

St. Theresa's Parish

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3 November 2024 | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment

Monday 4 November

10am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration until 1.30pm

7pm Alpha in the hall

Tuesday 5 November

9.30am – Liturgy of the word with Holy Communion

7pm – Holy Hour in the church

7:30pm RCIA meeting in the office

Wednesday 6 November

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Prayer Group in the hall

Thursday 7 November

9.30am Mass

Friday 8 November

9.30am Mass

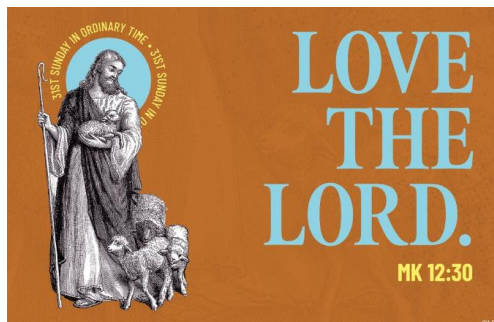
Saturday 9 November

11am Rosary and Adoration in the church

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 10 November– 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass

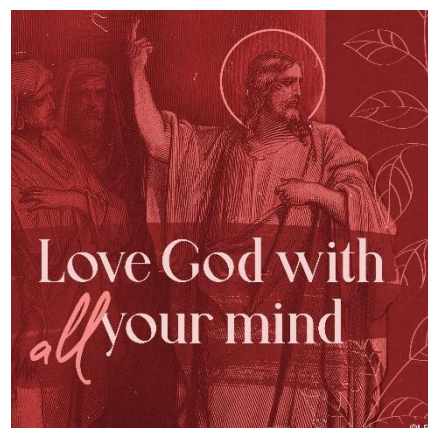


31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, “And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’” Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with “all your mind.” Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth. - Father John Muir ©LPi





Passionist Family Group (PFG): RE-LAUNCH event

Inviting 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 dish to share. Anyone is welcome to come along, other PFG members will be there for you to chat with.

PFG: Grass Roots & KAOS

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

Time: 12.30pm Where: 51 Oxford St, Tawa

Need directions: Yvonne 0226 336 107

Please RSVP frednyvon@xtra.co.nz



Last Sunday Cardinal John shared this prayer: 'The Quiet One'

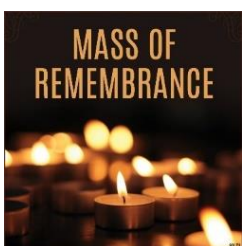
Into the din of our inner confusion
You come, gentle as a single snowflake.
Into the rush of our continual hurry
You come, slow as a melting icicle.

Into the pressure of endless activity
You come, easy as a restful breathing.
Into the constant voices of demand
You come, silent as a falling star.
Quiet one, restorer of stillness
You are present. Waiting to be welcomed.



Over the weekend we welcomed Luca Thomson. All our blessings and love go out to Luca as he begins his spiritual journey!

Please keep Luca's parents Christopher and Madisson in your prayers.



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 .

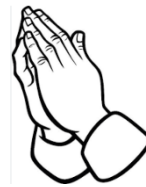


Anniversaries - May they RIP:

Melanie Greening, Jean Gadd, Victoria Eden, Ruth Dobbs, Rosaleen Conway.

RIP Pelagia Evavia (Mary Cruz's sister). Sadly Pelagia died on Tuesday 29th October in Chicago. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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.



Year of Prayer and Holy Hour:

Pope Francis declared 2024 The Year of Prayer, ahead of the 2025 Jubilee Year. He explained his intention for this year as dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer,

prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world."

During this Year of Prayer, all parishes are encouraged to promote times for contemplative silent prayer.

We are offering an opportunity for an evening hour of adoration every month. Please join us on Tuesday 5th of November 7pm - 8pm for our monthly Holy Hour.

Spend an hour in loving adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the needs of yourself, our community, for vocations and for peace in the world.



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



Church Working Bee

Thank you so much to those who came and helped with our recent working bee. They have another working bee date: **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. on 7 October 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.

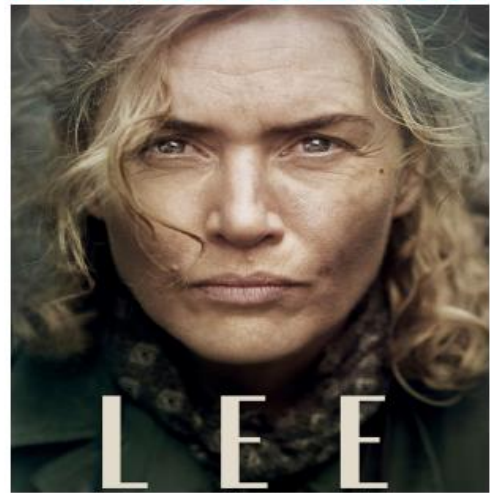
To generate funds to support St Joseph's the Stewards schedule fundraising events and grant applications, and accept donations.

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

*Movie tickets will be on sale **Saturday 2 November** before and after vigil mass in the church foyer.*

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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 or 027 645 6696

Service Rosters for Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November – 31st 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

Service Rosters for Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th November – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Kelly Ross	Veronica Young
Greeters	Robyn Teppett	Jonathan Burchell
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Audrey Hinder	Graham Taylor
Altar Servers		Josh Kerr, Noah Kerr
Karanga		Margriet Lynch
Children's Liturgy		Tandi McCarthy
Proclaimer of The Word	Noemi Thomas	Rosaleen Taylor
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kelly Ross, Mary Cruz	Julian Howard, Laurie Smith, Hamish Baker
Hospitality		Hugh & Catherine Blank
Altar Society		Maureen Barber

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