

# St. Theresa's Parish

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27 October 2024 | 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



## In our Parish this week

### Reconciliation

Is available by appointment

#### Monday 28 October

**NO** Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration until 1.30pm – **Labour Day**

**7pm** Alpha in the hall

#### Tuesday 29 October

**9.30am** – **NO** Liturgy of the word with Holy Communion

**7:30pm** RCIA meeting in the office

#### Wednesday 30 October

**9.30am** Mass

**10am** Prayer Group meet in the Reconciliation room

#### Thursday 31 October

**9.30am** Mass

#### Friday 1 November

**9.30am** Mass

**10.15am** SVDP meet in the hall

#### Saturday 2 November

**6.00pm** Vigil Mass

#### Sunday 3 November – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:30am** Mass



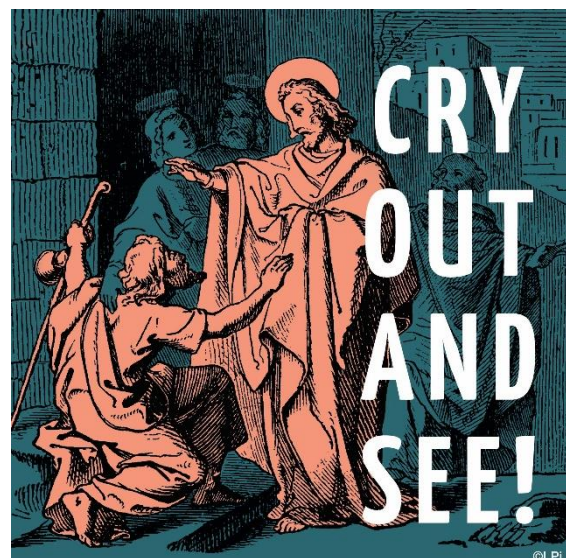
## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

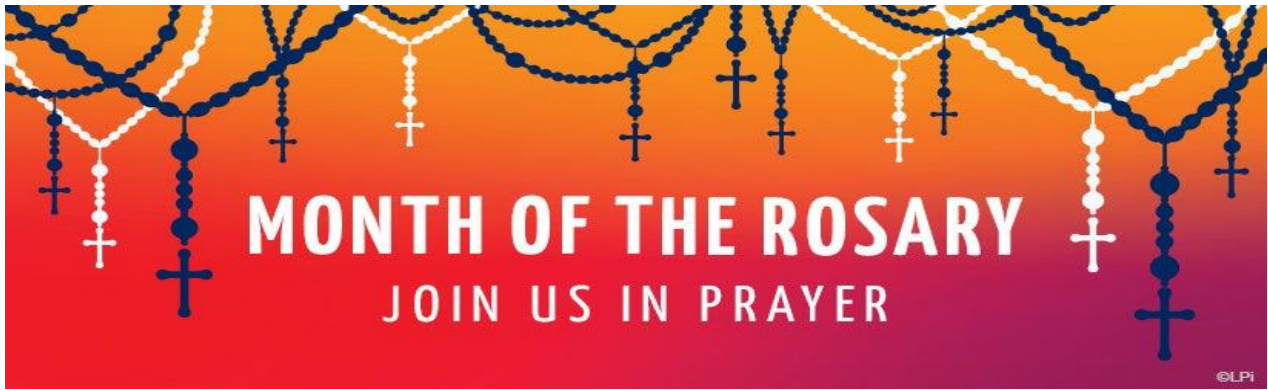
Near my house there is a school for the blind. Often, I see blind people learning how to navigate the world with only a walking stick, even on a busy street with roaring traffic. I'm amazed to see how adept and carefully they get around without sight. Nevertheless, often a sadness arises in me that he or she cannot see all the beautiful colors, images, and persons filling the world around them. Those days, I find myself deeply grateful for the basic privilege of sight.

That's part of why the mystery of Jesus as the sight-giver is so moving to me. This week, it's wonderful how Bartimaeus the blind man is no longer content with his limitation and bellows out his desire for Jesus' mercy. In beautiful simplicity, he cries out to the Lord, "Master, let me receive my sight." Jesus quietly heals his sight. And off he goes, fully taking in the world around him. Imagine the delightful new way in which he is able to respond to the world.

Like blind Bartimaeus and the courageous people in my neighborhood, we may be able to get around reasonably well in our daily lives. But we are blind to the gestures of heroic love of people close to us. We can't see the desperate need of the hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, exploited, endangered, and so on, in our midst. We can't see Jesus drawing near to us in so many ways, but he is. This Sunday let's cry out to him: Lord have mercy on me! I want to see! And little by little — or perhaps in a flash — we'll see once again, or perhaps for the first time.

*Father John Muir*



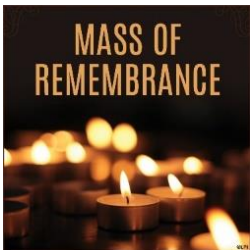


### Praying the Rosary in October

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### 13 November at 7pm: Remembrance Mass

Come along to remember all our loved ones who have passed away. Please bring a flower and photo of your loved one to place at the Altar. There will be a shared supper following the Mass.

Please bring a small plate to share .



Congratulations to Isla Giles on your First Holy Communion. It was very special to have this during Buddy Mass and to have Cardinal John celebrate the Mass for us.



#### Anniversaries - May they

##### RIP:

Allen Roper, Kathleen

Mulhern, Margaret Dowling, Suzan Townshend, 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

PASSIONIST  
FAMILY GROUP  
MOVEMENT



#### Passionist Family Group (PFG):

Invite all Passionist Family Groups and anyone interested in joining a group to a pot luck dinner on **Saturday 16 November from 7pm**

Please BYO drinks and a plate to share.

