

St. Theresa's Parish

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4th May 3rd Sunday of Easter – Year C



3rd Sunday of Easter

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— Father John Muir

VOCATION SUNDAY 2025 – Next Sunday 11th May

Envelopes will be in the foyer from this weekend.



Monday 5th May

9.00am Mass

9.30am-1.30pm Adoration

Tuesday 6th May

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

7.00-8.00pm Adoration

Wednesday 7th May

9.00am Rosary

9:30am Mass

Thursday 8th May

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Friday 9th May

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Saturday 10th May

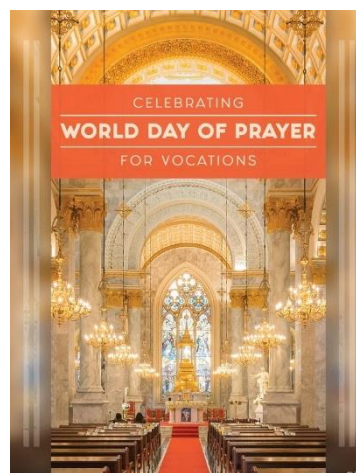
5.30pm Rosary

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 11th May – 4th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Rosary

9:30am Mass



The fourth Sunday of Easter (**Good Shepherd Sunday, 11th May 2025**) is the annual Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this Year of Jubilee, it is a special opportunity to pray for vocations and encourage young people to be open to the Lord's call



Remembering Pope Francis

What stands out is that Pope Francis and his teachings about the human dignity in each and every person and at all stages and situations in life – with any exception! Then there was the fact that Pope Francis not only, as they say, “talked the talk” but also “walked the walk”. He advocated for the practices and laws and policy that would affirm and advance that human dignity. Finally, he himself built relationships with the most marginalized in society in order to give an example for others to do the same. He wanted everyone to understand that every single human person is a child of God, built in God's image and likeness, and so deserves to be included by all other women and men in this world.

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.



Planned Giving Tax receipts.

These have now been emailed out to those who I have email addresses for. If you have not received your tax receipt please

contact me at the office.

PRAYING FOR THE CONCLAVE: New Zealand Cardinal John Dew is inviting the Catholic community in Aotearoa New Zealand to join him in praying the litany of the saints each day in anticipation of the upcoming conclave. Cardinal John is one of 135 cardinals expected to participate in the election of our new Pope. He has been praying a litany daily. The National Liturgy Office has prepared a litany for New Zealand Catholics and for the specific intention of the conclave. Please join Cardinal John in this prayer leading up to and during the conclave. Access the litany resources at www.catholic.org.nz



Youth group for ages 11-18 on Sundays 3pm-5pm

TO OUR YOUTH between 11 years and 18 years. Youth Group will start back on Sunday 11 May from 3pm- 5pm

Activity : Creating shapes from paper and card, plus games



Games Evening 17th May for

ALL YOUNG ADULTS over 18 years old, You are invited to a games evening

at St Theresa's parish Hall in

Plimmerton On Saturday 17 May from 7pm until 9pm (after 6pm mass) No alcohol - however you may bring non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles to share .Any queries please contact Anne Dodds: anneedodds@gmail.com



Anniversaries - May they RIP

Martin Butler, Leon Barnett, Helen Trischler, Therese Hayes, Peter Plunkett, Anne Beaumont

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

THANK YOU – Thank you to Angela & Terry Cole for the new cover to our sound desk. They kindly donated this as they have been in our Parish 25 years. We also thank Noah for helping to install this. Blessings to the Cole family.



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.

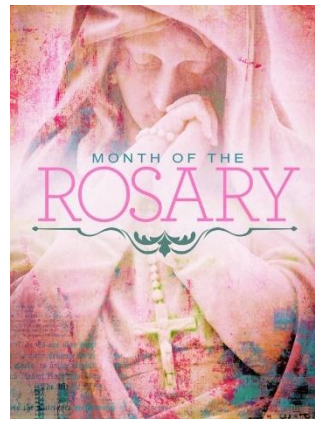


With gratitude for the life of Pope Francis, this week's quote is taken from his final address:

'The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our

hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. Thanks to Christ — crucified and risen from the dead — hope does not disappoint! *Spes non confundit!* (cf. Rom 5:5). That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us.'

Pope Francis [Urbi et Orbi](#), 20 April 2025



Rosary [Saturday 5.30pm](#) followed by Mass @ 6.00pm
Sunday 9am followed by Mass @ 9.30am and 9.00am
Tuesday-Friday before all weekday Masses.

[The prayers of the Rosary](#)

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

It is impossible to think of Mary without thinking of flowers. She is inextricably linked to so much of nature's flora, from the humble snowdrop to the magnificent rose as well as healing herbs such as chamomile, sage and thyme. It's thought the first plant to be officially named after Our Lady was 'seint mary gouldes,' or the marigold, in the 14th century. People believed its properties kept the plague away and it was during this era that associating plants with Christianity became the most prolific. From Christ's Passion to Mary's sorrows, to the flight of the Holy Family — all were connected to nature and each flower or herb told a story.

Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain (Part Time 0.6FTE)

Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa - Hutt Hospital, Health New Zealand -Te Whatu Ora, Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa has a new vacancy, which can be viewed on Seek.

Anyone who is interested should have enhanced pastoral skills and a solid practical theology. Please only apply via the Seek website.

To be considered, please submit the following:

- CV
- Cover letter
- Application form

All applications must be in by 4pm, Wednesday 21st May 2025

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/83926805?ref=cm-ui>



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

| Mass Time: | 6:00 pm | 9:30 am |
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| 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 | | Tandi |
| 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 |

Service Rosters for Saturday 10th May and Sunday 11th May 4th Sunday of Easter

| Mass Time: | 6:00 pm | 9:30 am |
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| Sacristan | Mike Montgomery | Julian Howard |
| Greeters | Maryanne McKennie Sue Warburton | Helen Reilly |
| Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful | Mary Va'a | Ray Wolken |
| Altar Servers | | Cooper Baldwin |
| Karanga | | TBC |
| Children's Liturgy | | Bronagh |
| Proclaimer of The Word | Rommel Anthony | Anne Dodds |
| Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Alan Fleming Rosaleen Larsen | Sef Truyens, Richard Barraclough, Jude Mckee |
| Hospitality | | TBC |
| Altar Society | | Ursula Petersen |
| Sound Desk | | Nick Song |

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