

St. Theresa's Parish

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9th March 2025 | 1st Sunday of Lent



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In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available after Mass or
by appointment

Monday 10 March

9.00am Mass

9:30am – 1:30pm Adoration

Tuesday 11 March

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 12 March

9.30am Mass

Thursday 13 March

9.30am Liturgy of the Word

7.30pm Metanoia Lenten group meet in
the hall

Friday 14 March

9.30am Mass

6.30pm Reconciliation

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 15 March

11.00am Rosary and Adoration in the
church

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 16 March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30am Mass

10:45am Reconciliation lesson 3 in the
school classrooms.

11.00am Baptism for Zane

3.00pm Youth group in hall 11-18 yr olds



One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home.

The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world."

Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome. Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness.

How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness

Father John Muir ©LPi

Please keep Pope Francis
in your prayers





We are now moving into a new discernment stage
You have prayed and provided answer to the questions
provided



The next stage is that we will come together here in the hall on

Saturday 29th March
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

We are offering a lunch option for those who would like to join from midday

This Saturday gathering will be a chance for us to come together and share what we have discerned

You might also now start to think about Why Do We Exist? and share anything that comes to you as you consider this question - this will give the PPC a good idea of what it is, we, as a community, consider God's purpose is for us

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

God's Purpose

DAY OF PRAYER & PENANCE FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE AND VIOLENCE – Friday 7th March

Each year, on the Friday after Ash Wednesday, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC) calls us to commemorate a Day of Prayer & Penance for the Victims of Abuse and Violence. For Christians, prayer, conversion and justice are central to the healing process. As a faith community, we come together before God, seeking forgiveness for the harm that has been done. On Friday, 7 March 2025, our bishops invite us to acknowledge the horrors of violence and cruelty inflicted on all those who suffered abuse within Catholic settings. In this Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis invites the Church to be Beacons of Hope and Channels of Forgiveness, Peace & Reconciliation. As we gather in prayer on Friday, 7 March, let our voices be one with St Francis of Assisi:

LORD,

make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy



Lenten Programme will be running on Thursdays during Lent, 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

24 Hours with the Lord- a prayer vigil that takes place in churches all over the world on the eve of the 4th Sunday of Lent in churches all over the world. Parishes and groups from around the Archdiocese are leading one of the 24 hours for the Lord, starting 5:30pm on Friday 28th and end with the 5:30pm Vigil on Saturday 29th March.

St Theresa's Plimmerton is leading the reflection and prayer hour at **9am 29th March** Sacred Heart Cathedral. You are invited to join us and support us in this time of prayer. There is 8.30 am parish mass beforehand.

Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025: Put your compassion into action. Envelopes are available in the foyer.



Recently Margaret Warmington celebrated her 90th birthday! Margaret has been in St

Theresa's Parish for over 60 years and has been a member of the St Vincent de Paul group for 45 years. She was the Area Council President for the National Board of SVDP, Conference President who worked with the group to purchase the Porirua SVDP shop. She is the most prolific visitor (including the early day visits to Porirua Mental Hospital). Margaret has been involved with Refugee Settlement, Prison visiting and with her late husband Gavin a strong supporter of the church in Tonga. Margaret and Gavin took their children to Tonga for a stint when Gavin was doing volunteer work there. We all wish you well Margaret and thank you for what you have been to us all.

A gentle reminder when receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. We have been advised by the Archdiocese that the Body of Christ can **NOT** be dipped into the Blood of Christ. The Blood must be taken directly from the chalice.

Youth group for ages 11-18 on Sunday 9 March in the Parish hall from 3 pm till 5 pm. This Sunday we will be making pancakes and friendship bracelets. BYO toppings for pancakes and beads, if you have any. All welcome.

Community notices for the newsletter - Please email the details to st.theresas1940@gmail.com by Wednesday 1pm.



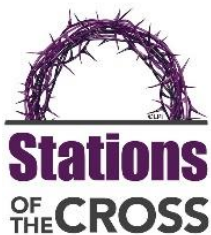
RIP: Fr Paul O'Connor AA. Requiem Mass for Fr Paul will be held at Our Lady of Fatima, Tawa at 11am on

Tuesday 11th March.

Anniversaries - May they RIP

Joan Neary, Diana Wickham, Desmond Crawford, Marilyn Pryor, Sawyer Bowie, Judith Robertson.

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



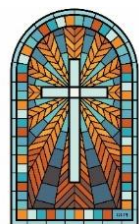
Every Friday at 7pm during Lent at St. Therasas. This is a time to journey with our Lord through his passion and death on the Cross. There is an opportunity for someone to lead on Friday 21st March. Booklets are available.

Please contact Angela Cole at coleangela841@gmail.com if you are interested.

Please note there will be no Stations of the Cross at St Theresa's on Friday 28th of March as the 24 Hours of the Lord is taking place in the Cathedral in Wellington.



Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is moving to small parish-based groups called **Dovecotes**, where women may experience the warmth of fellowship, the power of prayer and the joy of worship. If you feel a need for a Dovecote in your area, please contact Gloria: dovenational.leader@gmail.com or Ph 0272456742. Or see our website: www.dove.org.nz



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.



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, biographies.** 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 10th 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 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 <https://givalittle.co.nz/cause/help-joss-cancer-treatment>.

"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:15

LEN'TEN RETREAT ORGANISED BY THE DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE NZ WELLINGTON UNIT

Led by Fr. Sunil Nagothu, SVD
Priest-in-residence
Te Awakairangi Parish Lower Hutt

All are welcome on
29 March 2025 - Saturday
11.00 AM to 2.00 PM

St. Martin De Porres Church
08 Park Avenue, Epuni
Lower Hutt 5011

Programme
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Praise & Worship
Talk & Adoration
Holy Mass

Further Inquiries
Lislie : 0273476327, Deorn : 0273476329

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

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

Service Rosters for Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 March 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher	Julian Howard
Greeters	Maureen Wilmhurst	Jonathan Burchell
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Noemi Thomas	Audrey Hinder
Altar Servers		TBC
Karanga		TBC
Children's Liturgy		Lauren Johnstone
Proclaimer of The Word	Cath Gardner	Anne Dodds
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mary Cruz, Alan Fleming	Sef Truyens, Richard Barraclough, Jude McKee
Hospitality		Hugh & Catherine Blank
Altar Society		Maureen Barber

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