

St. Theresa's Parish

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26 January 2025 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time



In our Parish this week

On Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 we will celebrate Sunday of the Word of God

Reconciliation

Is available after Mass or by appointment

Monday 27 January

9.30am No Mass

No Adoration until February when school resumes

Tuesday 28 January

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Wednesday 29 January

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Thursday 30 January

9.30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday 31 January

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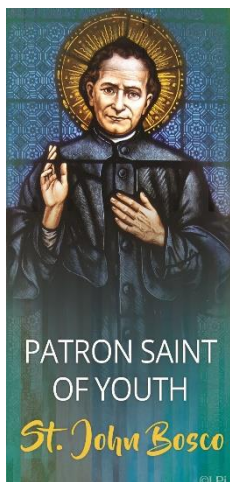
10.15am SVDP meet in the hall

Saturday 1 February

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 2 February

9:30am Mass



Please welcome Fr Noel Corcino who will be celebrating the weekend Masses with us.



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A young couple in my Parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She

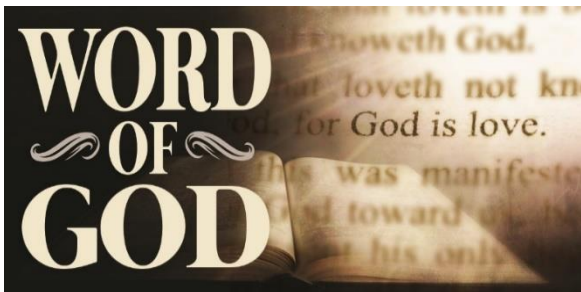
wanted a baby sister!" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realise this man is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad? Father John Muir ©LPI



We will be welcoming Fr Ravi Kumar Voliganti as our Parish Administrator next weekend (1&2 February).



The Church celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time each year, this year over the weekend 25/26 January. Pope Francis established the day in 2019 which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. In 2025, it will be celebrated in St Peter’s Basilica in the presence of Pope Francis on Sunday 26 January 2025, as an integral part of the Jubilee Year. The motto chosen is taken from the book of the Psalms: “I hope in your Word” (Ps 119:74).

Sunday of the Word of God is a good opportunity to better engage with the Sacred Scriptures in our daily life and we are encouraged to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred Scripture.

There are many online sources or apps that offer daily Bible readings.

Preparing for the Sunday readings the week before is another way to find hope in the Word. Some online resources are:

<https://universalis.com/mass.htm>

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

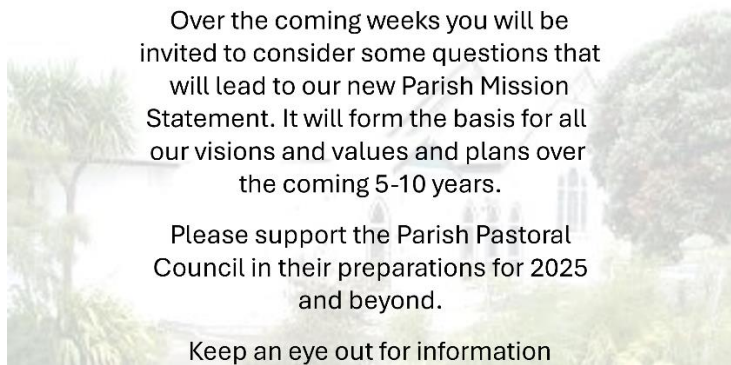
Catholic Daily app.

MISSION STATEMENT

Over the coming weeks you will be invited to consider some questions that will lead to our new Parish Mission Statement. It will form the basis for all our visions and values and plans over the coming 5-10 years.

Please support the Parish Pastoral Council in their preparations for 2025 and beyond.

Keep an eye out for information



Has your teenager signed up to the Youth Ministry at St Theresa’s? To register please contact Anne Dodds on 027 311 0551 or email anneedodds@gmail.com.



First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist is open for enrolment. Children who are in Year 4 and older are welcome to join the programme. The programme will run in the first three terms of the school year and the first session is Sunday 2nd March. The last day for enrolments is Sunday 10th February.

If you have any questions, please contact the office: st.theresas1940@gmail.com



Anniversaries – May they RIP

Noel Dobbs, Margaret McClean, Agnes Murray & Mary Upham.

Those who are sick: Holly O’Connell, Richard Gibbs, Arthur O’Leary, David Wootton, Jocelyn Bryant, Luca Ashworth, Cristina Fleming, Patricia Maher, Andrew Stewart.



KAOS and Grass Roots Family Groups

Poolside Brunch Sunday 26 January 11 am. Bring togs and food to share.

Maria and Mark Ludgate’s

55 Muri Road, Pukerua Bay RSVP david-veronica@xtra.co.nz



Monthly Hour of Adoration

Resumes in 2025 every **first Tuesday** of the month.

We begin 2025 with a Biblical Adoration, following on from Word of God Sunday. Please join us as we share

in a Lectio Divina reflection and have some quiet time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.



You are invited to the Jubilee Year Opening Mass at Sacred Heart

Cathedral this Sunday 26 January at 10am. All are welcome.



Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Jubilees are designed to be a time of conversion and increased emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins. They are marked by the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. The Holy Doors, present in each of the four papal basilicas in Rome, are destination points for pilgrims who travel to Rome during a Jubilee and who pass through seeking special graces and outpourings of God's mercy. The last Ordinary Jubilee

was the Great Jubilee of 2000, celebrated by Pope John Paul II.

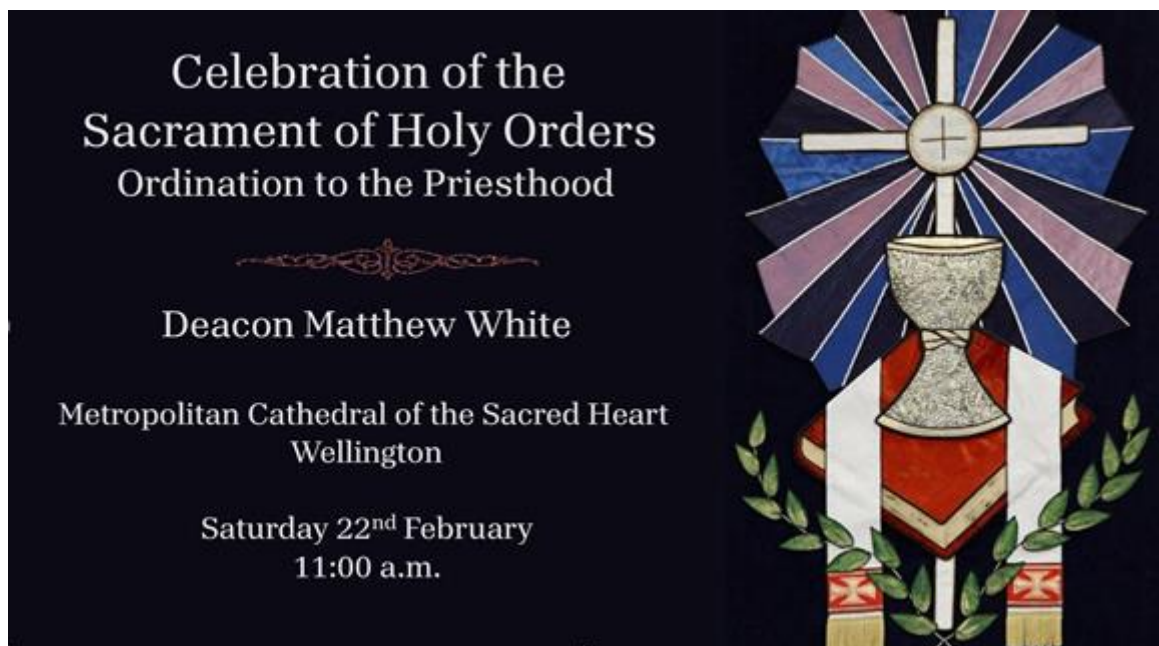
The office of Archdiocese of Wellington has produced a list of selected themes that are to be addressed by local parishes. Those themes include, among many other things, a Jubilee of Sickness & Health Workers, a Jubilee of Teenagers and Children, a Jubilee of the Poor. The Liturgy Committee is now looking at how we as a parish should address these themes. If you'd like to be part of the team please contact the office.



Every 25 years the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope".

Bishop Steve Lowe will be leading a jubilee pilgrimage this year, departing 29th September for 17 nights with Harvest Journeys. The pilgrimage "Our Way of Hope" will begin in Lyon, the mother Church for the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New

Zealand and journey to Rome. On the way pilgrims will meet pilgrims of the past who have influenced our local and the universal Church, and who will inspire hope as the group prepares to pass through the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and receive the Jubilee blessing. **Refer to the poster in foyer for full itinerary.**



| Service Rosters for Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 January 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary time - Word of God Sunday | | |
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| Mass Time: | 6:00 pm | 9:30 am |
| Sacristan | Mike Montgomery | Julian Howard |
| Greeters | | Volunteers please |
| Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful | Cath Gardner | Ray Wolken |
| Altar Servers | | Volunteers please |
| Karanga | | Frankie Blank |
| Children's Liturgy | School holidays no Children's Liturgy | |
| Proclaimer of The Word | Rommel Anthony | Jude McKee |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Rosaleen Larsen, Mike Montgomery | Hamish Baker, Catherine Blank, Luke Barber |
| Hospitality | | Volunteers please |
| Altar Society | | Maureen Wilmshurst |

| Service Rosters for Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord | | |
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| Mass Time: | 6:00 pm | 9:30 am |
| Sacristan | Kelly Ross | Russell Plume |
| Greeters | Laupepa Va'a | Klara Noldan |
| Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful | Rommel Anthony | Anne Dodds |
| Altar Servers | | Volunteers |
| Karanga | | TBC |
| Children's Liturgy | | School Holidays no children's Liturgy |
| Proclaimer of The Word | Carmel Keane | Audrey Hinder |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Kelly Ross, Mary Cruz | Gillian Quinn, Dan Blank, Klara Noldan |
| Hospitality | | Volunteer please |
| Altar Society | | TBC |



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