

St. Theresa's Parish

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26 November 2023 | The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or
after weekday Mass

Monday 27 November

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

Tuesday 28 November

9:30am Mass

Wednesday 29 November

9:30am Mass

10am Prayer group meet in the
Reconciliation Room

Thursday 30 November

9:30am Mass

Friday 1 December

9:30am Mass

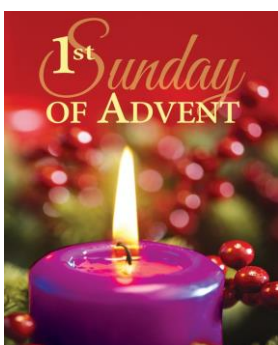
10:15am SVDP meeting in the
Hall

Saturday 2 December

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 3 December – 1st Sunday of Advent – Year B

9:30am Mass



GOSPEL MEDITATION - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir

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ST. THERESA'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL will be selling Christmas raffles in the foyer after Sunday Mass for the next two weekends. Please support this fundraiser by bringing along some cash to support them.

MASS OFFERING: In the month of November we remember all those who have died. During this month envelopes will be available in the foyer for Mass Offering. If you would like a loved one to be remembered during a November Mass and in prayers, please write their name on the envelope with an offering inside and leave it in the box in the foyer.

Newly Baptized



Last Sunday we welcomed three children into the Church, Mackenzie, Monty, and Frank Carlsen-Lyons. All our blessings and love go out as they begin their spiritual journey! Please keep their parents, Jay and Nicole, in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

10th December – Parish Shared morning tea .

Pauline and Errol Eastgate are moving to Levin and on December 10th Pauline will be playing with the choir for the last time. We invite you to the hall after Mass to share morning tea and to thank Pauline for sharing her musical talents with us for so many years. Please bring a plate to share with Pauline and others.



HAMPER WEEKEND 16th/17th

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 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 or before. 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 17th December.

St Joseph's Church

As Advent nears, we're looking forward to Christmas Carols at **4 PM on Sunday 17 December.**

Please join us to sing, share your musical talents, and enjoy afternoon tea.

In preparation, we will have a working bee from **1PM on Sunday 3 December** to tidy up the grounds and clean the church. Ph: Susan on 0212974445 Hope to see you there!



Last week we had our **Anointing Mass** followed by a delicious lunch. This was such a beautiful way to gather with good company and good food at the end of the year.



Sacramental Programme 2024. We are taking enrolments for the 2024 programme. Enrolment forms are in the foyer for children Year 4 or older. The programme will run in Term 1, 2 and 3.



RIP: Sr Mary Scanlon LCM and Fr Paul Shanahan SM both died on Sunday 19th of November in Christchurch. Sr Mary Scanlon's funeral service will be on Thursday 30th of November at Nazareth House in Christchurch. Fr Paul Shanahan's funeral can be viewed on https://youtube.com/live/9c0ju_HWZ4. Please remember in prayer these two faith-filled servants now at rest.

Anniversaries – May they RIP:

Barbara Arthurs, Thomas O'Brien, Shirley Tierney, and Michaela White

Those who are sick:

Richard Gibbs, Sr Trish Hanaray, Arthur O'Leary, John Angelica, Ian Dick and all parishioners who have Covid or are sick.



Calling all children for the Christmas Eve Play. If your child/children would like to be part of this play, please contact Wendy Gan at: wendy.gan84@yahoo.co.nz




Ringing the Altar Bells: Since the 13th century, altar bells have been rung to bring focus to the consecration when the size of churches, lack of microphones & use of Latin during Mass made it difficult for the congregation to follow. Since 1970, the bells have been made optional and at the discretion of the presiding priest. There are a variety of views on the use of the bells. Some have chosen to dispense with them, while many still ring the bells as a link to tradition, an aid to those with low vision, an alarm for distracted minds and to help children learn about the consecration. Over the last few months, we have started to reintroduce the bells at key points during the Eucharistic Prayer:

- The Epiclesis when Father joins his hands and places them over the bread and wine, and calls down the Holy Spirit by saying the words : *“Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

- During the Elevation of the Body and the Elevation of the Blood immediately after consecration when Bread and Wine become the Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus.

We are keen to hear your feedback on the use of the bells. Please send through any thoughts or questions you may have to the parish office (st.theresas@xtra.co.nz).

