

St. Theresa's Parish

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20th April Easter Sunday – Year C

EASTER SUNDAY



“We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ... who rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”
(Nicene Creed- St. Athanasius)

In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available after Mass or
by appointment

Monday 21st April – Easter Monday

No Mass

No Adoration – School Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 23rd April

9:30am Mass

7.30pm Prayer Group meet in the hall

7:30pm Resource meet in the office

Thursday 24th April

9.30am Mass

7.00pm-8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 25th April – ANZAC DAY

9.30 am Mass

Saturday 26th April

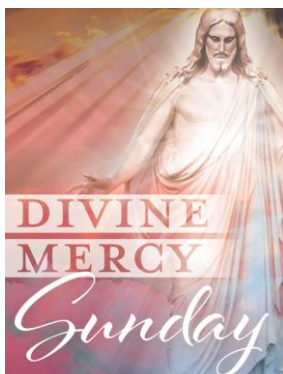
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 27th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter –

Divine Mercy Sunday

9:30am Mass

3.00pm No Youth Group



All the universe, rise up in joy! The Lord has risen, and all creation is freed for a new vitality. The glory of the Lord moves our lives and our world into sharp relief and hope. Christ's resurrection not only vindicates Jesus' life and suffering. It also confirms his gospel of justice and peace, lifts our spirits, and ignites in us the sure hope that—despite the mountainous challenges and uncertainties we all face—God is at work to renew the world and to ensure that life will triumph over death, good over evil and light over darkness.

“We have seen the Lord!” The witness of the women and of his other closest disciples to Jesus' presence after his ignominious death grounds our faith in his continued redemptive presence among us— healing the world, lifting the downhearted, and embracing all creation in joy. So now we know: God is for us, always creating and sustaining life. God is with us, always healing and redeeming us and all creation. And God is in us, always present and beckoning us to personal and social transformation and into God's New Creation.

We know that this world is not at peace. Conflicts and wars among nations, tensions between peoples, and violence against the powerless are growing. The world is not reconciled—and it is questionable whether it is even trying to be. Yet, as we embrace faith in the Resurrected Lord, we perceive that it is precisely in those moments when hope seems lost, when disunity appears victorious, when injustice seems to reign, and when life appears surrendered to death— that we are met by the mystery of Christ. This marvelous and mighty paradox makes us see for ourselves and witness for the world a life-giving hope and love precisely when they appear to be lost.

To proclaim the resurrection is to resist the powers of death. To believe in the Risen Christ is to offer a living hope—a hope that is not deferred, but present, active, and at work in our lives, our deeds, and our world. A hope that enters the brokenness of the world with hands ready to heal and hearts ready to forgive. Let us go forth as witnesses to the resurrection—not only in word, but in life. Let us sow signs of spring even in winter. Let us walk with the Risen Christ and with one another, embracing our time and working toward the day when all shall truly be one in the Lord. We march forward as Pilgrims of Hope, Let us join the joyful cry of the Church: The Lord is risen! Hallelujah! Christ Is Risen, and Life Is Liberated!

Yours in the Risen Lord,
Rev. Fr. Ravi Kumar. Voliganti



Please keep Heath Gair and Millie in your prayers. They will be received in to the church at the 6pm Easter Vigil.



Youth group for ages 11-18 on Sundays 2-5pm
All 11-18 year olds are welcome to attend.
Youth Group will resume May 11th
Note: Games Evening 17th May for young

adults TBC Blessings, Anne Dodds



Anniversaries - May they RIP

David Day, Charles Bokany, Maurie Harris, Jack Abbott, Dot Shea, Michelle Turley, Roy Spencer, James Cowie, Geoff Pryor, Leonie Williams, Rob Neru

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

' Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies and with simplicity, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, "I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a


wager on to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts: "Christ is Risen"

Pope Francis

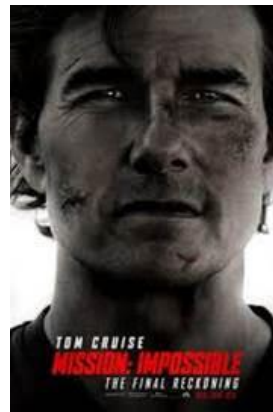


COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES IS GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL.

Envelopes are in the foyer



Holy Hour for Vocations
to the priesthood and consecrated life
Tuesday 29th April, 7:30 - 8:30pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon
all are welcome



YOU ARE INVITED!!!

The Fundraising team continues to raise funds to support the final stage of restoration and refurbishment of our Cathedral with a movie fundraiser "Mission Impossible: The Final Reckoning"

Event Date: Sunday, May 25, 2025 : Event Address: Lighthouse Cinema, 52 Beach Street, Petone, Lower Hutt :

Screening time: 5:00pm : Arrival time from: 4:30pm
Ticket prices are as follows: Adult: \$25/ticket and Student: \$20/ticket

Tickets will be on sale after every Mass starting April 5, 2025 or purchase your tickets online by scanning the QR code above or by accessing the

link: <https://forms.gle/Wm7k5GiyBigHg5x27>

We are seeking sponsors to help make this fundraiser event special.

For more information please contact Joy on mob. 021 048 1216 or mcsh.fundraising@gmail.com



This Easter Octave week Fr. John O'Connor will offer daily encouragements using the Easter Gospel readings for each day

Try this as an Easter Retreat in Daily Life at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

An opportunity to experience the heart of Christian faith in a few minutes each day



St Vincent de Paul

Can YOU help?
Share YOUR talents with St Vincent de Paul's Society of St Theresa's 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.



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Divine Mercy in the 3rd Millennium Conference

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John Canavan Aust Pat Barrett NZ
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Auckland
May 23-25 2025
www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz | Ph 03 359 2087

Speaker
FR. CHRIS ALAR, MIC
Fr Andrew Grace Aust

Divine Mercy Conference May 23-25 2025 Auckland Fr Chris Alar - Keynote Speaker

Divine Mercy NZ is excited to be bringing back to New Zealand Fr Chris Alar MIC from the US plus several other international speakers.

Divine Mercy Conference 2025 will be in a real sense an encapsulation of all that has gone before, and yet more, and to the point – how that is lived out, witnessed, in the Third Millennium.

Please join us for this important event in the Jubilee Year.

Registrations are essential; www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz

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