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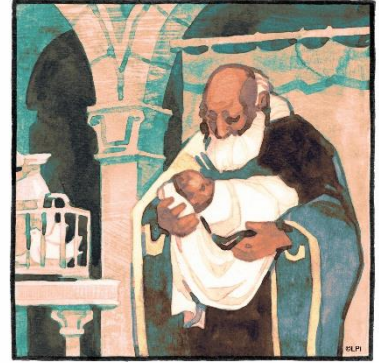
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2 February 2025 | The Presentation of the Lord



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available after Mass or
by appointment

Monday 3 February

10.00am NO Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

Tuesday 4 February

Term 1 start

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 5 February

9.30am Mass

7pm Pastoral Council Meeting in hall

Thursday 6 February – Waitangi Day

9.30am Mass

Friday 7 February

9.30am Mass

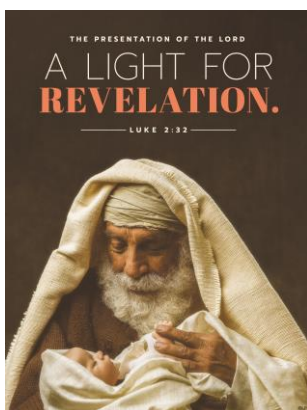
10.30am Fr Bill Warwick to celebrate the
wedding of Nicole Sampson

Saturday 8 February

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9 February

9:30am Mass



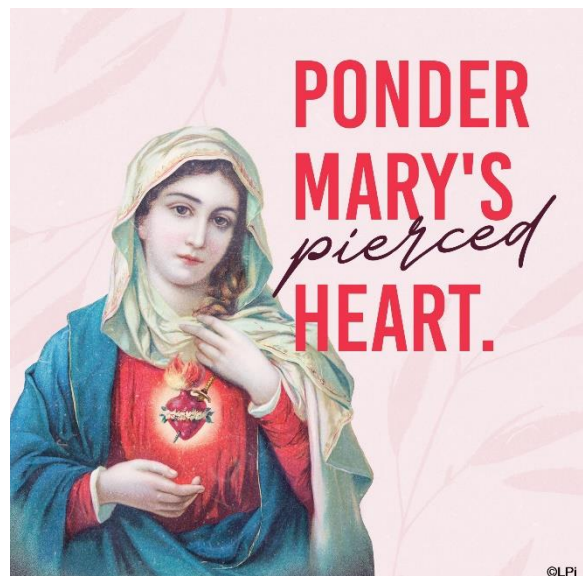
The Presentation of the Lord

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

Father John Muir ©LPI





Welcome back FR RAVI

This week we welcome back Fr Ravi into St. Theresa's as our Parish Administrator. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Fr Ravi when you next see him. This Sunday 2nd of February we will be hosting a shared morning tea after Mass. All are welcome to attend, please bring a plate to share.



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.



Calling all youth from Years 7-13. You are welcome to come to the St Theresa's Youth Group each Sunday afternoon, in the Parish hall, from 3-5pm starting 16 February, excluding school holidays. Parents/caregivers will need to leave their contact details at the door. Any queries please contact Anne Dodds 027311



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

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



Wedding

You are invited to the wedding of Irene and David on Friday **14 February** at **1pm**. Cardinal John will be celebrating the nuptials of the couple in our church.



REMEMBER

in your prayers

Anniversaries – May they RIP

Nora Ahern, Jean O'Connor, Patricia Porteners, Vincent O'Sullivan, Simon Kelly, Margaret Berry & Bill Scott.

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



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 Sicknes & 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.

Waitangi Day Mass

Thursday February 6th
9:00 a.m.

St Mary of the Angels church, Boulcott St, Wellington

The customary Mass to mark Waitangi Day will be held at the national shrine of Mary, Whaea o te Atua (Mother of God) with Archbishop Paul Martin presiding. The Mass includes prayers and hymns in Māori, English, Latin and other languages .



A feature of the church is the special artwork presenting Mary, dressed as a woman of Aotearoa. The work includes places connected with the history of the Church here, including Te Tii marae in Waitangi.

All welcome, nau mai, haere mai!



METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART

Jubilee of Married Couples and St Valentine's Day Mass:

Married and engaged couples are warmly invited to this special celebration of marriage. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Friday 14th February at 6pm**, with refreshments to follow. Come and join us for Mass with plenty of time for a dinner reservation afterwards.

Service Rosters for Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord

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		Klara Noldan

Service Rosters for Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Russell Plume
Greeters	Gina Rollandi & Kelly Ross	Alwyn Kelly & Gary Calderwood
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Mary Va'a	James Aubrey
Altar Servers		TBC
Karanga		TBC
Children's Liturgy		TBC
Proclaimer of The Word	Annemaree Deed	Rosaleen Larsen
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Alan Fleming, Rosaleen Larsen	Julian Howard, Sef Truyens, Richard Barraclough
Hospitality		Anne Dodds & Jonathan Burchell
Altar Society		Klara Noldan

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 DAUGHTER DEVIL LOST
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 SCRAPS TABLE WELL

