

# St. Theresa's Parish

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17 March 2024 | 5th Sunday of Lent – Year B



## In our Parish this week

### Reconciliation

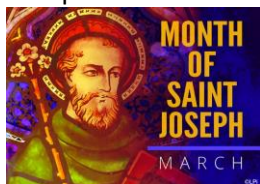
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#### Monday 18 March

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

#### Tuesday 19 March – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**10am** Mass celebrating the Solemnity of St. Joseph at St. Joseph's Church Pāutahanui



#### Wednesday 20 March

**9:30am** Mass

**6pm** Rite II Reconciliation at Holy Family Parish

**7:30pm** Lenten programme

#### Thursday 21 March

**9:30am** Mass

#### Friday 22 March

**9:30am** Mass

**10:15 am** SVDP meet in the hall

**7pm** Stations of the Cross in the Church with Reconciliation before and after

#### Saturday 23 March

**11am** Rosary and Adoration in the Church

**6pm** Vigil Mass

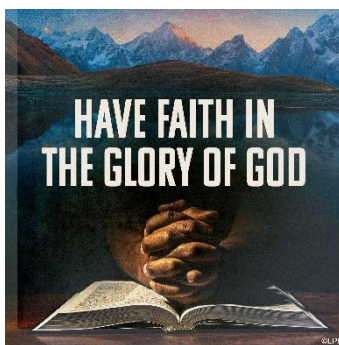
#### Sunday 24 March – PALM SUNDAY

##### Parish/School Mass

**9:30am** Mass (PARKING ON THIS DAY: The court will not be available for parking however, the field gate will be open to park on the field.)



## GOSPEL MEDITATION – March 17, 2024



A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling

because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— Father John Muir

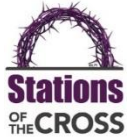
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# LENTEN SCHEDULE

## LENTEN PROGRAMME

Our Prayer Group is running a Lenten programme for the Parish on Wednesdays, starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm with supper. Anne Dodds 027 3110551



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Join us on Friday 22 March at 7 pm – the Youth group will be leading Stations of the Cross. Booklets are available. Father Andrew will be available beforehand and afterwards for Reconciliation.

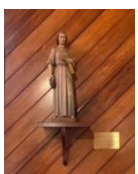
## INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

**Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC)** which works with Archbishop Paul discerning and advising on pastoral issues facing the Archdiocese, will be visiting **St Theresa's Plimmerton on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. This visit is part of an endeavour to better connect with parishes around the Archdiocese - to network, build connections and get a sense of the many ministries that are happening. The gathering is **open to all parishioners**, starting at 6:30pm with a cup of tea followed by prayer (Stations of the Cross led by our youth). Members of various ministries/groups will then briefly share what they do in the parish. Following the presentations, the APC members would then invite our parishioners to join them in a number of small groups (6-10 participants each) and lead the Conversation in the Spirit process to reflect on what we have just heard. The guiding question would likely be: *How do I sense the Spirit calling us to respond as a community to local needs?* The evening concludes with a short summary feedback from facilitators and concluding comments. **Mark it in your calendars! This is an opportunity for you to meet Archbishop Paul and the APC members and to feel a sense of connection with the Archdiocese.**



## RITE II RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Lent is a perfect time for reconciliation, in order to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter. Please join us at the Communal Reconciliation Service offered on **Wednesday 20 March – 6pm Holy Family Parish** 169 Mungavin Ave Porirua



**The Solemnity of St Joseph will be celebrated with Mass at historic St Joseph's church Pāuatahanui.** Everyone is welcome to attend Mass to celebrate the patron saint of our historic church on **Tuesday 19 March at 10.00am**. This marks the

importance of St Joseph as the spouse of the Blessed virgin Mary and the man who protected and taught Jesus from birth to adulthood. Mark your calendars.



