

St. Theresa's Parish

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14 April 2024 | 3rd Sunday of Easter- Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or after weekday Mass

Monday 15 April

No Liturgy of the Word or Adoration

11.30am Funeral Service for Denis Fairfax

Tuesday 16 April

9.30am Mass

Wednesday 17 April

9:30am Mass

10.00am Prayer group meet in the hall

Thursday 18 April

9:30am Mass

Friday 19 April

9:30am Mass

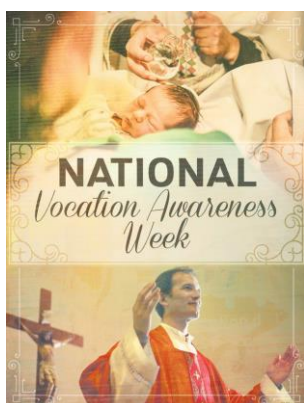
10am SVDP meet in the hall

Saturday 20 April

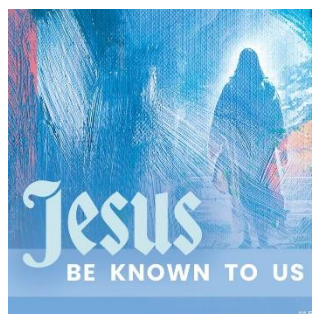
6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 21 March – 4th Sunday of Easter

9:30am Mass



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically

minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— Father John Muir - ©LPi



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thank you to Father Kim and Father Tong who guided our children through their First Reconciliation . A big thank you to Rommel Anthony and Angela Cole for their leadership of both our children and their families. Rommel says “It was so awesome to see the children engage so earnestly in their individual confessions with the priests. Awesome also to see many of you take the opportunity to renew your light and receiving your own reconciliation.”



RIP: Denis Fairfax. Sadly Denis passed away on Tuesday 9th April. Our prayers and love are

with Beverly and family. There will be a funeral service to celebrate Denis’s life at 11.30am on Monday 15th April 2024. Denis will be home on Saturday and Sunday and you are welcome to visit at 18 Steyne Avenue Plimmerton.

Anniversaries – May they RIP: Winifred Williams, Rob Neru, David Day, Charles Bokany, Maurice Harris, John Abbott.

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.

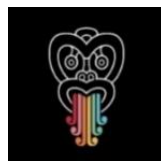
Tax Receipts: Hopefully you have received these by email this week. If you didn’t receive yours and have an email address you would like me to send it to, please let us know at the office. I have left those who I couldn’t send copies to in envelopes in the foyer for picking up.

SACRISTAN CO-ORDINATOR

Thank you to Mike Montgomery who has been doing this role for a few years. **Is someone ready to take over the above role?** Mike has completed the roster for this year 2024 through to December. The person who takes over would be the contact person for the remainder of this year plus do the roster for next year. If you are interested please let Jocelyn or Marylynn in the office know.



A big thank you to Mike and Fr Maurice for delivering food kindly donated by Summerset Aotea.



Te Reo Māori in the Mass

14 April 2024

We are working our way through the Penitential Rite, today addressing the phrase **“and in what I have failed to do,”** which is rendered as **“kua mahia kore hoki ahau,”** in Te Reo Māori. In last week’s edition we talked about **‘kua’** (a tense marker) and the verb **‘mahia’** (to do in the past tense: **‘done’**).

A new word, which we haven’t seen before, is **‘kore’**. It is frequently used to mean **zero, nil, or nothing**. In this case, it has the grammatical effect of reversing or cancelling the intent of the verb which it follows. That is, it changes **‘done’** to **‘not done’** or in context: **‘failed to do’**.

‘Hoki’ is another of those multi-purpose words which are common in Te Reo. It can mean **to return** or **to go back**. In this phrase it has the dual role of emphasising the verb and also suggesting repetition: **‘things I have unmistakably or repeatedly failed to do’**.

Finally, recall that the word **‘ahau’** means **I** or **me**.

Next week we will examine the phrase **‘through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault’**. We will find that it has a straightforward phrasing in Te Reo Māori

Vocation Sunday – 21st April

Next week is the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray that more young people will generously say yes to God’s call in their lives, and that they will find a supportive community around them. Envelopes are available in the foyer to make a donation to Vocations.

Quote

'Henceforth, if we allow Jesus to take us by the hand, no experience of failure or sorrow, however painful, will have the last word on the meaning and destiny of our lives. Henceforth, if we allow ourselves to be raised up by the Risen Lord, no setback, no suffering, no death will be able to halt our progress towards the fullness of life... Then no stone will block the way to our hearts, no tomb will suppress the joy of life, no failure will doom us to despair.

Pope Francis, [Homily](#), Easter Vigil, 30 March 2024.