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Te Reo Māori in the Mass

We are discussing a phrase used in *The Mystery of Faith: I mate a Hehu / I ara a Hehu / Ka hoki mai ano a Hehu, Karaiti. This week we will discuss the clause I ara a Hehu.*



Ara is a verb which means to **rise up** or to **awaken** (it has several other meanings one of which is **pathway** or **track**). The **I** which precedes **ara** is a tense marker: it puts the time of the rising into the past. This is identical to what we saw last week with **I mate**. And again, we also see the word **a** preceding a person's name. The name is **Hehu**: Jesus. Taken together, the words **I ara a Hehu** mean: **Christ has risen**.

Next week we will discuss the final clause: **Ka hoki mai ano a Hehu, Karaiti**. If you have suggestions or questions about various Māori words and phrases that you hear as part of the Mass, feel free to send them to the parish office using st.theresas@xtra.co.nz.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8th December As has been the custom for many years now an Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated on our Diocesan feast day at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral, Karori at 7.00pm on Friday 8th December.



The Bach Choir of Wellington and the Wellington Brass Band present, *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*, **2pm Saturday, 16 December at St Mary of the Angels** Tickets on Eventfinda: \$35/\$40; school children free

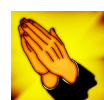


Mass for Life. You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 1 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington.

National March for Life. You're invited to love them both by attending the seventh annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday, 2 December. 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. www.marchforlife.nz



ROSA MYSTICA CELEBRATION
Friday, 8 December 12.10-1.45pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm by Fr Kevin Connors.
. For any enquiries, please phone Stephen: 027 243 5119 or Mary 027 555 6333 or Lucia 021 022 89544.



Light a candle for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land. Many are distressed at the ongoing violence suffering and death affecting the Holy Land. Along with any other actions for peace you may be engaged in, St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott St, is open during the day for you to light a candle and say a prayer that all who dwell in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, Gaza and Israel to live in security and peace. All are welcome.



Carols in Parliament on Sunday 10 December at 7pm (arrive around 6:20pm, to enable you to be seated by 6:50pm). Music by the Wellington Regional Maori Choir, the Choir of the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul and the Salvation Army Band. RSVP's to carolsparliament@gmail.com are essential for security reasons by 1 December 2023.

Vacancy - Executive Assistant to the Archbishop The Archdiocese of Wellington is seeking an Executive Assistant to Archbishop Paul. For people interested in the role, and to obtain a role description, they should contact Ngan Nguyen

from McLaren Associates on [04 472 8095](tel:044728095). <https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4175443>

Vacancy: Safeguarding Coordinator, Archdiocese of Wellington (0.6-0.8 FTE position) The Safeguarding Coordinator takes the lead in instituting a culture of safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults in the Archdiocese. For a copy of the position description and details on how to apply visit the Archdiocese of Wellington website: www.wn.catholic.org.nz/vacancies Applications close 7 January although we will be reviewing applications and arranging interviews immediately.

Service Rosters 25 /26 November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher		Julian Howard
Greeters	Maureen Wilmshurst		Alwyn Kelly / Gary Calderwood
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Mary Va'a		Rosaleen Taylor
Altar Servers	Gabriel Anthony		Jack Buchanan Alex Buchanan
Kaikaranga			Franchesca Blank
Children's Liturgy			Anne Dodds
Proclaimer of The Word	Noemi Thomas		Ray Wolken
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mary Cruz Grant Baker		Luke Barber Gillian Quinn Daniel Blank
Hospitality			Janet & Peter McClean
Flowers	Dorothy/Kay	Altar Society	Maureen Barber

Service Rosters 2 / 3 December – 1st Sunday of Advent			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery		Russell Plume
Greeters	Frances & Brian Collins		Kay & Richard Barraclough
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Carmel Keane		Anne Dodds
Altar Servers	Gabriel Anthony		TBA
Kaikaranga			Phoebe McClean
Children's Liturgy			Tom Fanning
Proclaimer of The Word	Margaret Baker		Youth Team
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Alan Fleming Rosaleen Larsen		Dorothy Gibbs Sef Tuyens
Hospitality			Rosaleen & Jeff Larsen
Flowers	Dorothy/Kay	Altar Society	Maureen Barber