

St. Theresa's Parish

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7 April 2024 | 2nd Sunday of Easter- Divine Sunday – Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or after weekday Mass

Monday 8 April – The Annunciation of the Lord



10am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration until 1:30pm

Tuesday 9 April

9:30am Mass

Wednesday 10 April

9:30am Mass

7:30pm Prayer group meet in the hall

Thursday 11 April

9:30am Mass

Friday 12 April

9:30am Mass

Saturday 13 April

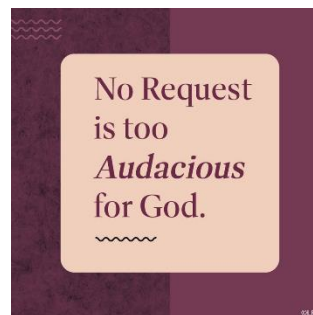
6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 14 March – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30am Mass

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)



A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realise God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

— Father John Mui





DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated on 7th April 2024.

Two special programs are offered in the community:

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 2-4 Stanley Street, Wainuiomata

Celebration begins 2pm

See flyer in church foyer for details. Contact: Patricia Wagner Phone: 0211331466 Email: seniafelice@gmail.com

St Joseph's Parish Church, Upper Hutt

Celebration begins 1.30pm

See flyer in church foyer for details. For further information contact: David Pritchard: Phone 64 273706567 or email emmausdp@xtra.co.nz

People are asked to pray the 9-day Divine Mercy Novena starting on Good Friday going through to Saturday 6th April. A Plenary Indulgence is offered by the Church on Divine Mercy Sunday. The conditions are (a) that you go to reconciliation in the week before the Divine Mercy Sunday, on the day itself, or in the week after Divine Mercy Sunday. (b) receive the Eucharist at Mass and (c) pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.



A Big Thank You!

To all those who supported the recent St. Joseph's Movie Fundraiser. Thanks to those who bought movie and raffle

tickets, and those who made generous donations, we cleared just over \$2000 to go towards the St. Joseph's Fund. This will help us undertake those smaller projects and maintenance necessary to upkeep and enhance the parish's special church.

Regarding an ongoing maintenance cost, we are very grateful to Ninness Funeral Home, who have paid for lawn-mowing services for many years now.

For the larger projects, we greatly appreciate the support of the Lotteries Grants Board and Pelorus Trust, who have granted money for such undertakings as the recent exterior painting, an updated Conservation Plan currently underway, and a proper church sign.



BOOK LAUNCH Peter Rawnsley's new book of poems, *Stones & Kisses*, will be launched in the Parish Hall commencing

1pm on Sunday 7 April. All parishioners interested, are welcome.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Pray for our Sacramental Candidates

Please pray for the following children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Sunday 7th April at 2pm.

- Anastasia Emmerson
- Brianna Ball
- Charles Tyrell
- Cooper Baldwin
- Edmund Fanning
- Emelia Muollo
- Eva Matthews
- Felix McMinn
- Francis Dolan
- Gordon Lang
- Isla Giles
- Lucy Barber
- Makin Thompson
- Pippa Sugrue
- Savannah Emmerson
- Seamus Davidson

Loving God help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Anniversaries – May they RIP:

Jacob Wootton, Thomas Gilmour, Margaret Booker, Maureen Fitzsimons.

Those who are sick: Denis Fairfax, Richard Gibbs, Arthur O'Leary, Sr Trish Hanaray, David Wootton, Jocelyn Bryant, Luca Ashworth, Cristina Fleming, Patricia Maher, John Montgomery and all parishioners who have Covid or are sick.

Tax Receipts: I will be working on these over the next week or two and hope to get them out before I do round 5 of Chemo. Please be patient as I work through these. Can the person who is using envelope 11, please email me at the office to ensure I am allotting this donation to the correct person. Thanks



Te Reo Māori in the Mass

7 April 2024

We are working our way through the Penitential Rite, today addressing the phrase *“in what I have done”* which is

rendered as *“kua mahia ahau,”* in Te Reo Māori.

The word *‘kua’* is a tense marker which identifies the action of the verb as currently in progress or recently completed.

In this instance, the verb is *‘mahi’* which is often translated as *‘to work’*. It also carries the sense of to do, to make, or to accomplish. The word *‘mahi’* appears in the phrase in its past tense: *‘mahia’*, i.e., equivalent to the English *‘done’*. We have seen in earlier instalments that the word *‘ahau’* is a personal pronoun meaning *I* or *me*. Notice that once again, in Te Reo Māori the verb phrase *‘kua mahia’* precedes the subject *‘ahau’*, the reverse of English grammar.

