

St. Theresa's Parish

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15 September 2024 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or after weekday Mass

Monday 16 September

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

Tuesday 17 September

9.30am Mass
7:30pm RCIA meeting in the office

Wednesday 18 September

9.30am Mass
10am Prayer Group

Thursday 19 September

9.30am Mass

Friday 20 September

9.30am Mass
10.15am SVDP meet in the hall

Saturday 21 September

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 22 September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass



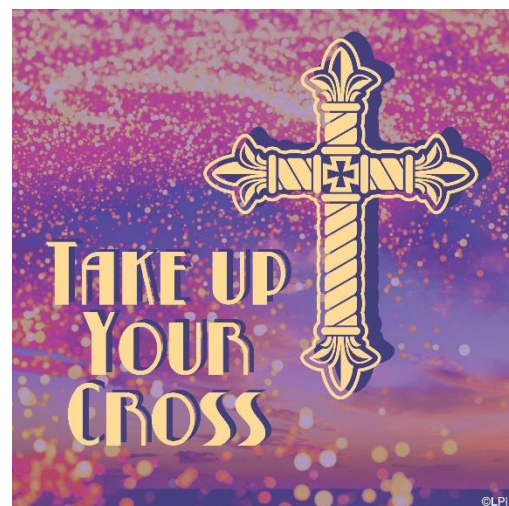
Gospel Reflection – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

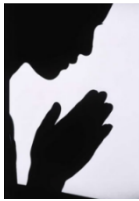
By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

— Father John Muir ©LPi





SCHOOL NEWS FROM THEIR NEWSLETTER: Yesterday the school officially marked their 75th Jubilee. It was a great occasion, and we were blessed to have Archbishop Paul Martin, Fr. Bill, Fr. Andrew and Fr. Ravi celebrate the Mass with us. We gathered in the school grounds, Archbishop Paul blessed the artwork we have installed, titled "Our History, Our Voice, Our Spirit". We reflected on how beautifully it captures the essence of who we are – a community shaped by the rich history and enduring values of those who came before us. A special thanks to Deidree Hutchins and Alan Wehipeihana, the very talented artists who brought this vision to life. Their creativity and dedication have given us a visual reminder of our shared journey that we will cherish for future generations.



Holy Hour at St Theresa's

In this year of prayer we encourage you to join us in Adoration. Tuesday 1st October 7pm to 8pm.

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



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Anniversaries - May they RIP:

Jenny Norris, Albert Longhurst, Eveleen Keenan, Franklin Williams and Eileen Whalan.

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.



Upcoming events at St Joseph's Parish, Pauatahanui:

- All Souls Mass **Saturday 2 November 9.00am**
- **Saturday 9 November 2pm** - "Behind the Window" a talk by Robert McClean on the history of the Vella family and the Croatian connection with St. Joseph's.
- **Sunday 10 November 10am -1pm** - Burial ground stories of Pāuatahanui, part of the Heritage Festival, see <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/burial-ground-stories-from-pauatahanui/>
- **Wednesday 20 November pm** (tbc) - Lighthouse Cinema Movie night of "Lee" starring Kate Winslet, Christmas themed raffles and giveaways.
- **Sunday 15 December 4pm** - St. Joseph's Christmas Carols.



Passionist Family Groups.

Andy's Angels have been catching up for 21 years. They enjoy the company and support of each other. Recently they enjoyed a meal at the Himalayan kitchen in Kapiti.





Parking on the James Street grass

Please refrain from parking on the corner grass kerb at the start of James Street grassed area as the neighbours are not thrilled with the deep tyre marks in the grass/mud.



