

St. Theresa's Parish

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23rd March 2025 | 3rd Sunday of Lent



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available after Mass or
by appointment

Monday 24 March

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

9:30am – 1:30pm Adoration

Tuesday 25 March

Day of Prayer for Family Life

9.30am Mass Feast of the Annunciation

Wednesday 26 March

9:30am Mass

Thursday 27 March

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Metanoia Lenten group meet in the Reconciliation Room

Friday 28 March

9.30am Mass

10:15am SVDP meeting

5:30pm start of 24 Hours of the Lord at the Cathedral Wellington

Saturday 29 March

8.00am – 9.00am Adoration / Reconciliation at the Cathedral in Thorndon

9.00am-10.00am St. Theresa's lead prayer reflection (The Cathedral)

12.00-3.00pm Discernment on our Mission Statement in the hall

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 30 March – 4th Sunday of Lent

9:30am Parish/School Mass

10:45am Reconciliation lesson 4 in the school classroom and practice.

2.00pm Parish and First Reconciliation for Sacramental programme.

3rd Sunday of Lent

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.-
Father John Muir



Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers

Quote: This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them,

resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves whether we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.

Pope Francis, [Message for Lent](#) 2025.



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

**ST. THERESA'S SCHOOL FAIR THIS WEEKEND
PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL**



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.

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 30 March in the Parish hall from 3 pm till 5 pm. All welcome. Last week we had 12 youth and we would love a foldaway table-tennis table, on wheels if anyone has one to donate. Please contact Anne

Dodds anneedodds@gmail.com.

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



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



RECONCILIATION 2PM -At 2pm 30th March our Sacramental children will receive First Reconciliation.- All parishioners are invited to join our children for this opportunity to have reconciliation during Lent. Fr Ravi, Fr

Maurice and Fr Pene will be available for reconciliation during this time.



THURSDAY EVENING - ALTAR OF REPOSE

After the Holy Thursday Mass the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar of repose which is

set up in the hall. There we are able to spend time with Jesus, keeping watch and praying. This time of Adoration will be until midnight. You are invited to commit yourself to a half hour slot by signing up on the clipboard in the church foyer. We are needing at least 2 people per slot



RIP: Rosaliina Cruz (sister of Mary Cruz) Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers.
RIP Susan McGlone (sister of Maureen Barber)

Anniversaries - May they RIP

Eileen Bowman, Bob Burns, Cecilia Hayes, Ken Sampson


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 or Ph 0272456742. Or see our website: www.dove.org.nz



Last Sunday we welcomed Zane Te Puni into the Church. All our blessings and love go out as he begins his spiritual journey! Please keep his parents, Andrew & Sarah in your prayers



**HOLY HOUR
FOR
VOCATIONS**

**TO THE
PRIESTHOOD
AND
CONSECRATED
LIFE**

Tuesday 25th March,
7:30 - 8:30pm @
Connolly Hall,
Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Thorndon
ALL ARE WELCOME

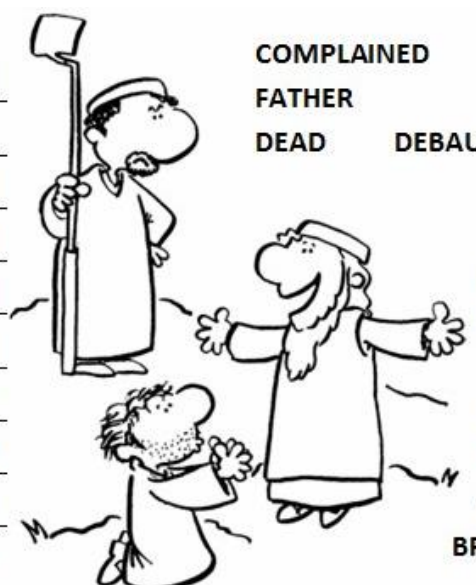
The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course – Love is a Decision - online registration now open for the June Course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive **Sundays 8 & 15 June 10am-4pm** held at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Register early as there are limited spaces. Any queries, please email marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

**Service Rosters for Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 March
3rd Sunday of Lent**

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

**Service Rosters for Saturday 29 Sunday 30 March
4th Sunday of Lent – School/Parish Mass**

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Kelly Ross	Veronica Young
Greeters	TBC	Baker Family
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Rommel Anthony	James Aubrey
Altar Servers		School Mass
Karanga		TBC
Children's Liturgy		No Children's Liturgy
Proclaimer of The Word	Carmel Keane	Phil Reiher
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kelly Ross Mary Cruz	Hamish Baker, Catherine Blank, Luke Barber
Hospitality		Dilran Perera & School
Altar Society		Maureen Barber
Sound Desk		Geoff Shirkey

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