The relatively succinct phrase – ‘in what I have done’ – is followed by the somewhat more elaborate phrase ‘and in what I have failed to do’. That phrase will introduce us to negation. We will address that next week.



An invitation to Liturgy Workshops 2024

Theme: The Sunday Eucharist The Eucharist is the “heart” of the Church, namely, the Eucharist. In order to live ever more fully our relationship with God, we need to understand the value and significance of the Mass. (Pope Francis, Nov 2017)

Father Patrick Bridgman, Liturgy Advisor, Archdiocese of Wellington is presenting a series of workshops on the theme of the Sunday Eucharist. These workshops are open to all parishioners in the Archdiocese. It will be an opportunity to refresh our understanding of the Sunday Eucharist. Tea & Coffee will be available half an hour before the start time. Please see the poster in the church foyer for more information. Registrations are appreciated.

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Dates and times:

• What do we believe?

10am-12pm on Saturday 20 April

@ St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, Johnsonville

• Liturgy of the Word:

7-9pm on Wednesday 26 June

@ Sacred Heart Church, Petone

• Liturgy of the Eucharist:

10am-12pm on Saturday 17 August

@ St Joseph’s Church, Mt Victoria

• Its impact in our lives

7-9pm on Wednesday 16th October

@ St Theresa’s, Plimmerton

ORPHEUS CHOIR WELLINGTON'S first concert of the 2024 series is The Armed Man — A Mass for Peace. We present the concert at this time of global strife in the run-up to ANZAC Day and in honour of all victims of war and of all who have served their country.

The concert showcases Karl Jenkins’ stunning The Armed Man, and the world premiere of a new commission from New Zealand composer Takerei Komene, E Kiwi E.

Directed by Brent Stewart, this concert is at the Michael Fowler Centre on Saturday 20 April, 2024 and commences at 7.30 pm.



From Maintenance to Mission - getting the balance right!

Divine Renovation (DR) is a Catholic organisation focused on parish renewal. Fr James Mallon, DR’s founder, introduced DR to NZ in 2018 at the national clergy assembly in Christchurch. Since then, the model has continued to inspire and facilitate renewal parishes all over the world. The Archdiocese is delighted to welcome Mr Dan O’Rourke (D.R’s current president) to Wellington for an evening specifically focussed on strategies for renewal in our parishes. Parish Pastoral Council members and everyone interested in parish leadership are warmly invited to join us for a thought-provoking evening of inspiration as we ponder where to for our parishes.

We strongly recommend being there in person, but if distance is going to be an issue you can join us on Teams. Please email for more details. l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Date: Thursday 18 April - 6:30pm (Cup of tea) 7.00pm-9.00pm Session **Venue:** St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville, Wellington. See flyer in the church foyer for details.



Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart is having a **Gala Dinner, Debate and Auction** in association with L.T. McGuinness Ltd on **Friday 12th April 2024** at 6:30pm at St Pat’s Town (Hall).

Sponsorships, tables and enquiries: bobhouston@xtra.co.nz 0274 898017 **RSVP: 31 March 24 or until sold out.** AUCTION ITEMS: Your donation of quality portable items would be gratefully accepted. See flyer in church foyer.

Service Rosters 6 / 7 April – 2nd Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Veronica Young
Greeters	Laupepa Va'a	Walter Dempsey
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Annemaree Deed	James Aubrey
Altar Servers	Gabriel Anthony Michael Bastian	Alexandra Baker & Brooke Barber, Esther Davies
Kaikaranga		Franchesca Blank
Children's Liturgy		Tandi McCarthy
Proclaimer of The Word	Noemi Thomas	Youth
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kelly Ross, Mary Cruz	Catherine Blank, Luke Barber, Gillian Quinn
Hospitality		Rosaleen & Jeff Larsen
Flowers	Dorothy/Kay	Altar Society Maureen Wilmshurst

Service Rosters 13/14 April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Kelly Ross	Sef Truyens
Greeters	Kelly Ross	Klara Noldan
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Margaret Baker	Rosaleen Taylor
Altar Servers	Gabriel Anthony, Michael Bastian	Emily, Isabelle & Nicholas Aubrey
Kaikaranga		Janet or Phoebe McClean
Children's Liturgy		Tandi McCarthy
Proclaimer of The Word	Cath Gardner	Phil Reiher
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grant Baker, Alan Fleming	Daniel Blank, Dorothy Gibbs, Sef Truyens
Hospitality		Isabelle & Joseph Williams
Flowers	Dorothy/Kay	Altar Society Maureen Wilmshurst

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