

# St. Theresa's Parish

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9 February 2025 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## In our Parish this week

### **Reconciliation**

Is available after Mass or  
by appointment

#### **Monday 10 February**

**9am** Mass

**9:30am – 1:30pm** Adoration

**7pm** Finance, Pastoral, Liturgy and  
School meeting

#### **Tuesday 11 February**

**9.30am** Mass

#### **Wednesday 12 February**

**9.30am** Mass

#### **Thursday 13 February**

**9.30am** Mass

**7:30pm** Resource meeting in office.

#### **Friday 14 February**

**9.30am** Mass

**10.15am** SVDP meeting in the hall

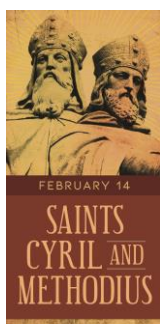
**1pm** You are invited to the wedding of  
Irene & David with Cardinal John  
celebrating.

#### **Saturday 15 February**

**6.00pm** Vigil Mass

#### **Sunday 16 February**

**9:30am** Mass allYouth group in hall yrs  
7-13



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

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

Father John Muir ©LPI





**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



This week you will find a discernment paper for Week 1 inside the newsletter.  
Please take into your prayer time this week, and keep a journal on this paper, to present your thoughts to the PPC  
**Does our current mission statement have Scriptural intergiry**



**RIP:** Our prayers are with Michelle Zuba and family. Michelle's brother sadly passed away recently.

**Anniversaries – May they RIP –**

Vincent O'Sullivan, Simon Kelly, Roger Burgoyne, Diane Melling, Lina Collingwood, Stanley Russell, Royewa Gadsby, Paul Quinn, Kathleen Stewart, Mathews, Patricia Chinnery.

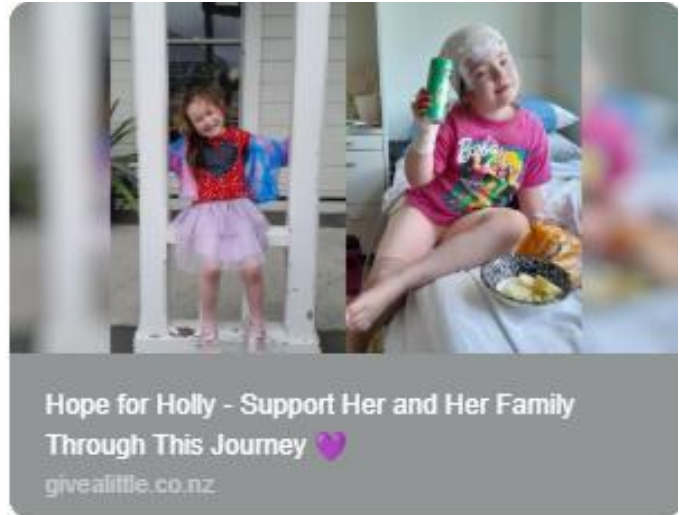
**Those who are sick:** Holly O'Connell, Richard Gibbs, David Wootton, Jocelyn Bryant, Luca Ashworth, Cristina Fleming, Patricia Maher, Andrew Stewart, Helena Quinn.



We desperately need more help for this special Ministry. If you can lead a Sunday lesson please contact Bronagh Barber email: [bronagh.barber@gmail.com](mailto:bronagh.barber@gmail.com).

**One of our Parish families needs our help**

Hope for Holly – Support her and her family through this journey. You can give through the Givalittle page



You can read about and donate to Holly's family at the link below by copying and pasting it.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/hope-for-holly-support-her-and-her-family>



**MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY.**

Donations needed for any good quality, new or pre-loved items in clean condition. These can be dropped at the school in the green room or contact Barbara Murphy on 0275 382 159..

Toys, dolls, vehicles, action figures, animals, puzzles, games, dress ups, lego/blocks/ childrens books.

**Clothing all sizes**

**Books – adults, children's. cook books, biographys**

Any new items, unwanted gifts or things you've bought and never used. We will turn these into prizes for games and gift packs for our quick fire raffles.

## 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.



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 14<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.**

### Situation Vacant: Coordinator, Young Church Ministry (Archdiocese of Wellington)

We're looking for a new team member to support our college youth ministry programme, young church ministry around the Archdiocese and our leadership camp held each year in December. If you have some experience in youth ministry and managing young people and are seeking a 20-26 hour position, explore this option [online at SEEK](#) or be in touch with the Director of Church Mission, Chris Duthie-Jung – [c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz) / 021 02305149.



### COME AND SEE VOCATIONS WEEKEND

**7 - 9 MARCH 2025** A discernment retreat for young men discerning a call to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. Registrations essential, contact Lucienne at [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) by Friday 14th February 2025



**The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course** – Love is a Decision – online registration is open for the first course for the year, consecutive

Sundays 2 & 9 March 2025.

Wellington couples are encouraged to attend the course well before their wedding date and register early to ensure there is space on the course. For queries please email: [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)



Joshua Wellington extends an open invitation to everyone to a **MASS** followed by a light supper on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025** at 7:30pm in the

Chapel of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street. **Celebrant:** Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain

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

