

St. Theresa's Parish

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23 February 2025 | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available after Mass or
by appointment

Monday 24 February

9.00am Mass

9:30am – 1:30pm Adoration

Tuesday 25 February

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 26 February

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Prayer group will meet in the
Parish Hall– all are welcome to join

Thursday 27 February

9.30am Mass

Friday 28 February

9.30am Mass

10.15am SVDP meeting in the hall

Saturday 1 March

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 2 March

9:30am Mass

10:45am First lesson Reconciliation in
the school classrooms.

1.00pm Intercessory prayer meeting

3.00pm Youth group in hall 11-18 yr olds



Ash Wednesday is 5th March.

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I'm a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled "Stick Season," he sings of his hope to "cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad." This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual "inheritance" from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It's easy to feel doomed to repeat their darkneses.

But we're not so doomed, thank God. This week's Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, "*Be merciful just as your Father is merciful*" (Luke 6:36).

We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God's life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings.

It's time to claim that perfect inheritance. Father John Muir ©LPi



Please keep Pope Francis
in your prayers as he
battles double
Pneumonia.



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 to organise a catch up.



It is with sadness that we accept the resignation of Frankie from our office. We thank her for her enthusiasm and care and we wish you well in your new job.

PASTORAL CARE & OFFICE COORDINATOR – PAID ROLE

Our welcoming Catholic Parish is looking for a Pastoral Care & Office Coordinator to provide both administrative support and compassionate care to our community. This paid role on a Wednesday for five hours (hours flexible) combines office management with pastoral outreach, ensuring the smooth operation of parish services while supporting those in need.

Key Responsibilities: Provide pastoral care and support to parishioners / Manage office administration, scheduling and communications/ Assist the Parish Administrator, Fr Ravi / Produce the newsletter

Ideal Candidate: Strong commitment to the Catholic faith / Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills.

To Apply: Please contact Paul Kerr on email; Paul.g.kerr@gmail.com.



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

Please take into your prayer time, and keep a journal on this paper, (You will have had the discernment sheet emailed to you earlier this week) to present your thoughts to the PPC.

Week 3: Is our current Mission statement concise and memorable?



Anniversaries – May they RIP

Ellen Hodgetts, Patrick Brady, Michael Dawson, Gavin Warmington, Annie Shanaher

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

A Lenten Programme will be running on Thursday's during Lent, from the day after Ash Wednesday; 6th March, beginning at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall here at St Theresa's.

The Programme is 'Metanoia Lenten Program 2025' and can be viewed on line or a segment is on the notice board. All Welcome!

This is a great way of getting to know other parishioners! Any queries, please contact Anne Dodds 0273110551



Former St. Theresa's student shines!

Congratulations Deborah Lynch for winning the elite women's Kathmandu Coast to Coast Longest Day title. This is a gruelling 243 km multisport race which Deborah ran in 13 hours, 6 minutes and 11 seconds! Well done Deborah and her support team.



This wonderful Ministry needs your help. The lessons are prepared for you, no need to worry about lesson planning. If you can lead a Sunday lesson please contact Bronagh Barber email: bronagh.barber@gmail.com.



Youth Group – This Sunday 23rd we invite youth aged 11-18 years to join us for a Scavenger hunt. Meet in the hall at 3pm



Church Working Bee

St Joseph's Summer Tidy Up

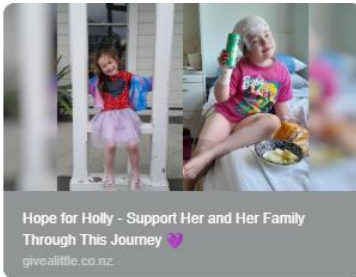
Please join us for a tidy up of St Joseph's church and grounds at 1 PM Sunday 2 March, in

preparation for St Joseph's Day. BYO garden or cleaning tools. Contact Susan 0212974445

Thank you Young Vinnies: Check out these awesome Young Vinnies from school packing tea bags for food parcels.



One of our Parish families needs our help



Hope for Holly - Support Her and Her Family Through This Journey
givealittle.co.nz

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, childrens. cook books, biographys

Any new items, unwanted gifts or things you've bought and never used. We will turn these into prizes for game

VIARD HOUSE THORNDON

CLEANER WANTED

VIARD HOUSE IS LOOKING TO HIRE A CLEANER

5 hours per week (not Monday or weekends)

Contact Jude McKee for details
ea-abp@wn.catholic.org.nz
021 562 096



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



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 / 021 02305149.



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

Service Rosters for Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher	Julian Howard
Greeters	Mike Montgomery	Helen Reilly
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Jude McKee	Julian Howard
Altar Servers		Jack Buchanan Alex Buchanan
Karanga		TBC
Children's Liturgy		Anne Dodds
Proclaimer of The Word	Margaret Baker	Veronica Young
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mary Cruz, Grant Baker	Laurie Smith, Hamish Baker, Dan Blank
Hospitality		Joseph & Isabelle Williams
Altar Society		Klara Noldan

Service Rosters for Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 March 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Veronica Young
Greeters	Rosaleen & Jeff Larsen	Yvonne Feng
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Carmel Keane	Phil Reiher
Altar Servers		Lucy Barber Brooke Barber
Karanga		TBC
Children's Liturgy		TBC
Proclaimer of The Word	Mary Va'a	Youth Team
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Alan Fleming, Rosaleen Larsen	Luke Barber, Gillian Quinn, Dan Blank
Hospitality		Kayren & Laurie Smith
Altar Society		Maureen Barber

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