

St. Theresa's Parish

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6 October 2024 | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment

Monday 7 October

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

The Church is shut today as we will be having boiler treatment carried out.

No Liturgy of the Word or Adoration (School holidays)

7pm Alpha in the hall

Tuesday 8 October

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

7:30pm RCIA meeting in the office

Wednesday 9 October

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Prayer Group in the hall

Thursday 10 October

9.30am Mass

Friday 11 October

9.30am Mass

10:00am SVDP meet in the hall

Saturday 12 October

5.30pm Rosary before Mass

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 13 October – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Rosary before Mass

9:30am Mass

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a young pastor years ago, I met with a middle-aged couple who had been divorced and civilly remarried. They were frustrated that an annulment had to precede a Church marriage. Sympathising with their plight, I promised to walk with them along their journey. Once as we sat in my office, the man said to me, "Why is the Church so difficult on marriage?" I replied, "Actually, Jesus' teaching is what's difficult." He furrowed his brow and asked what I meant.

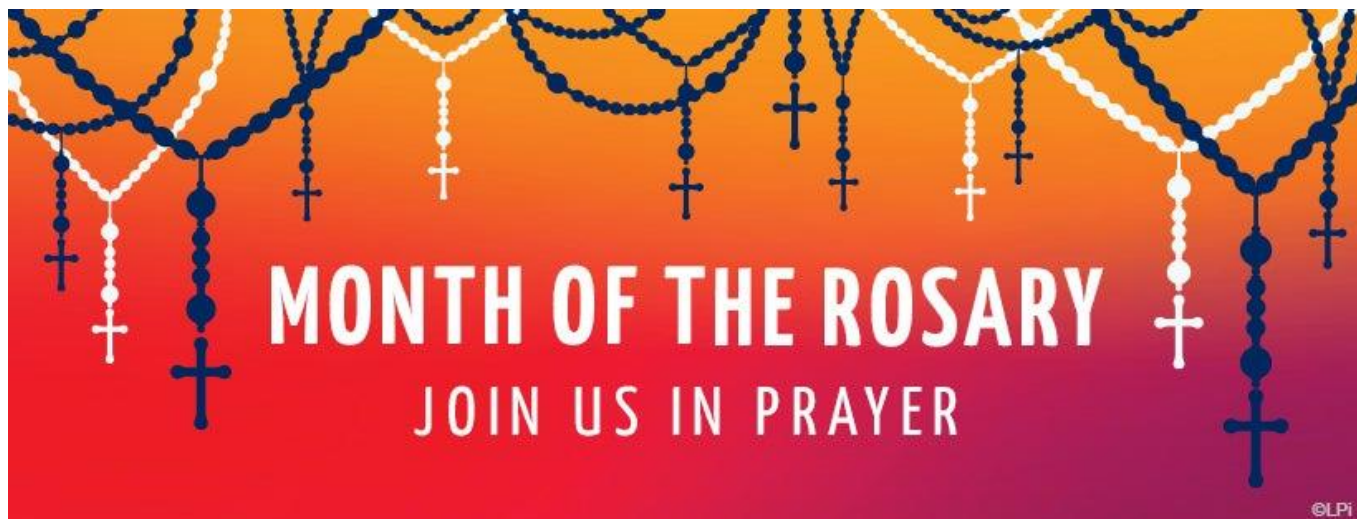
We opened the Bible and together read today's gospel passage from Mark 10:12 in which Jesus says, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery with her..." My two friends sat in silent astonishment. Surely Jesus understands the complexities of human life and sexual love. The words hung thick and heavy in the air. How could the merciful Lord be so seemingly unrealistic in his expectations, especially with so much divorce and remarriage in our world?

I didn't know what to say. So, we kept reading. Next, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me." The innocence of children allows them to receive and give love, to trust unconditionally, to believe in love that endures. Most children aren't yet jaded by statistics, broken hearts, or dysfunctional relationships. Children remind us of the world to come. The couple and I began to talk about child-like trust in Jesus and his teaching, and we continued to move forward. When it comes to the Church's demanding teaching on marriage, it's best to approach it as trusting children, whatever situations in which we find ourselves. — Father John Muir ©LPi



CELEBRATION SUNDAY – Suzanne Aubert
'Let my actions be a continual prayer and speak to you of my love'

We join with the Sisters of Compassion and all peoples of Aotearoa, New Zealand to celebrate the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa. Following her example, we pray that our actions will be a continual prayer that speak of Christ's love for all.



