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Weekdays: Tue-Fri 9.30am, Saturday 9.00am
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18th October 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Liturgy of the Word:

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour

Today's Reading: Isaiah 45: 1,4-6; 1Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21

Next Sunday: Exodus 22:20-26; Ps 17; Thess 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

Reflection on Matthew 22: 15-21

The Pharisees and the Herodians, sworn mutual enemies, become friends for awhile and scheme against Jesus with an insidious question to trap him, "It is lawful to pay tax to Caesar or not?". They knew if Jesus said 'yes', he would lose favour with the people who hated imperial rule. If he said 'no', they could label him as an insurrectionist.

Nonetheless, they didn't succeed in ensnaring Jesus, because his response went beyond all their cunning calculations: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's."

Apparently, with this answer Jesus makes a distinction between civil authority and religious authority and underlines the importance of fulfilling one's duties and responsibilities both to God and to state. Now the question is, what is Caesar's and what is not God's?

Is there anything in this world that is not of God? Even Caesar and his kingdom—his rights, powers and possessions belong only to God! If a coin, struck with the image and inscription of the emperor, belongs to him, every human person created in the image and likeness of God belongs to him and only to him!

God's Word 2020 (Readings, Reflections, Saint of the Day)

Sacramental Programme 2020/2021

Parents of children turning 8 next year are invited to enrol their children in the 2021 programme which starts this November with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

These children will join those who have completed First Communion and Reconciliation this year but the 2021 children will receive their other sacraments next year.

Enrolment forms are in the foyers and on our website (otariparish.co.nz) or you can contact the parish office for more information on 476 6131 or office@otariparish.co.nz

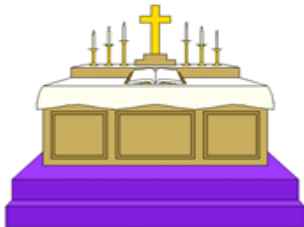


Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale

Friends of St Teresa's School will be running a sausage sizzle and bake sale outside the St Teresa's hall on election day,

Saturday 17 October from 10am-2pm.
Please come and visit, and show your support.

Exposition and Adoration:



Is held on the first Friday of the month in St Teresa's chapel after 9.30am Mass.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Divine Mercy Devotion is every Saturday night at 5pm at St Teresa's.

Parish Morning tea: Last Friday of the month after Mass in the Presbytery.



Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

Join us for our new weekly craft gathering. We will meet 12 noon on Wednesdays in the Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. For more information contact: (04) 282

1953 or heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz



About to get married:

A wedding is a day, marriage is a lifetime.

Could you successfully run a marathon without preparing for it? Of course not!

So too marriage. The next opportunity to prepare for your lifetime together by attending a Engaged Encounter weekend marriage preparation course is 14th and 15th November.

This is the final one for the year.

For more details go to the website <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/>

Phone Kate and Simon Olson. 04 801 6192 or email simonolsen@gmail.com

Declaration of Independence (October 28th) and Parihaka (November 5th)

Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to remember two significant dates in Aotearoa New Zealand's history: The Declaration of Independence, signed on October 28th, 1835 and invasion of Parihaka on the 5th of November 1881. The Declaration of Independence was initiated by northern Rangitira. It is considered the first constitutional founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand and is thus the first recognition of New Zealand as an independent entity. The Parihaka invasion is significant in that it is the first known case of nonviolent resistance in the world. Mahatma Gandhi heard about Parihaka while in South Africa and it inspired him to nonviolent resistance action in India which effectively led to the independence of India in 1948. We ask you to remember these events in your prayers and to pray for the protection and safety of all peace makers and peace builders around the world.

WelCom

The latest issue of WelCom is now available in the foyer.

Father Ron is continuing to recover and he is now staying with his brother.



Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Session (Retreat Day): Who am I? –

Reflecting on our Identity in God with Eamon Butler. Saturday, 28 November, 10.30am-4pm.

Fee: \$60. (Please note new Date!)

Information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/virtual-retreat-day-with-eamon-butler-who-am-i/>

Shoes for Planet Earth

Wednesday 21

October 7.30pm

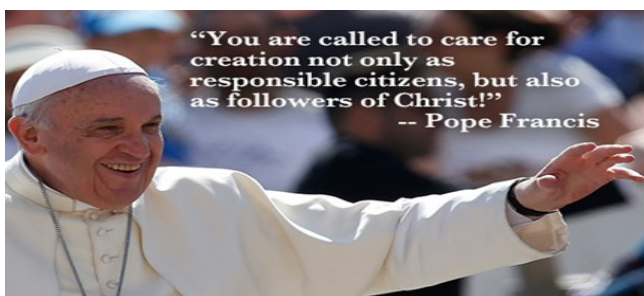
St Thomas More Lounge

Come and listen to Mike Scrivener from this not for profit organisation which collects recycled running



shoes for needy youth – put smiles on their feet and on their faces. They also collect and distribute good quality dress shoes and hiking boots – the larger the sizes the better! Bring the above to this meeting, but there will also be a collection box in both churches for a few weeks afterwards.

SOLES4SOULS – helping the Planet and changing someone's life!



Joshua men's meeting Thursday 15th October 2020 at 7:30pm (Note: cuppa from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start).

Note: venue : Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street, Level 1 in the Lecture room-Cafeteria combined. Speaker: Fr Peter Ewart on "What can we learn from Teresa of Avila about prayer and trusting in Jesus"

Also, keep Saturday 31st October free for Men's Retreat at Home of Compassion, Island Bay
Want to know more?

Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

Joshua Men's One Day Retreat

Home of Compassion, Island Bay
Saturday 31st October
8:30 am –5.00pm.

Theme: "Don't Worry. Trust in Jesus"
Retreat Leader is Fr James Lyons.

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Pope Francis on Hope:

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God. "Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts." "God's love calls us to move beyond fear."



Please pray for those who have passed away recently and for Peter Flanagan and those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Readings for
19-24
October
2020

Mon: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Tues: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wed: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thurs: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Sat: Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9



Income and Expenses July to September 2020

Income	July	August	Sept
Giving	16597	14369	13495
Interest	1929	1258	1217
Rent	8763	6305	6284
Other		100	490
Total Income	27289	22032	21486
Expenses			
Admin and wages	10606	9162	8762
Archdiocesan Costs	3120	2599	2349
Parish Insurance		31587	
Clergy Support	7680	6397	5783
Pastoral	107	1494	302
Repairs and Maint.	3711	9974	2959
Total Expenses	25224	61213	20155
Surplus/Deficit	2065	-39181	1331