Upcoming request for donations:

Foodbank drive for St Vincent de Paul. We kindly ask that you keep an eye on next week's newsletter for food donation details

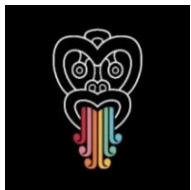


SEASON OF CREATION

Listen and watch Pania Rei (Ngāti Toa Rangatira) speak about her mahi for Action Stations – climate change action in the Porirua District

Te Whare o Tū Hono, Te Ngākau Tapu, Bishop Viard College, Porirua

Starts after 5.15 pm Mass (6.15 pm), Sunday 22 September 2024 (soup and buns provided for a light dinner)



Māori Language Week 2024

Māori Language Week runs from **14-21 September**.

To acknowledge the important place of Te Reo Māori in New Zealand

culture we intend to present the *Our Father in Te Reo Māori in the Vigil Mass on 21 September* and in the *Sunday Mass on 22 September*. In both cases, the Our Father will occur in its normal place in the Mass. The format for the prayer will be Call and Response. The prayer has been separated into nine phrases each of which is presented on a separate slide which will appear on the screen. As the prayer proceeds, a call for each phrase will be made from the Sanctuary in Te Reo. The response will be done by the entire congregation in English.



Lord, teach us how to pray

Jesus gives us the “Our Father” prayer as a model for our personal prayer. *Pope Francis teaches us that this prayer is not a mere set of*

words and needs, but a pathway toward intimacy with our Heavenly Father. It teaches us to address God in filial trust, calling him “Father” in simplicity and love. Jesus teaches us what is essential. He shows us that we can speak to the Father with simplicity of heart, because He “knows what you need even before you ask Him” (Mt 6:8). (From Teach us to pray: Living the Year of Prayer, 2024, p.51)

The first three petitions of the Lord's Prayer focus on God. These petitions help us to love and adore God and desire His will for His sake.

Our Father: The prayer begins by addressing God in a deeply personal way, we recognise that we are children of the Father. God is not just an all-powerful cosmic being, He is personal, familial --He is our Father.

Who Art in Heaven: acknowledges His Heavenly reign, and that we are called to share in that glorious life of God.

Hallowed be thy name: Jesus continues the prayer by instructing us to honour our Father by proclaiming His holiness. We pray that there will be a deep reverence of God's name and that we will always treat God with the proper honour, devotion, love and awe we are called to give.

Thy Kingdom come ...thy will be done: we also acknowledge God as King and the fact that Jesus will, one day, return in all His glory and establish His permanent Kingdom. Praying for the Kingdom of God to come means, also, that we seek to live the will of the Father. This is accomplished only when His perfect will is done **“on earth as it is in Heaven.”**

Adapted from <https://mycatholic.life/the-mycatholic-life-series/my-catholic-worship/chapter-11-the-lords-prayer/>

Recommended: Watch Bishop Michael Gielen's teaching on the Our Father on <https://youtu.be/6BapIUSgRo0?feature=shared>

Service Rosters for 14/15 September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am	
Sacristan	Angela Reiher	Russell Plume	
Greeters	Maryanne McKennie, Sue Warburton	Walter Dempsey	
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Audrey Hinder	Hamish Baker	
Altar Servers		Alexandra Baker, Esther Davies	
Karanga		Emily Aubrey	
Children's Liturgy		Trish Fitzsimons	
Proclaimer of The Word	Carmel Keane	James Aubrey	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ange Reiher, Rosaleen Larsen	Catherine Blank, Luke Barber, Dan Blank	
Hospitality		Catherine & Hugh Blank	
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Gina Rollandi

Service Rosters for 21/22 September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am	
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Veronia Young	
Greeters	Maureen Wilmshurst	Klara Nolden	
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Annemaree Deed	Audrey Hinder	
Altar Servers		Jack & Alex Buchanan	
Karanga		Isabel Aubrey	
Children's Liturgy		Bronagh & Luke Barber	
Proclaimer of The Word	Jude McKee	Naomi Bennett	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mike Montgomery, Kelly Ross	Dan Blank, Walter Dempsey, Sef Truyens	
Hospitality		Peter & Janet McClean	
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Gina Rollandi

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