

St. Theresa's Parish

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22 September 2024 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or after weekday Mass

Monday 23 September

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

7.00pm Alpha in the hall

Tuesday 24 September

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

7:30pm RCIA meeting in the office

Wednesday 25 September

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

7.30pm Prayer Group

Thursday 26 September

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Friday 27 September

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Saturday 28 September

11am Rosary and Adoration in the Church

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 29 September – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass

Gospel Reflection – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

— Father John Muir ©LPi





On Wednesday Fr Ravi celebrated his final Mass at St Theresa's Plimmerton before departing for the Wairarapa. While the news of his departure was sudden, we are grateful for the 18 days Fr Ravi shared his vocation with the Parish. Thank you Fr Ravi and God Bless.

Please keep Fr Ravi in your prayers as he settles into his new community in the Wairarapa.

'May the Lord bless and keep you on your new assignment'



St Vincent de Paul members will be handing out paper grocery bags (stamped with Logo) at Masses **this weekend (21&22 Sept)**. We ask you to return the bag the following

week with your donation from any of these items: cans / jams / crackers / biscuits / cereals / sachets / tea / coffee / long life milk / or anything suitable for our Food Bank which then can be distributed in the Food Parcels.

Alternatively, toiletries and laundry products please. Just one item from each family will make such a difference to our supplies.

Thank you for walking in the footsteps of Blessed Frederick Ozanam who recognised the need back in 1833, with a group of other like-minded Parisians – hence the Society of St Vincent de Paul was created.



Request from the school:

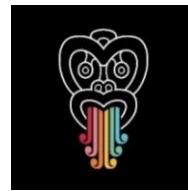
The school have advised us that the netball pole at the far end of the courts (next to the learning hub) was damaged last weekend. As you can see in the photo the pole is now bent over and can't be used by the school children. If you know anything about this incident, please contact the school office.



Anniversaries - May they RIP:

Esther Huntington, Peter Butler, John Hubbard, Robert Walker, Mary Bryce, Dennis Kelly, Mabel McGuinnes, Henry Abbott.

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



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 on 21st September and in the Mass on 22nd

September. In both cases, the Our Father will occur in its normal place in the Mass.

The format for the prayer will be *Call & Response*. The prayer has been separated into nine phrases each of which is presented on a separate slide. 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.

Passionist Family: KAOS and Grass Roots

Come and enjoy a Spring Celebration with a Spring Bonnet Afternoon. Decorate your sun hat with your favourite flowers or spring-themed ornaments and head to Christine's place 24A Mana View Road 2pm on Sunday 29th September (the first day of daylight saving). On wet or fine. Bring a plate to share and your favourite drink. Hoping to see you there for an afternoon of fun.

RSVP david-veronica@xtra.co.nz



Recently the KAOS group and Grass Roots had a great time at the Judgeford Golf Club catching up over lunch. A tasty treat and great company.



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



Season of Creation

"We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power

has frenetically increased in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realised that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival." (# 22 Laudate Deum)


Action: Consider the ways in which our power and our technological progress are turning against us.



Upcoming events at St Joseph's:

1. All Souls Mass Saturday 2nd November 9am
2. Saturday 9th 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.
3. Sunday 10th November 10am -1pm - Burial ground stories of Pāuatahanui, part of the Heritage Festival.

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Lord, teach us how to pray:

The next four petitions of the Lord's Prayer still focus upon God but more directly address our need of Him and the need for us to offer ourselves to Him as an offering. In these petitions we pray:

"Give us this day our daily bread..." We acknowledge that God is the source of all our daily needs, including the forgiveness of our sins and protection from all evil. This petition, like the opening of the Lord's Prayer, expresses our child-like need to trust in God to care for us.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us:

This may be one of the most difficult of the petitions to pray. Forgiveness is two sided. The only way to receive God's mercy and forgiveness is to give it. And the extent that we offer mercy and forgiveness is the extent that we open our hearts to receive it. We must also forgive others so that God will forgive us.

And lead us not into temptation:

Temptation is real. We all encounter it and sometimes temptations are too much for our own human strength. But fear not, temptations are never too much for the grace of God. Therefore, this petition is a way of saying, "Lord, I am weak and by myself I will fail. Therefore, I entrust myself to You so that I will never be led astray by the many temptations I will certainly face." If we completely turn to Him in the midst of temptation, we can be certain that He will come to our side.

But deliver us from evil:

This petition is a way of praying for protection from "the evil one," Satan. Evil being in other words, the lack of something. It is the lack of God. We must pray to be kept safe from the evil one, from the one who has completely lost God.

Reflect, today, upon this perfect prayer, the Our Father. We are so familiar with this prayer that we can forget its true meaning. Saint Ignatius of Loyola recommends pondering every word of that prayer very slowly, one word at a time. Try to pray this way, today, and allow the Our Father to move from babbling to authentic communication with the Father in Heaven.

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

Watch Bishop Michael Gielen's teaching on the Our Father on <https://youtu.be/6BapiUSgRo0?feature=shared>

Service Rosters for 21/22 September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery		Veronica Young
Greeters	Maureen Wilmshurst		Klara Noldan
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Annemaree Deed		Ray Wolken
Altar Servers			Jack & Alex Buchanan
Karanga			Isabelle 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
Service Rosters for 28/29 September – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Kelly Ross		Sef Truyens
Greeters	Rosaleen & Jeff Larsen		Alwyn Kelly & Gary Calderwood
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Noemi Thomas		Rosaleen Taylor
Altar Servers			Colin Feng, Michael Bastian
Karanga			Janet McClean
Children's Liturgy			School holidays – No Children's Liturgy
Proclaimer of The Word	Rommel Anthony		Anne Dodds
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mary Cruz, Grant Baker		Richard Barraclough, Jude McKee, Paul Kerr
Hospitality			Jonathan Burchell & Anne Dodds
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Gina Rollandi

Service Rosters for 5/6 October – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher		Julian Howard
Greeters	Frances & Brian Collins		Kaye & Richard Barraclough
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Carmel Keane		Graham Taylor
Altar Servers			Emily, Isabelle & Nicholas Aubrey
Karanga			Phoebe McClean
Children's Liturgy			School holidays – No Children's Liturgy
Proclaimer of The Word			Youth
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Angela Reiher, Alan Fleming		Russell Plume, Klara Noldan, Laurie Smith
Hospitality			Dilran Perera & Peter Rawnsley