

# St. Theresa's Parish

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16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 | 2nd Sunday of Lent



## In our Parish this week

### **Reconciliation**

Is available after Mass or  
by appointment

#### **Monday 17 March**

**9.00am** Mass (St Patrick's Day)

**9:30am – 1:30pm** Adoration

#### **Tuesday 18 March**

**9.30am** Mass

#### **Wednesday 19 March – Feast of St Joseph**

(No 9:30am Mass at St. Theresa's)

**10am** Mass at St. Joseph's Pauatahanui

#### **Thursday 20 March**

**9.30am** Mass

**7.30pm** Metanoia Lenten group meet in the hall

#### **Friday 21 March**

**9.30am** Mass

**6.30pm** Reconciliation

**7.00pm** Stations of the Cross

#### **Saturday 22 March**

**SCHOOL FAIR – all welcome**

**6.00pm** Vigil Mass

#### **Sunday 23 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**9:30am** Mass

**10:45am** Reconciliation lesson 4 in the school classrooms.

**3.00pm** Youth group in hall 11-18 yr olds

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— Father John Muir

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

## God's Purpose

**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*



**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. Parishes and groups from around the Archdiocese are leading one of the 24 hours for the Lord, starting 5:30pm on Friday 28th and ends with the 5:30pm Vigil Mass 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.**

**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](mailto: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.

**FOOD FOR FAITH for Lent.** Fr. John O'Connor offers brief daily encouragements for those seeking greater maturity in relationship with Jesus Christ. Sign up to receive daily emails at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

### ST JOSEPH'S PAUATAHANUI



 **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.**

St Joseph's Sesquicentennial  
In April 2028 it will be 150 years since the opening of St. Joseph's Church. On **Saturday 15 March 1 PM to 3PM** we will be holding an initial brain-storming session in the parish hall, to consider preparations for the 150th celebrations. Please join us if you are interested in this significant event, or if you are unable to attend, but want to participate, email [susan.bieleski@gmail.com](mailto:susan.bieleski@gmail.com) Ph:0212974445.

**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 23 March** in the Parish hall from 3 pm till 5 pm. All welcome.

**Community notices for the newsletter** - Please email the details to [st.theresas1940@gmail.com](mailto:st.theresas1940@gmail.com) by Wednesday 1pm.

#### ACCOMODATION REQUIRED

On behalf of a friend I went to school with - she is looking to rent shared accommodation in this area with another mature woman. Please contact Anne Dodds 0273110551



### Newly Baptized

Last Sunday we welcomed Lennox Lamb into the Church. All our blessings and love go out as he begins his spiritual journey! Please keep his parents, Jack and Amanda, in your prayers



#### Anniversaries - May they RIP

Marilyn Pryor, Janie Denton, Theresa Kenealy, Maud Anslow, Patricia Bell, Monica Maher, Henry Smith

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



**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](mailto:dovenational.leader@gmail.com) or Ph 0272456742. Or see our website: [www.dove.org.nz](http://www.dove.org.nz)

**Further update on Jocelyn.** Thank you for your prayers and kind support it means so much to us as a family. I have heard today from my Oncologist and I am stable at the moment which is great news as this was spreading fast. They will continue on with the Immunotherapy and Chemotherapy and hopefully I continue to remain stable. Thank you for keeping me in your prayers.

#### ST THERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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**, Any new items, unwanted gifts or things you've bought and never used. We will turn these into prizes for games. Thank you for the donations we have received. Please note we are not taking any more books and we are not accepting any white elephant.



Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from

7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral). **Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

**LENTEN 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, Eponi  
Lower Hutt 5011

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

Further Inquiries  
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## Service Rosters for Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 March

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

## Service Rosters for Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 March

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mike Montgomery	Russell Plume
<b>Greeters</b>	Robyn Teppett	Catherine & Hugh Blank
<b>Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful</b>	Margart Baker	Rosaleen Taylor
<b>Altar Servers</b>		TBC
<b>Karanga</b>		TBC
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Tandi McCarthy
<b>Proclaimer of The Word</b>	Jude McKee	Julian Howard
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Rosaleen Larsen Mike Montgomery	Paul Kerr, Russell Plume, Laurie Smith
<b>Hospitality</b>		James & Glenis Aubrey
<b>Altar Society</b>		Maureen Barber
<b>Sound Desk</b>		

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