

# St. Theresa's Parish

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2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 | 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



## In our Parish this week

### **Reconciliation**

Is available after Mass or  
by appointment

#### **Monday 3 March**

9.00am Mass

9:30am – 1:30pm Adoration

#### **Tuesday 4 March**

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Adoration

#### **Wednesday 5 March – Ash Wednesday**

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Combined Ash Wednesday  
service at St Andrew's Plimmerton

#### **Thursday 6 March**

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Prayer group to meet in hall

7:30pm Resource committee meet in the  
office.

#### **Friday 7 March**

9.30am Mass

10.30am Nicole Sampson wedding –  
Fr Bill Warwick as celebrant

#### **Saturday 8 March**

11.00am Rosary and Adoration in the  
church

6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### **Sunday 9 March – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9:30am Mass

10:45am Reconciliation lesson 2 in the  
school classrooms.

11.00am Baptism for Lennox

3.00pm Youth group in hall 11-18 yr olds

BEAR THE FRUIT  
OF GOD'S LOVE



spend more time in prayer.

And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **“For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles”** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the “figs” and “grapes” of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer and service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray and serve fruitfully...with minimal quarrelling.

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](mailto:ravikmcal@gmail.com) to organise a catch up.



**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***

**Week 4: Are our current ministries all looking to our current mission statement for direction?**



**A Lenten Programme** will be running on Thursdays 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

**Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025: Put your compassion into action**

Giving envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 have been distributed today at Mass or are in the foyer. Every donation given will support Caritas' life-changing humanitarian and development work around the world – and create change not just for today but for the future. This year, Caritas are encouraging you to give online or through direct deposit if possible, to reduce costs and make processing donations faster. To learn more or donate visit Caritas.org.nz.



Last Sunday we welcomed Miller & Juno into the Church. All our blessings and love go out as they begin their spiritual journey! Please keep their parents, Francesca & Thomas, in your prayers.



**Anniversaries – May they RIP**

Paul Geoghegan, Margaret Murray, Maria Rosa De Atougua.

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



**Youth Group:**

This Sunday 2nd March the youth group will meet at St Joseph's church, Pauatahanui, at **2pm** to help with the working Bee. Please wear suitable footwear, bring gloves & BYO Drink bottle & hat. If you need a ride, please let me know. Cancelled if wet. Anne Dodds 0273110551



Church Working Bee

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

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



**Celebrate the Feast of St Joseph – 19 March 2025**

Where better to celebrate the feast of our Mother Mary's husband than at our historic St Joseph's church in Pāuatahanui. All are welcome to join our community at

the **10am Mass on Wednesday 19 March.**



**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 games

**LATEST UPDATE ABOUT JOCELYN.**

The roller coaster of life with cancer continues and nine weeks ago, I started new treatment of Immunotherapy and chemo. I have now had three rounds of Immunotherapy and am taking chemo drugs daily. They will scan me on the 10<sup>th</sup> March so with fingers, toes crossed and all your prayers, we hopefully will get a good outcome – well one at least that gives me longer.

Unfortunately we have lost our fight with Southern Cross around what our medical insurance should pay for and because of this, we have made the hard decision to set up a Give a little page. If you are intested you can read more at

<https://givalittle.co.nz/cause/help-joss-cancer-treatment>.

If you wish to donate then we say thank you but equally we say thank you for keeping me in your prayers and your support – Joss & family



**Jubilee 2025**  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**HOLY SITES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON**



Pukekara St Mary's Parish, Otaki



Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon



National Marian Shrine, St Mary of the Angels, Wellington



Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay



Garin Chapel, Nelson

**Jubilee 2025**

An opportunity for

**prayer,**

works of **mercy,**

celebration of

the **Sacraments,**

**pilgrimage** and

all the **blessings** of

a year of Jubilee!

Talk to your parish or visit [wn.catholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/](http://wn.catholic.org.nz/jubilee-2025/) to find out more.



Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington



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 of St Theresa's Parish 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: [st.theresas1940@gmail.com](mailto:st.theresas1940@gmail.com)



**Archdiocese OF Wellington**

**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, refer to Seek for details or contact 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.

### Service Rosters for Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 March 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Service Rosters for Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 March 1st Sunday of Lent

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Kelly Ross	Sef Truyens
<b>Greeters</b>	Maryanne McKennie, Sue Warburton	Anne Dodds & Barbara Harris
<b>Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful</b>	Annemaree Deed	Hamish Baker
<b>Altar Servers</b>		TBC
<b>Karanga</b>		TBC
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Luke & Bronagh Barber
<b>Proclaimer of The Word</b>	Rommel Anthony	Ray Wolken
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Mike Montgomery, Kelly Ross	Klara Noldan, Julian Howard, Walter Dempsey
<b>Hospitality</b>		Rosaleen & Jeff Larsen
<b>Altar Society</b>		Maureen Barber

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JESUS	PETER	JAMES
JOHN	MOUNTAIN	FACE
SUN	MOSES	ELIJAH
TENTS	CLOUD	SHADOW