All are welcome!

#### PFG: Grass Roots & KAOS

Fred and Yvonne would like to welcome you to a Pot luck lunch on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.

Time: 12.30ish Where: 51 Oxford St, Tawa

Need directions: Yvonne 0226 336 107

Please RSVP [frednyvon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:frednyvon@xtra.co.nz)



**PFG:** Recently *Andy's Angels* celebrated 21 years as a Passionist Family Group. Congratulations Andy's Angels!

## ST JOSEPH'S WORKING BEES AND EVENTS

To make sure the St. Joseph's property is looking its best for all these exciting events, your help would be most appreciated on these days:

**Labour Day Monday 28 October 10 am** (wet weather alternative Sunday 3rd November)**Saturday 30 November** (wet weather alternative Saturday 7 December)

Please bring any cleaning and outdoor tools you may need. Thanks in advance for your support!



### All Souls' Day Mass Saturday 2 November

To commemorate all the Faithful Departed this year, Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal John at St Joseph's

church Pāuatahanui at **9.30am on Saturday 2 November. All are welcome!** We are aware there may be more traffic than usual in the area because of Lamb and Calf Day at Pāuatahanui School. Limited parking outside the gate and over along Bradey Rd. There will be two parks up the church driveway reserved for those with disabled parking permits.

**Saturday 9 November 2pm** - "Behind the Window" a talk by Robert McClean followed by afternoon tea.

<https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/behind-the-window/>

**Sunday 10 November 10 am - 1 pm** - Burial ground stories of Pāuatahanui, <https://wellingtonheritagefestival.co.nz/event/burial-ground-stories-from-pauatahanui/>

**Wednesday 20 November 7pm for 8pm** screening Lighthouse Cinema Movie night of "Lee" starring Kate Winslet, Christmas themed raffles and giveaways.

**Sunday 15 December 4pm** - Christmas Carols



Theft of the historic bell from St Joseph's Pauatahanui. **Between 5pm on 7 October and 9.30am on 8 October.**

The historic Bell of St Joseph's Historic Catholic Church was stolen from its Bell Tower. This is the original bell donated to the church and has been untouched for just under 150 years.

St Joseph's Church at Pauatahanui is a small local Category 1 historic landmark. It was hidden from immediate view for most

of its life, but the arrival of Transmission Gully and the realignment of the road near the church has made it very visible to passing traffic. It was built with funds contributed by local families in 1878. The bell has minor value as metal, but very major value as part of the community story of St Joseph's.

These days St Joseph's is carefully maintained, in association with the church's owners St Theresa's Parish, by a small local group of Stewards who co-ordinate day to day oversight and fundraising for costs associated with St Joseph's. Presently St Joseph's remains in good condition and plays a role in the local and Parish community. It is still a place of active worship.



The Stewards would welcome any information leading to its return, or the return of the bell itself. Any help with this will be very much appreciated.

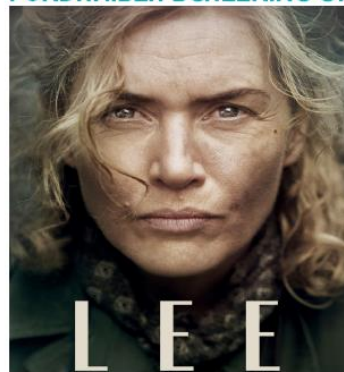
### We need your help please

To generate funds to support St Joseph's the Stewards schedule fundraising events and grant applications, and accept donations.

We are asking the Parish to support our upcoming movie fundraiser (details below) and/or consider making a donation to St Joseph's. An old building takes a lot of care and all funds raised are used to maintain and preserve the church and site.

Order movie tickets (see poster below) or to make a donation credit St Joseph's account 02 0548 0388362 00 please reference with your name, all donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be issued if you email [stjosephschurchpauatahanui@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephschurchpauatahanui@gmail.com)

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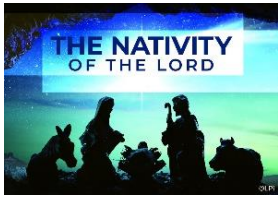
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**LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI  
3 PAKAKARIKI HILL ROAD  
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOV 8.00PM  
ARRIVE FROM 7.00PM | TICKETS \$22**

Fundraiser to support the care and 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](mailto:karen.ross54@gmail.com) or 027 645 6696



Calling all organisers... we need someone to run and organise the childrens Christmas play – 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve. No need to worry about writing a script... we have plays available, costumes, stunning hand painted backdrops and now we just need an enthusiastic organiser to take the lead or share the role with a friend. If you are interested feel free to email the office: [st.theresas1940@gmail.com](mailto:st.theresas1940@gmail.com)

Service Rosters Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher	Sef Truyens
Proclaimer of the Word	Annemaree Deed	Ray Wolken
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Jude McKee	Veronica Young
Altar Servers		Brooke Barber, Esther Davies
Kaikaranga		Janet McClean
Greeter	Margaret & Grant Baker	Yvonne Feng
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grant Baker, Alan Fleming	Walter Dempsey, Dorothy Gibbs, Sef Truyens
Hospitality		Isabelle & Joseph Williams
Altar Society		Angela Reiher

Service Rosters for Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November – 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Julian Howard
Greeters	Mike Montgomery	Anne Dodds & Barbara Harris
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Rommel Anthony	Anne Dodds
Altar Servers		Brooke Barber, Alexandra Baker
Karanga		Phoebe McClean
Children's Liturgy		Trish Fitzsimons
Proclaimer of The Word	Mary Va'a	Youth
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosaleen Larsen, Mike Montgomery	Richard Barraclough, Jude McKee, Paul Kerr
Hospitality		Kayren & Laurie Smith
Altar Society		Maureen Barber

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