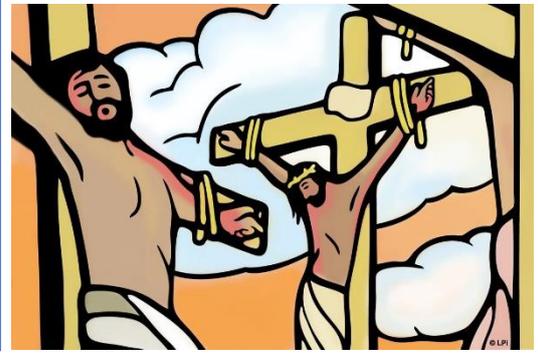


St. Theresa's Parish

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20 November 2022 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 21 November

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

Tuesday 22 November

9:30am Mass

Wednesday 23 November

9:30am Mass

7:30pm Prayer group meet in the hall

Thursday 24 November

11am Anointing Mass followed by lunch in the hall

Friday 25 November

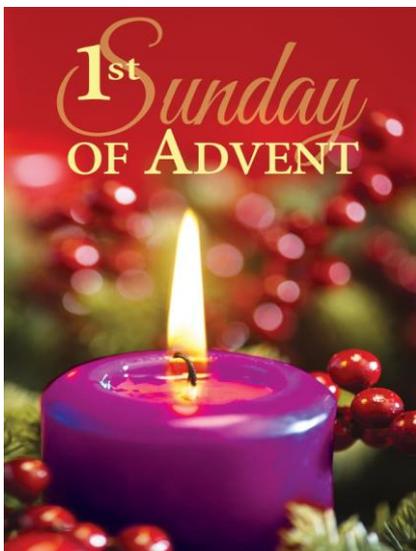
9:30am Mass

Saturday 26 November

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 27 November – 1st Sunday in Advent – Year A

9:30am Mass



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't

actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realised. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented King, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

REMINDER

POT LUCK DINNER THIS SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE HALL. 7pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES AND TIMES IN YOUR CALENDAR.

ANOINTING MASS & PARISH LUNCH 11AM 24th November



HAMPER WEEKEND 3rd/4th December

Last Christmas we sent out nearly 100 Christmas parcels to people in our community who needed some Christmas cheer.

On this weekend, we will gather treats for these parcels. Chocolates, special biscuits, jelly, Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings. We always try to give each family the basics and a \$20 Preston's card so they have the chance to free up some money to make this day special for their families. We do appreciate your support and ask again that you give generously at

this weekend. Please consider buying a Preston's voucher and you can drop this either into the office or in the offertory basket from now till the 4th December. We will also be looking for volunteers to deliver these hampers on Monday 5th December.

RITE II RECONCILIATION 4pm Sunday 4th December. As we near the end of the year, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the new Liturgical year in the church. Advent, 4 weeks before Christmas, is the season of waiting. The Church is preparing of the coming of God's son, the birth of Jesus our Saviour. Advent is a time of great hope, it is a time of prayer, reconciliation and spiritual preparation. Please join us at the Advent Communal Reconciliation Service.

LITURGY WITH JUDE



This week we talked about God being our super-hero - better than spiderman, and better than batman even! We watched an experiment that proved if you put the biggest thing in a jar first and then pour in smaller things around it everything fits. So, that helped us understand that if we put the biggest thing into our lives first - God - all the other bits like playing and doing our chores and going to sports and to school will still fit in. God makes room for everything. Our message for the day was to Put God First!



Christmas Eve Play at the family Mass Bishop Viard College. A big thank you to Lauren Johnstone and Emily Aubrey for saying yes to run this play for 2022. If anyone else would like to help, please let Jocelyn know asap at either st.theresas@xtra.co.nz or 04233 1279.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Over the next few weekends, the school will be selling tickets for their Christmas

Raffle in the foyer after Mass. Be in to win a lovely hamper for Christmas.



Those who are sick: Msgr John Carde, Richard Gibbs, Pearly Paul (Rommel Anthony's mother), Fr Kevin Purcell, Ruth Dobbs, Michelle Anthony, Angeline O'Connor, all parishioners who have Covid or sickness.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Hughes, Maryrose Royal, John Todd, Murray Butchard.

ST JOSEPH'S REPAINT PROGRESS



Quote

"Now is the time to arise! Like Mary, let us "arise and go in haste". Let us carry Jesus within our hearts, and bring him to all those whom we meet! In this beautiful season of your lives, press ahead and do not postpone all the good that the Holy Spirit can accomplish in you!" Pope Francis, [Message for World Youth Day 2022-2023](#).

SEEK – EXPLORE AND DISCERN

An invitation for young adults to explore their vocation and discern their role in the Church and in the world. Sunday 20th November, 1pm to 5pm at St Mary of the Angels. The afternoon will conclude with the World Youth Day Mass at 5pm. To register please email youth@wn.catholic.org.nz

WORLD YOUTH DAY MASS 2022 Come together with the Youth of Wellington to celebrate all that's happening in the Young Church! Join us for Young Church Mass and an evening of fellowship and celebration for World Youth Day 2022. Day/Date: Sunday 20th November 2022 Time: 5pm Venue: St Mary of the Angels Church



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday 22 November at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This will be the last one for this year. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.

Catholic Social Services Annual Kotahitanga Appeal: 13th November – 30th November

The Catholic Social Services Annual Appeal. Donate online: wn-catholic-social-services.org.nz/donate

Resources

[Facebook page](#): CSS will also be sharing stories of their mahi from 2022 – please reshare these if you can!

[Cardinal John Video for the Appeal Poster](#)

[CSS Appeal Landing Page](#) with stories of their mahi
[Donation page](#)
[Appeal Letter](#)

TUAKANA (YOUTH MINISTRY) RECRUITMENT IS STILL OPEN.

This is a paid role based in a Catholic College for the school year where the Tuākana supports students in their faith journey. More information and a link to apply is: Tuakana Youth Ministry Programme 2023.

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 that also *peacefully* protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1 pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle, and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2 pm. Concludes at 4 pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz

Service Roster 26/27 November - 1st Sunday in Advent

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am	
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Julian Howard	
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Carmel Keane	Audrey Hinder	
Proclaimer of The Word	Mary Va'a	Phil Reiher	
Karanga	Lizzie Wootton	Janet McClean	
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Cruz Grant Baker	Daniel Blank Monika Fagasoia Walter Dempsey	
Morning Tea		Trish & Neil Forde	
Flowers	Dorothy Gibbs	Altar Society	Christine Johnco

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