An invitation to Liturgy Workshops 2024

Theme: The Sunday Eucharist The Eucharist is the "heart" of the Church, namely, the Eucharist. In order to live ever more fully our relationship with God, we need to understand the value and significance of the Mass. (Pope Francis, Nov 2017)

Father Patrick Bridgman, Liturgy Advisor, Archdiocese of Wellington is presenting a series of workshops on the theme of the Sunday Eucharist. These workshops are open to all parishioners in the Archdiocese. It will be an opportunity to refresh our understanding of the Sunday Eucharist. Tea & Coffee will be available half an hour before the start time. Please see the poster in the church foyer for more information. Registrations are appreciated. c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz

Dates and times:

• What do we believe?

10am-12pm on Saturday 20 April
@ St Francis of Assisi Ohariu, Johnsonville

• Liturgy of the Word:

7-9pm on Wednesday 26 June
@ Sacred Heart Church, Petone

• Liturgy of the Eucharist:

10am-12pm on Saturday 17 August
@ St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria

• Its impact in our lives

7-9pm on Wednesday 16th October
@ St Theresa's, Plimmerton

CALLED AND SENT!

A day for the whole family to explore living the Gospel and reaching out to society at large. A program for children will be provided.

An initiative of the Focolare Movement

When: **Saturday 20 April 2024, 9am to 4pm – byo shared finger lunch.**

Where: **Home of Compassion, Rhine St, Island Bay**

Cost: **\$10 per adult, children by donation.**

Contact: **Gloria - 022 1931957 or email: mariapolis.nz@gmail.com**



Last Days! Joshua Wellington invites men to join us this coming Thursday 18th April at 7:30pm to the 'Loaves and

Fishes' next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul followed by supper. Speaker: Fr Kevin Mowbray SM on "How good is our God" Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



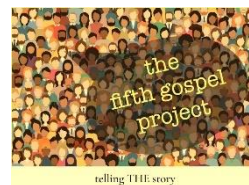
POPE FRANCIS HAS DECLARED 2025 AS A YEAR OF JUBILEE WITH THE THEME "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

"The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude

to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

Pope Francis.

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will give voice to Pope Francis' desire to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Preparations are underway. All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. The 2024 focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope. The NZCBC has created an informative webpage. Please visit the website <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/> to find out more information and watch this space for opportunities to become involved in Jubilee 2025.



The Fifth Gospel Project. Fr John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation and send an

experience (up to 400 words) before the end of April to john@fff.org.nz.

More information on this mission is available

at <https://foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story/>

ORPHEUS CHOIR WELLINGTON'S first concert of the 2024 series is The Armed Man — A Mass for Peace. is at the Michael Fowler Centre on Saturday 20 April, 2024 and commences at 7.30 pm.



From Maintenance to Mission - getting the balance right! Divine Renovation (DR) is a Catholic organisation focused

on parish renewal. Fr James Mallon, DR's founder, introduced DR to NZ in 2018 at the national clergy assembly in Christchurch. Since then, the model has continued to inspire and facilitate renewal parishes all over the world. The Archdiocese is delighted to welcome Mr Dan O'Rourke (D.R's current president) to Wellington for an evening specifically focussed on strategies for renewal in our parishes. Parish Pastoral Council members

and everyone interested in parish leadership are warmly invited to join us for a thought-provoking evening of inspiration as we ponder where to for our parishes. We strongly recommend being there in person, but if distance is going to be an issue you can join us on Teams. Please email for more details. l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz
Date: Thursday 18 April - 6:30pm (Cup of tea) 7.00pm-9.00pm Session **Venue:** St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville, Wellington. See flyer in the church foyer for details.

Service Rosters 13/14 April – 3 rd Sunday of Easter			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Kelly Ross		Sef Truyens
Greeters	Kelly Ross		Klara Noldan
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Margaret Baker		Rosaleen Taylor
Altar Servers	Gabriel Anthony, Michael Bastian		Emily, Isabelle & Nicholas Aubrey
Kaikaranga			Janet or Phoebe McClean
Children's Liturgy			Tandi McCarthy
Proclaimer of The Word	Cath Gardner		Phil Reiher
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grant Baker, Alan Fleming		Daniel Blank, Dorothy Gibbs, Sef Truyens
Hospitality			Isabelle & Joseph Williams
Flowers	Dorothy/Kay	Altar Society	Maureen Wilmshurst

Service Rosters 20/21 April – 4 th Sunday of Easter			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher		Julian Howard
Greeters	Margaret & Grant Baker		Alwyn Kelly & Gary Calderwood
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Rommel Anthony		Ray Wolken
Altar Servers	Gabriel Anthony Michael Bastian		Finlay Blank Sammy Cato
Kaikaranga			Margriet Lynch
Children's Liturgy			School holidays
Proclaimer of The Word	Mary Va'a		Julian Howard
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mike Montgomery, Kelly Ross		Richard Barraclough, Paul Kerr, Jude McKee
Hospitality			Kayren & Laurie Smith
Flowers	Dorothy/Kay	Altar Society	Maureen Wilmshurst

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