## LENTEN GIVING ENVELOPES

The Lent Appeal is our largest campaign, and we need your support to reach our crucial target. Lenten Giving Envelopes are at the end of pews and in the foyer. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2024 will be sent receipts for the 2023/2024 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2024/2025 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**23 March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Vigil:**  
6pm Mass

**24 March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:**  
9:30am Mass (School/Parish Mass)

**25 March Monday of Holy Week:**  
10am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration until 1:30pm

**26 March Tuesday of Holy Week:**  
9:30am Mass

**27 March Wednesday of Holy Week:**  
9:30am Mass  
7:30pm Chrism Mass in Wellington at St Teresa's Pro Cathedral, 301 Karori Road, Karori

**28 March Holy Thursday:**  
7:30pm The Lord's Supper Mass  
9:30pm to midnight Altar of Repose  
(No 9:30am Mass on this day)

**29 March Good Friday:**  
9am Walk of the Cross (details to be finalised)  
3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord  
(No 9:30am Mass on this day)

**30 March Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:**  
6pm Mass

**31 March Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord:**  
9:30am Mass

**1 April Monday within the Octave of Easter:**  
No mass; No Liturgy of the Word or Adoration

**2 April Tuesday within the Octave of Easter:**  
No Mass; No Liturgy of the Word or Adoration

**PARISH FLAT FOR RENT:** If anyone is interested in renting 4/10 James Street, (2 bedroom flat) please let the office know asap as we will be putting this on TradeMe soon.





Every Monday we have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the Church preceded by the 10am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.

Adoration is from 10.30am until

1.30pm. During this time people come and go and one can stay for a short time or a little bit longer. It is a time of prayer, of listening, a two way exchange with Jesus. Just being in His company nourishes the soul and being with Jesus is what He desires.



### Calling for Volunteers on Holy Thursday Evening for the Altar of Repose

After the Holy Thursday Mass the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the altar of repose which will be set up in the hall. This is a great opportunity

for peaceful reflection, keeping watch, praying and most of all spending time with Jesus. This year we will extend the time available for this Adoration till midnight. You are invited to commit yourself to a half hour slot by signing up on the clipboard in the church foyer. We are needing at least 2 people per slot.



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

### Anniversaries – May they RIP:

Janie Denton, Theresa Kenealy, Maud Anslow, Patricia Bell, Eileen Bowman, Judy Robertson, and Monica Maher

**Those who are sick:** Richard Gibbs, Arthur O'Leary, Sr Trish Hanaray, David Wootton, Jocelyn Bryant, Luca Ashworth, Cristina Fleming, Patricia Maher, John Montgomery and all parishioners who have Covid or are sick.



### PLEASE HELP US FEED OUR NEIGHBOURS

Our local St Vincent de Paul Society based at St Theresa's is looking for donations to boost its funds. Every week, there are requests for more and more food parcels. Some of our

neighbours need help to feed their families. Although some bread and other food is donated, we have to supplement what we are given with extra groceries which we have to buy. At present we cover the whole Porirua basin and we are struggling to keep up with the demand. If you could possibly help, please:

- Put your donation into the St Vincent de Paul collection box, or put in an envelope with St Vincent de Paul written clearly on the outside,
- or do a straight forward bank payment into the St Vincent de Paul bank account: **06 0549 0218322 00**
- If you would like a receipt, please write your name and address on a note with the donation.

<< ADDITIONALLY >> The St Vincent de Paul shop in Mungavin Ave, Rānui is seeking volunteers to work at the shop (various shifts) and on the truck crew (Friday mornings). If you have time to spare to help us with our mission of helping people in need please contact our manager, Vicki, on 042375968/0276362984 or email [svdpporirua@gmail.com](mailto:svdpporirua@gmail.com)

*Thank you*

Christine and family sincerely thank all of St Theresa's parish and friends for their generous help in so many aspects of Paul's funeral last Tuesday. We are very grateful for all your support. The sun shone as we celebrated Paul's requiem – a life well lived and very much enjoyed. With love, thanks and God bless, The Geoghegans



Last Days! **Joshua Wellington** invites men to join us on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm at the 'Loaves and Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul followed by

supper. Speaker: Michael Powell on "God reigns - no doubts" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

**WelCom**

### March 2024 WelCom is out!

Available in the church foyer. If you are visiting someone unable to attend Mass, please take them a copy of WelCom.

