



St Theresa's Parish Plimmerton

Newsletter



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Reconciliation By appointment

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 MAY 2019

Readings

12 May

First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel

Acts 13: 14, 43-52
Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17
John 10: 27-30

19 May

First Reading
Second Reading
Gospel

Acts 14: 21-27
Apocalypse 21: 1-5
John 13: 31-35

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 13 10am Liturgy followed by Adoration

Tuesday 14 No Liturgy

Wednesday 15 9:30am Eucharist
7.30pm Prayer group meeting

Thursday 16 9.30am Eucharist
11am Whitby Rest Home

Friday 17 9:30am Eucharist

10am St Vincent de Paul meet upstairs

Saturday 18 6pm Vigil

Sunday 19 9:30am Eucharist

11am Parents only meeting – Sacrament of Confirmation preparation

Fourth Sunday of Easter / Good Shepherd Sunday / Mother's Day



This is traditionally known as **Good Shepherd Sunday** and is part of the continuing journey of Easter. Remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again.

His relationship with us, after the Resurrection, is closer than we can imagine. Through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise He makes in today's Gospel: *"I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost"*.

This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection how we live the Easter Story.

It seems fitting that Mother's Day this year falls on Good Shepherd Sunday. The love of the women in our lives is an echo of the biblical way of shepherding, where the shepherd leads the flock, calling each by name. When we **reflect on the readings this week** we see this way of shepherding is a fine model for the love of Jesus for all of us.

PARISH NEWS:



Jocelyn is back! Welcome Home!
The Parish office returns to normal hours.
We continue to welcome and enjoy the company of Fr John Van der Kaa who will celebrate Eucharist: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:30am and the Vigil and Sunday Masses.
Fr John's ph. 232 3666 / email jvanderkaa@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners,

Warmest greetings from Rome! I arrived here a week ago and since then have paid several visits to the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints. All has gone well so far, thank goodness and hopefully the Cause will progress. I had a bit of trouble getting into the office this morning, though, as Pope Francis was holding his weekly audience in St Peter's Square and that meant a



big crowd and lots of security. The religious community with whom I'm staying is a missionary one and truly multi-cultural. English is spoken by some but Italian tends to be the language everyone has a go at. They have made me very welcome.

Last Sunday Sr Margaret Anne from the Sisters of Compassion and I visited the church of St Hippolitus, which is Cardinal John's church here in Rome. His coat of arms is at the entrance. The parish priest asked me to say a few words about Suzanne Aubert at the Mass and I was able to pass on his regards to the congregation. The church was packed and the singing was led by a large group of young people, many of whom were in scouts uniform. Of course I also told them a little about the wonderful parish to which I belong!

I remember you all at Mass each day and would be grateful for a remembrance in your prayers.

God bless,
Fr Maurice

Unveiling Service – Margarete Hayes



Mike Montgomery and the Hayes family are having a short Unveiling service for Margarete Hayes who passed away May of last year. Service is to be held Whenua Tapu, Sat 25th May starting at 10.30am followed by morning tea at St

Theresa's Church Hall. We warmly extend an open invitation to friends and family to join us.

Excellent Response to Evacuation Practice



The evacuation practices last weekend went very smoothly and in both cases the Church was completely evacuated within 1 minute 50 seconds which is excellent. Thank you.

The Wardens (Eucharistic Ministers of the mass) assisted with the evacuation, keeping people moving especially once they had got out to the foyer or out of the side chapel so that the rest of the congregation could get out and in assisting those with mobility issues.

I have received a lot of positive feedback from parishioners and we will hold a practice at least once a year so that we are ready for any incidents.

Grant Baker
Resources Committee



Those who are sick:

Mary-Rose Royal, Lio Hunt, Tanya Scherzer, Denis Fairfax, Red Capewell, Courtney Harland.

Remember: Nualla Calderwood, Margarete Hayes, Pat Conway, Rob Neru, David Day, Charles Bokany, Maurice Harris, John Abbott, Dorothy Shea, Michelle Turley, Jeff Tronc, Anne Conroy, Anne Beaumont, Fr John Pearce RIP



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS.

If you are interested in joining a family group, please contact Sue & Richard Gibbs 234 7913.

Andy's Angels have recently lost one of their original members, Anne Beaumont. Her Requiem Mass was a heart-warming beautiful ceremony conducted by her godson, Father Bill Warwick. Many people contributed to this special day and we would like to thank everyone for their generosity.
RIP ANNE.

