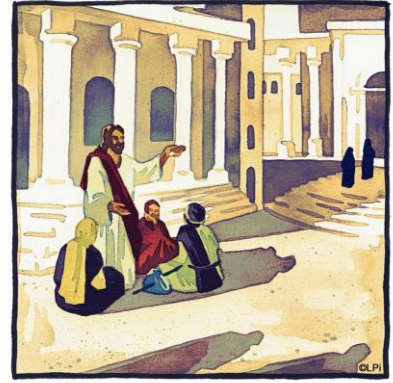


# St. Theresa's Parish

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12 February 2023 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A



## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### Monday 13 February

No Liturgy or Adoration.

### Tuesday 14 February

Valentine's Day

9:30am Mass

### Wednesday 15 February

9:30am Mass

7pm Sacramental programme leaders meeting in the upstairs lounge.

### Thursday 16 February

9:30am Mass

7:30pm Resource meeting in the upstairs lounge

### Friday 17 February

9:30am Mass

### Saturday 18 February

6pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday 19 February – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

9:30am Mass



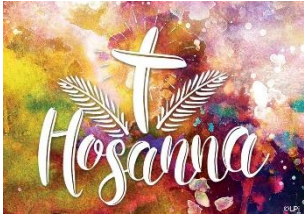
It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you must be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— Father John Muir





### ASH WEDNESDAY 22

**February.** There will be a basket in the foyer, from this weekend; to place your palm fronds in from last year. These will be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.



### 2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

We are taking enrolments now and the programme will run during the first three school terms. Children that are Baptised and are in Year 4 or older may enrol. Enrolment forms are available in the foyer.

## TIME • TALENT • TREASURE

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February** will be Time.Talent.Treasure weekend in our Parish.

All of us have been blessed with talents and gifts from God, whether we are aware of them or not. Through prayer and discernment, we recognise and receive God's gifts, and are always grateful for the gifts and blessings that God has given us. As the verse from Matthew, says:

*"..your light must shine before others,  
That they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father"*

We have been blessed in our parish to have had talented and dedicated helpers in various ministries. There are visible roles such as the Proclaimers, Altar Servers, the Ministers of the Eucharist. There are various music groups who support our worship in different styles. We can see how important these ministries are to our experience of the Mass and to receiving Christ in our hearts. There are many other Ministries that are not so visible but are equally important and over the next two weeks, we will highlight some of these.

When we came to prepare this Time and Talent survey, we saw that there were pages of ministries and service groups. Please take the time over the next 2 weeks to pray and discern how you may share your gifts and talents and treasure in the parish. We look forward to welcoming you to your current ministry or to a new ministry.

We ask that at least one person from each family fills in this form as we will use the first page to update our roll. If you need any further information about a Ministry/group in our Parish, please contact Jocelyn at the office [st.theresas@xtra.co.nz](mailto:st.theresas@xtra.co.nz) (04 2331279) and she can put you in touch with someone who is currently running this Ministry.

If you wish to support the planned giving programme, you can set this up through your bank account and our account number is 02 0536 0003250 029. Please use your surname as a reference. A donation of the price of a cup of coffee a week, can make a BIG difference to the Parish.



### 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

**9:30am** Mass at St. Theresa's.

**7pm** Ecumenical service at St. Andrew's Plimmerton.

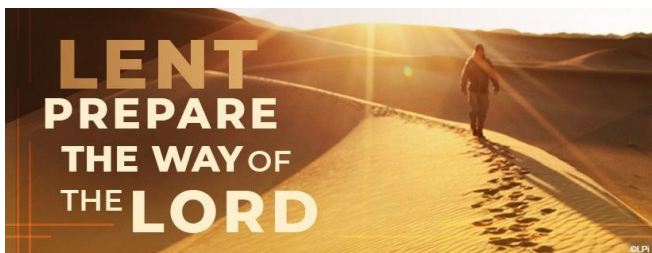


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be every Friday (during Lent) starting 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm.

During Lent, Reconciliation will be available after the 9:30am Mass, Tuesday– Friday except from 6<sup>th</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> March while Fr. Andrew is away. Reconciliation

will also be available 30 minutes before the Stations of the Cross on a Friday, except for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**There will be Rite 2 Reconciliation on Sunday 5th March 4 pm**



### LENTEN PROGRAMME

Would you like to take part in a weekly Lenten programme? This will include a reflection by Mr Shane Dwyer or Fr Graham Schmitzer and a Spiritual reflection by Sr Hilda Scott. This programme was published by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong, Australia.