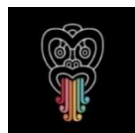


**Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart** is having a **Gala Dinner, Debate and Auction** in association with L.T. McGuinness Ltd on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024** at 6:30pm at St Pat's Town (Hall). **Sponsorships, tables and**

**enquiries:** [bobhouston@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bobhouston@xtra.co.nz) 0274 898017

**RSVP: 31 March 24 or until sold out.**

**REGARDING AUCTION ITEMS:** Your donation of quality portable Please see flyer in the church foyer.



### Te Reo Māori in the Mass

This week we continue with the Penitential Rite. We are discussing the phrase "**and to you, my brothers and sisters**" which we have rendered as "**ki a koutou hoki, e te whānau**". Last week we discussed the word '**koutou**', the word for '**you**' when addressing three or more people. This week we discuss the phrase '**hoki, e te whānau**'. In this context, the word '**hoki**' means '**as well**' as in: "I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, **as well** ...". The phrase '**e te whānau**' refers to '**brothers and sisters**'. In English a '**brother**' is a male sibling of both males and females. Similarly, a '**sister**' is a female sibling of both males and females. In Te Reo, the relationships between siblings are a little more intricate: the brother of a female is '**tungāne**', the sister of a male is '**tuāhine**'. The brother of a male is either '**tuakana**' (if the brother is older) or '**teina**' (if the brother is younger). The same terms are used for the relationships between sisters. i.e., older sister of a female = '**tuakana**', younger sister of a female = '**teina**'. Translating '**brothers and sisters**' as '**te whānau**' avoids these intricacies by simply referring to '**brothers and sisters**' as '**te whānau**' = '**the family**': i.e., my family in faith.

# MOVIE NIGHT

## YOU'RE INVITED TO A MOVIE FUNDRAISER FOR ST JOSEPH'S HISTORIC CHURCH

**PAUATAHANUI.** See The Great Escaper! "Superb performances from Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson..." Don't miss out! The reviews are great, and so is this opportunity to support the parish's St. Joseph's Church this **Tuesday 19 March from 7 PM at Lighthouse Pāuatahanui.** Tickets \$22 each, contact: Susan Bielecki on 0212974445.

**A Taste of Theology:** These one hour presentations are a great introduction to Theology and cover a range of topics including Scripture, official church teachings, moral and spiritual theology, Church history, Philosophy, pastoral and liturgical studies and Canon Law. Presenters are lecturers of Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. Open to anyone who is curious about Theology. Courses will be online via Zoom on Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30PM. Fee for all courses is \$60 (one-off). Register to all or as many as you want. Sessions will be recorded and made available to all registered participants. Go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology)

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### Service Rosters 16 / 17 March – 5th Sunday of Lent

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Mike Montgomery	Sef Truyens
Greeters	Frances & Brian Collins	Jonathan Burchell
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Cath Gardner	Naomi Bennett
Altar Servers		Colin Feng, Finlay Blank
Kaikaranga		Janet McClean
Children's Liturgy		Anne Dodds
Proclaimer of The Word	Carmel Keane	Hamish Baker
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rosaleen Larsen, Mike Montgomery	Gillian Quinn, Daniel Blank, Walter Dempsey
Hospitality		Janet & Peter McClean
Flowers	Dorothy/Kay	Altar Society Maureen Barber

### Service Rosters 23 / 24 March – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass Time:	6:00 pm	9:30 am
Sacristan	Kelly Ross	Julian Howard
Greeters	Laupapa Va'a	Catherine & Hugh Blank
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Mary Va'a	Veronica Young
Altar Servers		Josh & Noah Kerr, Michael Bastian
Kaikaranga		Phoebe McClean
Children's Liturgy		Bronagh & Luke Barber
Proclaimer of The Word	Annemaree Deed	Ray Wolken
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Kelly Ross, Mary Cruz	Dorothy Gibbs, Sef Truyens, Richard Barraclough, Paul Kerr, Jude McKee,
Hospitality		School/Parish Mass
Flowers	Dorothy/Kay	Altar Society Maureen Barber