

# St. Theresa's Parish

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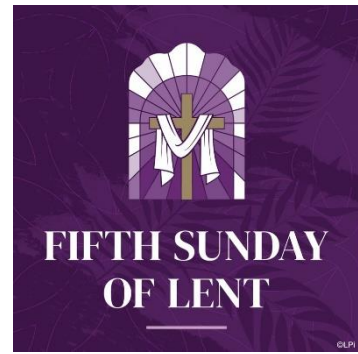
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6<sup>th</sup> April / 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent



## 5th Sunday of Lent

### In our Parish this week

#### **Reconciliation**

Is available after Mass or  
by appointment

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.00am** Mass

**9:30am – 1:30pm** Adoration

#### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30am** Mass

#### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**9:30am** Mass

**7.30pm** Liturgy Meeting in the office

#### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30am** Mass

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

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30am** Mass

**10.15am** SVDP meeting in the hall

**7.00pm** Stations of the Cross

#### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**6.00pm** Vigil Mass

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Palm Sunday**

**9:30am** Mass

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



“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is “left alone before him.” A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir





**12<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Vigil:**  
6.00pm Mass

**13<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:**  
9:30am Mass

**14<sup>th</sup> April Monday of Holy Week:**  
9.00am Mass No Adoration – school holidays

**15<sup>th</sup> April Tuesday of Holy Week:**  
9:30am Mass

**16<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday of Holy Week:**  
9:30am Mass  
7:30pm Chrism Mass in Wellington at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon

**17<sup>th</sup> April Holy Thursday:**  
7:30pm The Lord’s Supper Mass  
9:30pm to midnight Altar of Repose (Adoration)  
**(No 9.30am Mass on this day)**

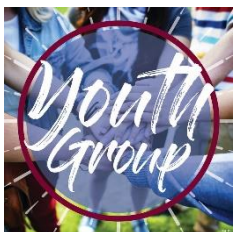
**18<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday:**  
9.00am Walk of the Cross from Plimmerton Boating Club  
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
**(No 9:30am Mass on this day)**

**19<sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:**  
6.00pm Mass

**20<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:**  
9:30am Mass

**21<sup>st</sup> April Monday within the Octave of Easter:**  
**(No Mass, liturgy of the word or adoration)**

**22 April Tuesday within the Octave of Easter:**  
9.30am Mass



**Youth group for ages 11-18 on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April** in the Parish hall from 3pm till 5pm. Please contact Anne Dodds [anneedodds@gmail.com](mailto:anneedodds@gmail.com).



**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 the office [st.theresas1940@gmail.com](mailto:st.theresas1940@gmail.com)

**Holy Thursday**



We are requesting people to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. 17/04/2025 at 7.30pm.

First 12 people to respond will receive a prize! Text 027 4439915 with your name and phone number.



**Anniversaries - May they RIP**

Jacob Wootton, Thomas (Dwan) Gilmour, Margaret Bookert, Maureen Fitzsimons

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



**Chrism Mass**  
 Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
 7:30 PM  
 Sacred Heart Cathedral  
 Hill Street  
 WELLINGTON



## St Vincent de Paul

Can YOU help?

Share YOUR talents with St Vincent de Paul's Society of St Therasas Parish.

"Ribbonwood" provides long term residential accommodation for 20

adults who need full time support in their daily life. It is managed by MASH Trust with qualified staff and has been part of our Porirua community since the closure of Porirua Hospital: The address is 1 Ribbonwood Terrace, Ranui (at the end of Awatea Street).

St Vincent de Paul members from St Theresa's visit every Sunday morning at 11am to share friendship and fellowship with the residents. We lead a 30 minute "Church" service which involves Bible Stories/Hymns/Prayer/and friendship with a small group of regular attendees. There is a simple format which is always fluid to suit the season or climate of the day.

We have a roster of STVdP members but there is **always room for more to join us**. We are rostered in pairs and you would be partnered with an experienced member. We have a resource crate in which is hymn sheets, junior bibles or stories of the Saints. We go with a smile and come away with an even bigger smile so we would be delighted for you to join us.

You do not need to be a member of Saint Vincent de Paul to experience this ministry. If this sounds like you or if you would like further information please contact Mary Jones 027-688-5979 Nga mihi.



The Divine Mercy Feast will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street on Sunday, 27 April at 2pm. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. All are welcome. You can bring Holy objects to be blessed. Refreshment and Fellowship follows, please bring a plate.



As we have a growing number of people from Myanmar and its surrounding areas in some of our communities, please let us join together in prayer and support amid the recent earthquakes.



**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](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

Collection for Holy Places is Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Envelopes are in the foyer from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.



"Is an annual collection taken up in Catholic churches worldwide on Good Friday to support Christians and the Holy Places in the Holy land, particularly the work of Franciscans"

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**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)

**Service Rosters for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

**Service Rosters for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Palm Sunday**

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mike Montgomery	Veronica Young
<b>Greeters</b>	Gina Rollandi & Kelly Ross	Klara Noldan
<b>Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful</b>	Jude McKee	Ray Wolken
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Gabriel Anthony Michael Bastian	Alex Buchanan Jack Buchanan
<b>Karanga</b>		TBC
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		School Holidays
<b>Proclaimer of The Word</b>	Mary Va'a	James Aubrey
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Kelly ross Mary Cruz	Walter Dempsey Seft Truyens Richard Barraclough
<b>Hospitality</b>		Isabelle & Joseph Williams
<b>Altar Society</b>		Maureen Wilmshurst
<b>Sound Desk</b>		Nick Song

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