We are planning to run this on Thursdays in the parish hall from 7-9pm beginning Feb 23.

Please register your interest with Anne Dodds  
0273110551



**ST THERESA'S MARCH  
MADNESS FAIR – SATURDAY  
25 MARCH 2023**

**If you have new or pre-loved  
items in good condition you**

**would like to donate to the fair, please**

Get in touch with Barbara (0275-382-159 or [barbriddo@hotmail.com](mailto:barbriddo@hotmail.com)) to arrange drop off to Aotea or pick up.



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

**Anniversaries – May they RIP:**

Linda Collingwood, Stanley Russell, Royewa Gadsby, Kathleen Stewart Matthews, Paul Quinn, Patricia Chinnery, Tamati (Tom) Pihema, Craig Davis.

**Those who are sick:**

Richard Gibbs, , Ruth Dobbs, Angeline O'Connor, John Bremford, Margaret Warmington, Laurie Bryant (Pepe Brown's Dad) and all parishioners who have Covid or sickness.



**Valentine's Day Mass** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023. St Joseph's Church, Mount Victoria (152 Brougham St, Mt Victoria). Mass celebrated by Cardinal John Dew from 6.30pm,

followed by refreshments. (See attached posters etc for publicity)

**Liturgy Workshop based on Desiderio Desideravi**

The National Liturgy Office are running a workshop based on Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi*. Venue Ss Peter & Paul Church, Lower Hutt. Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.2023. 10.00am – 3.00pm Attendees: Anyone involved in liturgies or interested in learning about key liturgy components. For more info and to register please contact Christine on 496-1706 or email [c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz)

**JOSHUA** Wellington extends an open invitation to both men and women to come to a **MASS** followed by a light supper **on Thursday 16th February 2023 at 7:30pm at 'Loaves and Fishes'** next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets. **Celebrant:** Fr Peter Ewart sm, Joshua chaplain **Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

**A MESSAGE FROM  
BISHOP STEVE  
LOWE (Bishop of  
Auckland)**

I hope you and your loved ones are safe after the devastating floods that have affected

so many. Like you, I was shocked to see the destruction the floods brought in such a short time. Like you, I want to help those whose lives have been thrown into disarray. Please join me in providing support to those in need. My Caring Foundation is accepting donations to help our partner agencies deliver vital help to so many. You can make an online donation today so that assistance can get to families quickly. <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> Your donation will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Already, many of the Foundation's partner agencies are working around the clock to ensure that people are safe and able to get the help that they need quickly. Please join with me in keeping those in need in our prayers as they start the process of rebuilding their shattered lives. Yours sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd

*Steve Lowe Bishop of Auckland*



**CARITAS AOTEAROA NZ** is accepting donations to help the people of south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, seriously affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks of Monday 6 February which toppled hundreds of buildings and killed many thousands of people.

Keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your prayers as they face widespread devastation and loss of life. We're in contact with our partners on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs at this time.

If you would like to donate, you can do so online through the Caritas Emergency Donation tab at this link: [www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) (Please specify that your donation is for Turkey Earthquake)

Or donate via the Caritas bank account: 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include your first & last name and put Turkey as the code.)



**NZ CATHOLIC FOR SALE IN CHURCH FOYERS.**

Price \$4 (unchanged for 8 years). Some headlines for this issue: Auckland Bishop starts appeal to help flood victims. Replica of Fatima chapel planned for Samoa. Crisis of love is crisis of vision. The importance of the sacrament of Penance.

**Service Roster 18/19<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| <b>Sacristan</b>              | <i>Saturday: Kelly Ross<br/>Sunday: Sef Truyens</i>   |
| <b>Proclaimer Of the Word</b> | <i>Saturday: Mary Va'a<br/>Sunday: James Aubrey</i>   |
| <b>Welcomer  POF</b>          | <i>Saturday: Jude McKee<br/>Sunday: Julian Howard</i>   |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>  | <i>Saturday: Eugene Crosby, Angeline O'Connor, Mary Cruz<br/><br/>Sunday: Jude McKee, Russell Plume, Klara Noldan</i> |
| <b>Karanga</b>                | <i>Volunteers needed</i>  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>     | <i>Maria Gair</i>   |
| <b>Morning Tea</b>            | <i>Isabelle &amp; Joseph Williams</i>   |
| <b>Altar Society</b>          | <i>Klara Noldan</i>   |

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