

# St. Theresa's Parish

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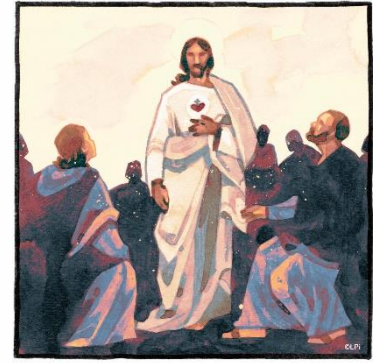
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16 February 2025 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## In our Parish this week

### **Reconciliation**

Is available after Mass or  
by appointment

#### **Monday 17 February**

**9am** Mass

**9:30am – 1:30pm** Adoration

#### **Tuesday 18 February**

**9.30am** Mass

#### **Wednesday 19 February**

**9.30am** Mass

After Mass, prayer group will meet in the  
Reconciliation room – all welcome

#### **Thursday 20 February**

**9am** Powhiri in School grounds

**9.30am** Powhiri Mass

#### **Friday 21 February**

**9.30am** Mass

#### **Saturday 22 February**

**6.00pm** Vigil Mass

#### **Sunday 23 February**

**9:30am** Mass

**11.30am** Baptism – Ellem family

**3pm** Youth group in hall yrs 7-13



Ash Wednesday is 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Please return your palms and put  
them in the basket in the foyer so we  
can prepare them for Ash  
Wednesday.

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

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": "Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of" (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the purpose of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom.

Father John Muir ©LPi





Fr Ravi would be happy to meet the St Theresa's Parishioners in their home – feel free to contact Fr Ravi on 02108660326 or email: [ravikmcal@gmail.com](mailto:ravikmcal@gmail.com) to organize a catch up.



**Our current Mission statement is:**  
*Our parish is a Eucharistic community that aspires to express the compassion of Christ. We invite you to walk with us. Nau mai, haere mai*

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 intergrity?**



**Anniversaries – May they RIP –**  
Tamati Pihema, Jack Edwards, Joan Burton-Wood, David Molloy.

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

**Update from Cristina:** For the last twelve months my name has been included in the Prayers section of the parish newsletter. I have been truly grateful for your prayers during the time I have battled my brain cancer diagnosis and journeyed through the treatment programme. Over the past couple of months I have received news from the various specialists that the condition is currently in a manageable state so I am looking forward to a year of good health. This outcome is undoubtedly due to a combination of the power of prayer and excellent medical care.  
Thank you again for your support and God bless you.  
Cristina Fleming

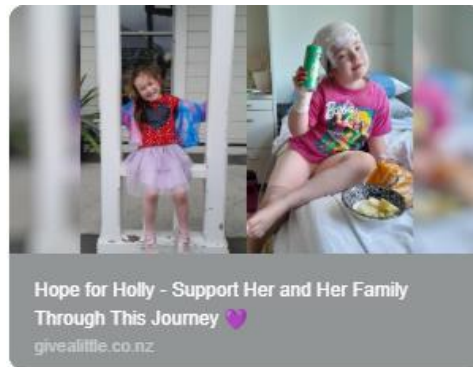


We desperately need more help for this special Ministry. If you can lead a Sunday lesson please contact Bronagh Barber email: [bronagh.barber@gmail.com](mailto:bronagh.barber@gmail.com).



Last weekend we welcomed Jagger Stace and Kaliea Gonzales into the Church. All our blessings and love go out as they begin their spiritual journey! Please keep the families in your prayers.

**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



**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

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)

**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.*



**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.

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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.

<b>Service Rosters for Saturday 15 &amp; Sunday 16 February</b>		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
<b>Mass Time:</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	Kelly Ross	Sef Truyens
<b>Greeters</b>	Margaret and Grant Baker	Kay and Richard Barraclough
<b>Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful</b>	Cath Gardner	Audrey Hinder
<b>Altar Servers</b>		TBC
<b>Karanga</b>		TBC
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		TBC
<b>Proclaimer of The Word</b>	Noemi Thomas	Hamish Baker
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Mike Montgomery, Kelly Ross	Jude McKee, Paul Kerr, Russell Plume
<b>Hospitality</b>		Joseph & Isabelle Williams
<b>Altar Society</b>		Klara Noldan

<b>Service Rosters for Saturday 22 &amp; Sunday 23 February</b>		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
<b>Mass Time:</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>Sacristan</b>	Angela Reiher	Julian Howard
<b>Greeters</b>	Mike Montgomery	Helen Reilly
<b>Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful</b>	Jude McKee	Julian Howard
<b>Altar Servers</b>		TBC
<b>Karanga</b>		TBC
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		TBC

<b>Proclaimer of The Word</b>	Margaret Baker	Veronica Young
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Mary Cruz, Grant Baker	Laurie Smith, Hamish Baker, Catherine Blank
<b>Hospitality</b>		Joseph & Isabelle Williams
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