Praying the Rosary in October

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also known as Our Lady of Victories established by Pope St Pius V. Before the naval Battle of Lepanto on the 7th of October 1571, the Pope requested Christians to pray the rosary. He attributed the victory of the battle to the intercession of Mary in the rosary rather than the power of ships and cannons.

Inviting all parishioners to join in praying the rosary this month of October especially for peace in the Middle East.

Before Mass each Saturday Vigil and Sunday in the Church during the month of October we will pray one of the four sets of mysteries of the Rosary.

This will begin **half an hour before** Mass time. **5:30pm** before Saturday Vigil and **9:00am** before Sunday.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERS

On behalf of our SVdP Plimmerton conference, I wish to thank you for your most generous response to our food Bank appeal. We were blown

away by the number of food items that were donated, and as a consequence the shelves in the pantry have certainly been replenished. This of course will greatly benefit the families who need to use our service. We as a conference are so very appreciative and feel blessed to be part of this generous community that is St Theresa's. God bless you all,
Robyn Teppett (SVdP President).



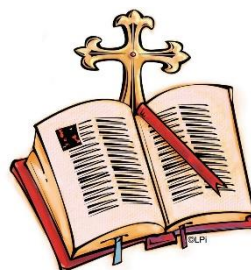
Anniversaries - May they RIP:

Edward Reidy, Jacqueline Nolan and Eva Madden.

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

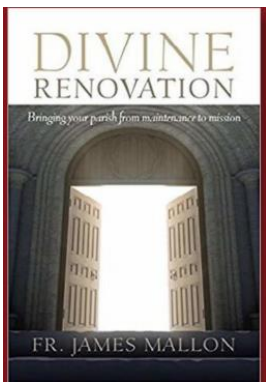
ST JOSEPH'S NEWS AND EVENTS

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.



Readings for this weekend.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time /
First Reading: (Gn 2:18-24)
Psalm: (Ps 128)
Second Reading: (Heb 2 9:11)
Gospel: (Mk 10:2-16)



DIVINE RENOVATION

This book has been written by James Mallon 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/C18V0I28-2U>

Part 2 - Leadership & Vision

<https://youtu.be/pRbAuzhaA9Q>

Part 3 - Forming a Missionary Parish

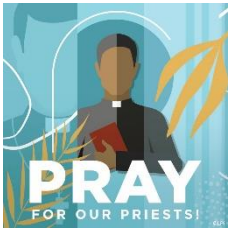
https://youtu.be/d_Q3Vnrgshg

Part 4 - The Importance of Culture

<https://youtu.be/hNw5xvTfe0s>

Part 5 - The Role of the Holy Spirit

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



Let us pray for our retired priests. The international day dedicated to the older person was 1st October.

Lord our God,
Source of our eternal salvation, we
pray for your most humble servants,

our retired priests:

For their wisdom that shines like a lamp at our feet
May our love keep their path clear for future journeys
To help them always find their way home.

For every kind word and care they've given
May your mercy be a well of immeasurable depth
So they may know true comfort.

For the strength they lent us in times of strife
May your light pierce through the darkest shadows
To let hope abide forever in their hearts.

For giving us our faithful shepherds
We thank you, Loving Father,
And ask you to look after them in retirement
Just as they looked after their grateful flock.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son,
And through the intercession of Mary, our beloved
Mother.
Amen

**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



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
McClea, 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 McClea 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!

JOSHUA WELLINGTON back in Connolly Hall for the second time after 6 years; next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace. Come and join other men **on** Thursday 17th October from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start for meeting followed by supper.

Speaker: Rainer Hensel on **“The Lord has set me free from all my fears”**

Want to know more? Ring **David Monastra 027-4477-280** or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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

Service Rosters for 12/13 October – 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Russell Plume
Greeters	Laupepa Va'a	Isabelle Williams/Christine Story
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Cath Gardner	James Aubrey
Altar Servers		Jack & Alex Buchanan, Sammy Cato
Karanga		Margriet Lynch
Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy
Proclaimer of The Word	Audrey Hinder	Phil Reiher
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosaleen Larsen Mike Montgomery	Hamish Baker, Catherine Blank, Luke Barber
Hospitality		Rosaleen & Jeff Larsen
Altar Society		

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