

St. Theresa's Parish

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18 September 2022 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | YEAR C



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 19 September

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

Tuesday 20 September

9:30am Mass

Wednesday 21 September

9:30am Mass

10am Prayer group meet in the hall

Thursday 22 September

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Practice for First Holy Communion

Friday 23 September

9:30am Mass

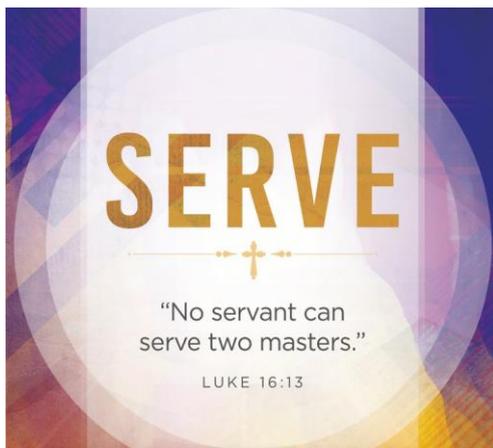
10am SVDP meet in the upstairs lounge

Saturday 24 September

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 25 September – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass – First Holy Communion



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our

need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

FORMATION AFTERNOON this Sunday 2-4pm 18th September in the hall. If you haven't registered but would like to attend you are most welcome. 30 people coming so far – we would love to see you.



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



On Monday the government made a decision to end the COVID Protection framework which means that we can resume practices previously suspended.

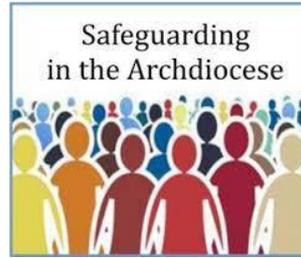
- We will make Holy Water available at the Church door. This will be refreshed regularly.
- There can be contact at the Sign of Peace. Please be sensitive to those who may want to continue to acknowledge others rather than shake hands.
- Masks are no longer required for Priests or congregation during the Mass. It is your choice whether you wish to continue to wear a mask or not during the Mass.
- We will reintroduce communion under both kinds from the 25th September.
- When you are taking communion to the sick, you should still wear masks.

The dispensation from Sunday obligation is now removed. People whose health might be endangered by attending Mass or for whom attending Mass may be physically difficult should be reminded that they can make decision about attending Mass based on their own safety and abilities. Please continue to be vigilant about hygiene during Mass and continue to sanitize and take other sensible precautions to prevent the spread of illness. Most of all please be kind to each other and respect each other.



The Archdiocese of Wellington and the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission have signed up to the Laudato Si' Action Platform. We are all

invited to celebrate this commitment at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sunday 2 October, 10.30am Mass, St Thomas More Church (30A Worcestor Street, Wilton). All are welcome to attend this Eucharist presided by Cardinal John Dew on the last Sunday of the Season of Creation. We would love someone to go and represent our Parish. If you can go to represent us, please let Jocelyn know at the office st.theresas@xtra.co.nz



Thursday 20 October we will be holding a Safeguarding formation evening, starting with coffee from 6.30 pm for a 7.00 – 8.30 general session for all interested.

This is particularly important for anyone that holds a leadership role in our Parish, e.g. parish council, chair of finance committee, and for those wishing to share in the ministries of communion to the sick in their homes or rest homes, leaders of children's liturgy and sacramental preparation, training of Altar Servers youth leaders, etc. St Vincent de Paul members would also be most welcome, though they do have their own safeguarding protocols as a national organisation. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and must be taken seriously so if you are in any of the roles listed above or would like to find out more, please register with Jocelyn at the office.



Those who are sick: Msgr John Carde, Richard Gibbs, Dave Dunnett, Pearly Paul (Rommel Anthony's mother), Fr Kevin Purcell, Fr Maurice Carmody, Ruth Dobbs, Michelle Anthony.

Anniversaries: Albert Longhurst, Eveleen Keenan, Rankin Williams, Henry Perera, Esther Huntington.



ANDY'S ANGELS

Are going for a garden visit in Upper Hutt on Sunday 25th of September. They will have a shared afternoon tea afterwards.

Quote

Starting from our roots, let us sit around the common table, a place of conversation and of shared hopes. In this way our differences, which could seem like a banner or a wall, can become a bridge.

Pope Francis: [Querida Amazonia](#)



ST THERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
FUNDRAISER SCREENING OF



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LIGHT HOUSE PAUATAHANUI
3 PAEKAKARIKI HILL RD

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER | TICKETS \$20
MOVIE STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7.30PM
ARRIVE FROM 7.00PM

**FUNDRAISING FOR ST THERESA'S
YEAR 5 SCHOOL CAMP**

RAFFLE SALES ON THE NIGHT

**To purchase tickets contact;
Waihoroi on 027 846 0394**



JOSHUA WELLINGTON Men's One-Day Retreat at
Home of Compassion, Island Bay on Saturday 29th
October 8:30am to 5pm.

Theme: 'Peace, hope and healing through Jesus for
our brokenness'

Retreat leader: Brendan Malone, Director of LifeNET
NZ.

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555
email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE. You're invited to love
them both by attending the sixth annual NATIONAL
March for Life in Wellington on Saturday
3 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ
in a celebration of life which also *peacefully* protests
the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic
Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment,
sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament
Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn
more about this important event at a critical moment
in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz



**ONLINE 'CONVERSATION
WITH JOY COWLEY'...** (Taken
from St Canice's, Westport.
Newsletter) Spirituality: A
Conversation with celebrated
New Zealand author Joy
Cowley

Monday 19 September, 5:15

pm.

<https://otago.zoom.us/j/98552640349?pwd=OUV6SmU0ZEwyNGprNUs2YUlvZFJxZz09>

English poet John Keats once referred to the earth as
"the vale of soul-making". For Joy, soul-making is a
way of talking about spirituality and describing life's
journey. Soul-making is not about becoming more
spiritual; it is about becoming more human.

Tune in to see and hear Joy talk more about this
intriguing subject as she reflects on her own journey
and experience.

Perhaps best known as an author of children's
literature, Joy is also one of this country's most prolific
authors of spiritual verse. Her books include Aotearoa
Psalms, Psalms Down Under, Psalms for the Road, Veil
Over the Light, and Come and See. In 2018, Joy was
made a Member of the Order of New Zealand, and in
2020 she received an Arts Foundation of New Zealand
Icon Award, which is limited to 20 living people.
Whether you join us in person or online you are
welcome to be part of this conversation, which is
hosted by the Theology Programme of the University
of Otago.

For more information, please email

theology@otago.ac.nz]

Excerpt from the September update from **Te Rōpū
Tautoko**, the group coordinating Catholic engagement
with the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care.
Next steps for Te Rōpū Tautoko : As the findings and
recommendations stemming from the Royal
Commission's inquiry take shape, Tautoko will soon
move into the next phase of its work - ensuring that
listening and learning to the Commission and
survivors is carried through into concrete actions by
Church leaders and meaningful change in the wider
Church community. For more information : Te Rōpū
Tautoko contact@tautoko.catholic.org.nz

Service Roster 24th/25th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan		
	Kelly Ross	Julian Howard
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful		
	Mary Va'a	Audrey Hinder
Proclaimer of The Word		
	Tim Scott	Veronica Young
Karanga		
	Lizzie Wootton	Franchesca Blank
Eucharistic Minister		
	Rosaleen Larsen	Sef Truyens
Morning Tea		
	First Holy Communion	
Flowers		
	Dorothy Gibbs	Altar Society
		Ursula Peters

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