

St. Theresa's Parish

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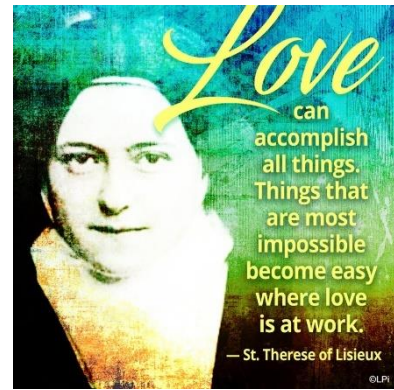
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Parish Priest: Cardinal John Dew

29 September 2024 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment

Monday 30 September

No Liturgy of the Word or Adoration
(School holidays)

7pm Alpha in the hall

Tuesday 1 October – St Theresa's Feast Day

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Holy Hour

7:30pm RCIA meeting in the office

Wednesday 2 October

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Prayer Group

Thursday 3 October

9.30am Mass

7:30pm Liturgy Committee meeting
in the office.

Friday 4 October

9.30am Mass

10:00am SVDP meet in the hall

Saturday 5 October

11am Rosary and Adoration in the
Church

5.30pm Rosary before Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 6 October – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Rosary before Mass

9:30am Mass

Please welcome Mons Gerard Burns and Fr Tikoua Kautu who will be celebrating Masses with us this weekend.



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Gospel Reflection – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and

fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

Father John Muir ©LPI





From Tuesday October 1st, Cardinal John Dew will be celebrating Masses with us until the end of December. Please take the time to say hello and welcome Cardinal John. We thank Fr Alfred Tong, Fr Matt Crawford, Mons Gerard Burns and Fr Tikoua Kautu who have kindly celebrated Masses with us over the last two weekends.



St Vincent de Paul members

Please remember to return the St. Vincent de Paul grocery bags this weekend.

Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society will be in the foyer to

receive your grocery bag at Masses. We are grateful for anything you can donate to our food bank. The need is great, and with your help, we are able to meet that need. Thank You.



Anniversaries - May they RIP:

Allen Roper, Kathleen Mulhern, Margaret Dowling, Suzanne Townshend, Marie Fonseca and Kevin Hawke

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 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.

DIVINE RENOVATION

This book has been written by James Mallen and is a step-by-step manual to renovate the divinity of a parish. If anyone would like to read this book, we are waiting to receive a couple of copies from Pleroma. If you would like to watch a YouTube video on this book, here are the links below.

Part 1 - Crisis of Identity

<https://youtu.be/C18V0l28-2U>

Part 2 - Leadership & Vision

<https://youtu.be/pRbAuzhaA9Q>

Part 3 - Forming a Missionary Parish

https://youtu.be/d_Q3Vnrgshg

Part 4 - The Importance of Culture

<https://youtu.be/hNw5xvTfe0s>

Part 5 - The Role of the Holy Spirit

<https://youtu.be/GRu1qXcm-fA>

YOU'RE INVITED TO A
FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF



**LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI
3 PAKAKARIKI HILL ROAD
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOV 8.00PM
ARRIVE FROM 7.00PM | TICKETS \$22**

St Joseph's Day Fundraiser to support the care & upkeep of St Joseph's historic church Pauatahanui

This will be a Christmas-themed event with raffles etc including festive cheer

For tickets please contact: Karen Ross
karen.ross54@gmail.com or 027 645 6696

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS AND EVENTS

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



BEHIND THE WINDOW – ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PĀUATAHANUI

and the Vella Croatian Connections
2 pm, 9 November 2024, St Joseph's Catholic Church Pāuatahanui

Vella family window, St Joseph's Church, Pauatahanui, Photo, R McClean, March 2018

Behind the window is a partial view and insight into the Vella family window, St Joseph's Church, Pauatahanui,

history of the Vella whānau and the Croatian connections with history of the the Vella whānau and the Croatian connection with the 146 year old St Joseph's Church, Pāuatahanui. It is a story with all the facets of a thrilling tale – birth, youth, adventure, love, romance, war, peace, death. It is a migrants tale of travel and dislocation but also about living with tangata whenua – Ngāti Toa Rangatira on Te Mana o Kupe (Mana Island).

Robert McClean is a Principal Advisor for Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, the mandated iwi authority for Ngāti Toa Rangatira. Robert graduated from Massey University with degrees in resource management and historical geography. Currently, Robert is a (part-time) doctoral student at the Museum and Heritage Studies Programme, Stout Research Centre, Te Herenga Waka-Victoria University of Wellington. Robert's work experience at the Waitangi Tribunal, Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga, Ministry for the Environment and Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira has ranged from environmental history, iwi environmental management, heritage planning, disaster response/recovery, resource management policy and climate change. Robert is a descendent of Mariano and Elizabeth Vella who are the central characters of this story – behind the window!

Fr Augustine Valooran VC (Director of DRC India) Visit to New Zealand - October 2024

Save the date for October 14, 2024! The DRC NZ Wellington unit is hosting a retreat from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, led by Fr. Augustine Vallooran VC from DRC India. This event presents a valuable chance for everyone to participate in spiritual development and rejuvenation. Further inquiries: 0273476327
Email: drcnzwellingtonunit@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE WITH THE SAINTS TOUR 2025

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead this 17 day tour of Portugal, Spain and France in June next year. For full details and itinerary please email Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at info@travlink.co.nz or phone 0800 99 7788.

THIS WEEK IS CHILD SAFEGUARDING WEEK. The [Child Safeguarding Week](#) website has great content to help [keep kids safe online](#), [what you can do](#) and useful [resources](#). Take advantage of the [online events](#) and offers being made available to you during the week:

- FREE E-LEARNING courses!
 - Podcast - Keeping kids safe online
 - Podcast - Peer-to-Peer harm in online spaces
 - Podcast - Protecting children in New Zealand and overseas
 - Live Webinar - Children's Privacy Rights in the Digital Age
 - Live Webinar - Supporting our rangatahi to navigate the new online sexual landscape
- To learn more about these online events and register, click [here](#).



SEASON OF CREATION

"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things. (# 222 *Laudato Si'*)

Action: Say a prayer of appreciation for the small things that make you happy e.g. a tree starting to bud in your garden.

Season of Creation Liturgy on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

**Friday 4 October: St Francis Day
To Hope and Act with Creation**

The Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission and St Francis of Assisi Parish invite you to a Season of Creation Liturgy
Where: St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish (37 Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville Wellington).
When: 7pm cuppa for 7.30 pm start on Friday 4th October



Young Church

TUĀKANA

2025

Passionate about your faith and community?
Love youth ministry and want to work with college students in their schools?

Come and join us as a
Tuākana Youth Minister in 2025!
Multiple part-time positions.
Applications are open now.

For more info and to apply visit:
www.wn.catholic.org.nz/adw_community/tuakana

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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
	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
Altar Society		Gina Rollandi