

St. Theresa's Parish

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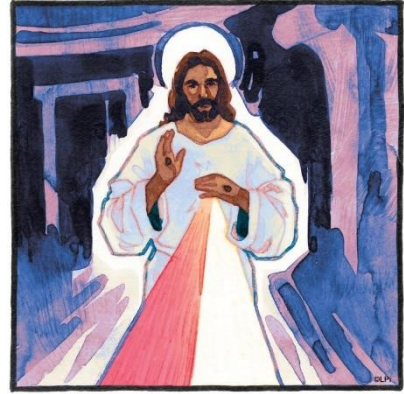
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28th April – Year C



In our Parish this week

Monday 28th April –

9.00am Mass

9.30am-1.30pm Adoration

Tuesday 29th April

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 30th April

9:30am Mass

7.30pm Prayer Group meet in the hall

Thursday 1st May

9.30am Mass

Friday 2nd May

9.30 am Mass

Saturday 3rd May

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 4th May – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30am Mass

3.00pm No Youth Group

2nd Sunday in Easter

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

— Father John Muir



April 25th, is a day of remembrance in New Zealand and Australia that commemorates the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey during World War I in 1915. It's a time to honor all New Zealanders and Australians who have served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.



RIP: Pope Francis

Pope Francis frequently used doves as a visible representation of Peace and the Holy Spirit. Easter Urbi et Orbi blessing, he urged world leaders to lay down arms and turn to dialogue, echoing his long-standing advocacy for peace

EASTER WEEKEND

What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter weekend we had. I received this lovely positive email and thought it should be shared.

It's evident that so much hard work and planning took place around all the services during Holy Week. Thanks to everyone for the time and effort they would have put in - starting, I know, way before the actual ceremonies were celebrated - the results were amazing.



This Easter weekend our RCIA candidate Heath Gair received Confirmation, please keep Heath and his family in your prayers.

We welcomed, through Baptism, Milly Hanna into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Milly in your prayers.



Youth group for ages 11-18 on Sundays 3pm-5pm
All 11-18 year olds are welcome to attend.



Games Evening 17th May for young adults – more details to follow



Anniversaries - May they RIP

Hazel Eastgate, Eunice Murphy, Natalie Blackburn, Lorna Phillips, Nualla Calderwood, Kevin Myers, Elsa Mulvihill, Anne Conroy

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

COME TO THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD
YOU ARE INVITED
PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday, 10th May 2025
09:30AM to 04:00 PM
CONNOLLY HALL
10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington

- Prayer Group Formation & Sharing
- Prophetic Intercession: Teaching & Training
- Prayer Ministry: Teaching & Training

To register, please scan the QR code or send email to cog.wellington@charisnz.com or text Lislie 027347637

Hours of Mercy – Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May and 6 June from 10am – 2pm. Please register by calling or texting 0225178988.



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.

JUBILEE for WORKERS

Mass for St Joseph the Worker- St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria at 9.30am on Sunday 4th May. Come and join in this Jubilee Year Mass and reflect on the importance and value of work and the needs of all workers. Catholic teaching encourages us to take actions that support and respect the dignity of the human person, the common good and the importance of work. There will be a 15-minute conversation after Mass for those who would like to consider possible actions




JUBILEE
of WORKERS

SUNDAY 4th May
Mass of St Joseph the Worker
9:30am @ St Joseph's Church,
Mt Victoria



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**Holy Hour
for Vocations
to the priesthood
and
consecrated life**

**Tuesday 29th April,
7:30 - 8:30pm
Sacred Heart
Cathedral, Thorndon
all are welcome**



Planned Giving Tax receipts.
Sorry I am running a little behind schedule this year.
I will hopefully get these out to you by the end of next week.

Thanks for your patience Jocelyn.

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP – 7th May at 6pm in the Hall.

Everyone who is in a Ministry in our Church or part of a committee or interested, is welcome to come along to a workshop on Wednesday 7th May at 6pm in the Hall. Kevin Plant the National Safeguarding Officer will lead this workshop and it is extremely important for you to come along.

**Service Rosters for Saturday 26th April and Sunday 27th
Within the Octave of Easter**

Mass Time:	6pm	9.30am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Julian Howard
Greeters	Mike Montgomery	Kay & Richard Barraclough
Welcome/Prayers of Faithfull	Annemaree Deed	James Aubrey
Altar Servers		Volunteers please
Karanga		TBC
Childrens Liturgy		School Holidays
Proclaimer of the Word	Noemi Thomas	Youth Team
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosaleen Larsen, Kelly Ross	Luke Barber, Julian Howard, Gill Quinn
Hospitality		Jonathan Burchell & Anne Dodds
Altar Society		Maureen Wilmshurst
Sound Desk		Jonathan Burchell

**Service Rosters for Saturday 3rd May and Sunday 4th May
3rd Sunday of Easter**

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher	Sef Truyens
Greeters	Robyn Teppett	Isabelle Williams & Christine Story
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Margaret Baker	Julian Howard
Altar Servers		TBC
Karanga		TBC
Children's Liturgy		TBC
Proclaimer of The Word	Cath Gardner	Rosaleen Taylor
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mary Cruz Grant Baker	Daniel Blank, Klara Noldan, Walter Dempsey
Hospitality		Kayren & Laurie Smith
Altar Society		Ursula Petersen
Sound Desk		Geoff Shirkey

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