

St. Theresa's Parish

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1 September 2024 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or after weekday Mass

Monday 2 September

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

7.00pm Alpha meet in hall

Tuesday 3 September

9.30am Mass with Fr Ravi

7.00pm Holy Hour

7:30pm RCIA meeting in the office

Wednesday 4 September

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

7.30pm Prayer group

Thursday 5 September

9.30am Mass

Friday 6 September

9.30am Mass

Saturday 7 September

1pm Intercessory prayer group meet in the hall

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 8 September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass



Gospel Reflection – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticise Jesus, asking, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from within each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

— Father John Muir ©LPi





Farewell Fr Andrew

This weekend we farewell Fr Andrew after a blessed three and half years as our Parish Priest.

Thank you for all you have done for St Theresa's.

You have blessed us with many wonderful stories from your childhood and travels,
and you have shared your humour and gift of vocation

*'Now, as the day dawns on the next chapter in your life,
may God continue to richly bless you and watch over you.'*

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

Fr Ravi will be with us from September 3rd. Cardinal John Dew will be with us from October until the end of the year.



Last weekend our children from the 2024 Sacramental programme received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Congratulations to you all!

What a wonderful celebration it was, and didn't the children look stunning all dressed up! A big thank you to all those involved in this year's programme.

How blessed is our parish that you share your gifts with the parents and children, thank you very much!

Keep an eye on the newsletter for sign up details for the 2025 Sacramental programme.



How close were we with the recent flooding!? Thankfully the Church and office stayed nice and dry.



Anniversaries - May they RIP:

Maureen Mackey, Lloyd Linklater, Marietta Major, Jean Mulhern, Kevin O'Reilly, Annie Shalders, Eileen Guise, Agnes McGoff, Frank Reynolds, Phyl Cuthbert, Paddy McCormick and Des Wright.

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.

Holy Hour at St Theresa's

In this year of prayer we encourage you to join us in Adoration. Tuesday 3rd September 7pm to 8pm. This month we invite everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to come and pray especially for a new Parish Priest for St Theresa's and all those in our parish who are sick or suffering at this time. Spend an hour in prayer with our Lord who is truly present in the Eucharist





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.



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.



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 Giltrap: felicity.g@compassion.org.nz



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.



Season of Creation Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

"To hope and act with creation means above all to join forces; to walk together with all people of good will...to extend this harmony

between human beings to creation... with responsibility for a humane and integral ecology." (*To Hope and Act with Creation' Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024*)

Action – Join forces with a local or international initiative taking responsibility for a humane and integral ecology.



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

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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

Service Rosters for 7/8 September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am	
Sacristan	Kelly Ross	Julian Howard	
Greeters	Robyn Teppett	Baker Family	
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Mary Va'a	Phil Reiher	
Altar Servers		Josh & Noah Kerr, Sammy Cato	
Karanga		Margriet Lynch	
Children's Liturgy		Tandi	
Proclaimer of The Word	Cath Gardner	Youth	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grant Baker, Alan Fleming	Klara Noldan, Laurie Smith, Hamish Baker	
Hospitality		James & Glenis Aubrey	
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Gina Rollandi

