

St. Theresa's Parish

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30th March 2025 / 4th Sunday of Lent



4th Sunday of Lent

In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available after Mass or
by appointment

Monday 31 March

9.00am Mass

9:30am – 1:30pm Adoration

Tuesday 1st April

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 2nd April

9:30am Mass

Thursday 3rd April

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Metanoia Lenten group meet in
the hall

Friday 4th April

9.30am Mass

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5th April

1.00pm Intercessory Pray Meeting in the
church

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 6th April – 5th Sunday of Lent

9:30am Mass

3.00pm Youth group in hall 11-18 yr olds

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir





Please remember to come along and support the Parish Pastoral Council discerning the current mission statement 12-3.00pm this Saturday 29th March in the hall.

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



RECONCILIATION 2PM -Reminder to come along to the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 2pm 30th March. Our Sacramental children will receive First Reconciliation on this day. Please keep these children and their families

in your prayers as they receive their first reconciliation on Sunday.

Harry & Owen Brothers, Zoe McCarthy, Isaac Kerr, Sophia Arthur, Matthew Bastian, Niamh McMinn, Ollie Song, Olivia Murphy, Flynn & Grace Mischewski, Braeden Jeyathas, Jasmine Barbarouses, Elliot Reading, Ellie Anquetil, Tristan Davidson, Willow Cooling, Ava Stace, Ana Robinson.



RIP Susan McGlone (sister of Maureen Barber)

Anniversaries - May they RIP

Kevin Neustroski, Gloria Death

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



Please note there is no Youth Group this Sunday 30th March

Youth group for ages 11-18 on Sunday 6th April in the Parish hall from 3pm till 5pm. 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 annedodds@gmail.com.



Chrim Mass
 Wednesday, April 16th
 7:30 PM
 Sacred Heart Cathedral
 Hill Street
 WELLINGTON



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



Volunteers needed to cut large palms for Easter. If you can assist us please contact Audrey Hinder at hinderaud@gmail.com



Kaye Horner would like to pass on a big thank you for the care and prayers. Kaye is home and is doing well.

Welcome

TO ADRIENNE SMITH

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Adrienne Smith is joining me in the office as of this week. Please pop in and introduce yourself to her. We will finalise the day and the times she will be working in our next newsletter.



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

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



Support for Lent Appeal is an 'act



of generosity' A statement from the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand Every year in this sacred time, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference asks Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand to run a six-week fundraising campaign on their behalf called the Bishops' Lent Appeal. The money raised during this time is essential to the mission of Caritas. It provides much of the funding necessary for them to continue their life-changing work in Aotearoa, the Pacific and beyond. This year's appeal is even more urgent than usual. The US government recently stopped almost all foreign aid. France, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany and the UK have also cut their overseas

development aid budgets. These decisions will cause significant suffering for those facing poverty, conflict, disasters and the effects of climate change. Your support is needed so Caritas can step in across the Pacific as donor governments withdraw. Every year, individuals and parishes across New Zealand demonstrate great generosity by donating to this appeal. We hope that this will continue for this Lenten season. The theme for the Lent appeal in 2025 is Restoring hope: Your compassion in action / Kia puawai te Tūmanako. Caritas' mission, as the Catholic agency for justice, peace and development, is of vital importance to us all. The Bishops' Lent Appeal is the best way to directly fund Caritas' work – supporting vulnerable communities around the world. For the Catholic community, Caritas is how we help our brothers and sisters in need, upholding their human dignity through local partnerships grounded in Catholic social teaching. Over the last few years there has been a drop in giving to Caritas, putting pressure on their ability to fund the programmes that serve those most in need. We ask that during this time of preparation, prayer and almsgiving, you make a special donation to the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2025 at caritas.org.nz/lent or by using the envelopes provided at Mass. This act of almsgiving is an act of generosity. It will mean so much to the people Caritas serves across our region.

In Christ,

- ✠ Stephen Lowe, Bishop of Auckland
- ✠ Richard Laurenson, Bishop of Hamilton
- ✠ John Adams, Bishop of Palmerston North
- ✠ Paul Martin SM, Archbishop of Wellington
- ✠ Michael Gielen, Bishop of Christchurch
- ✠ Michael Dooley, Bishop of Dunedin

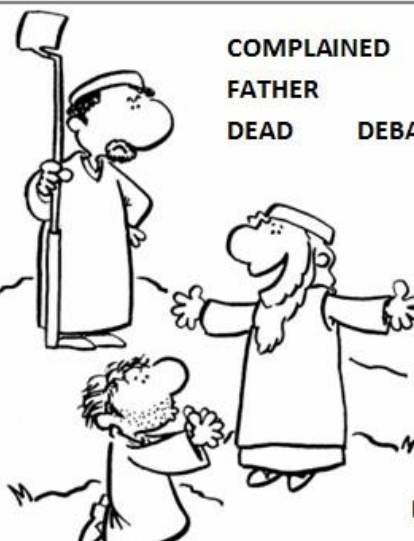
FOOD FOR FAITH for Lent. Fr. John O'Connor offers brief daily encouragements for those seeking greater maturity in relationship with Jesus Christ. Sign up to receive daily emails at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

**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		Nick Song

**Service Rosters for Saturday 5th April and Sunday 6th April
1st Sunday of Easter**

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher	Sef Tuyens
Greeters	Laupepa Va'a	Walter Dempsey
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Cath Gardener	Veronica Young
Altar Servers		TBC
Karanga		TBC
Children's Liturgy		Lauren Johnstone
Proclaimer of The Word	Annemaree Deed	Youth Team
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Alan Fleming Rosaleen Larsen	Gill Quinn, Daniel Blank, Klara Noldan
Hospitality		Peter & Janet McClean
Altar Society		Maureen Wilmshurst
Sound Desk		Geoff Shirkey

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