faith 'fully alive' is possible.

If you want to take up the call of mission with NET, express your interest at www.netaus.org. NET will be excited to hear from you!

OR - if someone you know comes to mind - encourage them to check NET out

must be recognized in the humanity of Jesus and, as a consequence, in that of the brothers and sisters we meet on the path of life.'



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.




Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31st, 2024. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

"Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is holding Lecture 6 in the series, A Taste of Theology. Rev Dr Merv Duffy will talk about "Christian identity, life and mission in *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. This will be on Tuesday, 03 September 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series and join the remaining live sessions. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology to register."

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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

Service Rosters for 31 August / 1 September – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am	
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Sef Truyens	
Greeters	Mike Montgomery	Catherine & Hugh Blank	
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Julianna Ritter	TBC	
Altar Servers		Colin Feng, Michael Bastian	
Karanga		Phoebe McClean	
Children's Liturgy		TBC	
Proclaimer of The Word	Margaret Baker	TBC	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kelly Ross, Mary Cruz	Paul Kerr, Jude McKee, Russell Plume	
Hospitality		Kayren & Laurie Smith	
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Cristina Fruscalzo