Andy's Angels had a nice soup and rolls lunchtime get together last weekend, while enjoying the lovely view from the Eastgate's place in Whitby.

Caring for Our Common Home Together

"We have to realise that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach.." #49 *Laudato si'*
With **Mothers' Day (today) Sunday 12 May**, consider helping her by giving your time rather than things. Also keep in mind how you care for Mother earth - Papatuanuku - during this Month of May which is dedicated to our Mother Mary.

Today, **Vocations Sunday**, all the baptised renew their commitment to creating a Vocational Environment in our parish where we help young(ish) men to seriously consider a call to serve God as diocesan priests.



Thank you to all who are active in promoting diocesan priesthood as a fulfilling, God-centred life of service.

Vocations Director: Fr. John O'Connor
vocations.chch@gmail.com

The Catholic Bishops of NZ are urging the laity to oppose Act Leader David Seymour's End of Life Choice (Euthanasia) Bill which will likely be voted on at its second and critical reading on Wed 22nd May. Unless we take immediate action there is a danger that this dangerous bill will pass. We urge you to immediately contact your local Electorate and List MP's to ask them to vote against the bill. This can be done very simply using the following web address. This connects to a page on the DefendNZ website. Please visit n2as.nz or phone 0800 42 76 42. Please pray for the defeat of this evil bill. For more information please contact ken@righttolife.org.nz

U55s DINNER
 Parish Hall
 7pm
 15th June

Koha \$5 per person RSVP to Jude 021 502 853

The last dinner was a smash hit – don't miss out this time. Remember, if your better half is U55 you're an Honorary U55 and we expect to see you there! If you're 20 – you're U55! All U55s are not married and we expect to see 'the singles' there too. Don't miss out on the fun. Please txt Jude if you plan on attending.
 Always good from a catering perspective!

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington invites men to come along and join us on **Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7:30pm** (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start) In **CONNOLLY HALL, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon** (behind the closed Sacred Heart Cathedral). **Speaker: Fr John Pettit on "Serving the Aboriginal people of Central Australia"** Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Book Launch: The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Committee for Interfaith Relations is launching its booklet *"Promoting Interfaith Relations in Aotearoa New Zealand."* Come and get your free copy and learn about the importance of interfaith relations in our church and society today, from two committee members, Daniel Kleinsman and Christopher Longhurst. **11:30am, Saturday 18 May 2019 @ St Mary of the Angels Church, 17 Boulcott St, Wellington, 6011**

The **Christian Brothers Past Pupils' Association**, Wellington, is holding its Annual Mass on Sunday, 26 May, at the 10.30am Mass in the Chapel at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St, Wellington. The celebrant is Fr James Lyons. Mass will be followed by lunch in Connolly Hall at 11.45am. Our guest speaker is Tony Mackle and the title of his address is "From Buckle St to the Waterfront – a brief history of the art collections at Te Papa." Those interested in attending please contact Kevin McCormack on 478-6792.



ROSARY & ADORATION of BLESSED EUCHARIST GROUP
 We meet on: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month.
 Where: At St Theresa's Church

When: 7.30pm
 Please join us, if you would like further information contact - Francenne Smith M:027 724 7807



St Mary's College Open Day.
June 13th 2019, 9am.



OFFERTORY GIVING
 If you wish to give the Parish back your tax refund, our bank account details:
 BNZ 02 0536 003250 29

Service Rosters for May 18th / 19th - 5th Sunday of Easter

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am	
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Jae Hunt	
Greeters	Gina Rollandi / Kelly Ross	Josie & Chris Olsen	
Data Projectionist	TBC	Hunter Tomlinson	
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Audrey Hinder	Veronica Young	
Altar Servers	Jakson Deed Jessica Deed	Euan Watkins Matthew Dodds	
Karanga	TBC	Lizzie Wootton	
Children's Liturgy		Philippa Carter	
Proclaimer of The Word	Youth Team	Ray Wolken	
Offertory Procession	Patricia & Tony Maher	Linda Cound & Erin O'Brien	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Angeline O'Connor George Ichim Mary Cruz Klara Noldan Sean O'Connor	Marie O'Leary Paul Kerr Angela Cole Luke Barber Laurie Smith	
Communion to the Sick		Maryanne & Sue	
Hospitality		Peter Rawsley & Jae Hunt	
Flowers	Dorothy & Krystyna	Altar Society	Marcia Dunnett
Church Cleaning		Rosary Statue	TBC

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