



Otari Parish St Teresa and St Thomas More

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**Saturday Vigil:****Weekdays:****Reconciliation:**

5:30 pm (Karori), **Sunday** 8.30am (Wilton) 10.00 am (Karori)
Tue - Fri 9.30am, Sat 9am |
Saturday: 9.30 – 10am

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**November 10th-11th****Year B****Liturgy of the Word:****Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!****Today's Reading:** 1 Kg 17: 10-16; Heb 9: 24-28; Mk 12: 38-44**Next Sunday:** Dan 12: 1-3; Heb 10: 11-14, 18; Mk 13: 24-32**The Widow's Mite**

This beautiful story is only mentioned in Mark's Gospel. Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem, and has several conversations with Jewish leaders, both inside and outside the Temple. He now contrasts their (mainly) proud and evil ways with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

It is a dangerous story. It unsettles, disturbs and challenges us about our own lifestyle and priorities.

Perhaps the most amazing part of the story is that Jesus was watching this woman instead of the rich and wealthy. There is something about "it takes one to know one." The woman has given her everything, just as Jesus will give his everything on the cross.

This self-giving withholds nothing from God. By pointing her out, Jesus seems to be saying once again that gaining one's life comes in the letting go instead of the grasping.

The woman is worth watching. Ironically, in her giving all to God, she reminds us that all that we have is God's. In watching her, we can see the gift of life and grace that God provides for us and the whole creation. In this gift we receive all that we need and are freed so that we might give of ourselves to God and to others. By all appearances, she ought to go unnoticed. She tosses in two copper coins while some of Jerusalem's finest make donations of notable size. Temple operations would scarcely have been affected had she not come at all. Jesus draws attention to that which others might easily have overlooked. He points to a giving of substance, in contrast to empty ceremony.

The woman receives no reward for her sacrifice, not even a kind word from Jesus himself. He speaks about her, not to her. She never knew her mite had made such an impact on the hearts of the disciples, even if it had not made an impact on the Temple treasury. She had the right attitude. Giving from the heart is greater than giving from the wallet.

God's math is amazing. One penny is worth more than several large sums. One sheep is worth risking the safety of 99. One day is like a thousand years. Jesus Christ + nothing = salvation.

Fr Ron



St Teresa's Church:

Exposition and Adoration: Is held on the first Friday of the month in the chapel after 9.30am Mass.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Divine Mercy Devotion is every Saturday night at 5pm.

Remembrance Mass:

**Wednesday 21st
November 2018 at 7:00pm**

We warmly welcome members of our parish pastoral area and school communities to our Remembrance Mass on Wednesday 21st November at 7:00pm at St Teresa's Church.



This is a beautiful Mass led by our Folk Group and is a celebration for all members of our parish community, but in particular those who have suffered the loss of a loved one over the past year. We will remember those special people and thank God for the time that we have shared with them.

We also celebrate the wonderful memories that we hold of our loved ones. You are invited to bring a photo or memento of your loved one to place on the altar before mass.

Please gather in the foyer before Mass so that we can light a candle for our loved ones, which Fr Ron will bless. We will enter the church together to the opening hymn, placing our candles on the altar. Please join us in this special celebration which will be followed with a glass of wine in our church foyer.

Holy Souls:

November is the month of Holy Souls, a time to remember our loved ones who have died. You are welcome to register the names of those you wish to be prayed for during this month, together with the offering you would like to make. A labelled box will be available in the foyer of both churches.

Columbian Art Calendar 2019:

The CWL are selling these after Masses at St Teresa's Church and they will be available for sale at St Thomas More. The cost of the Calendar is \$12.00.

Stewardship thoughts for today: *"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."* MARK 12:43-44
Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

First Holy Communion Celebration Mass 10.00am, Sunday 25th November:

Please remember in your prayers the **55 children** from Otari Parish and Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish who are making their First Communion on Sunday November 25th at the 10.00am Mass at St Teresa's Church.



A much larger number of children and their wider families will be attending the Celebration Mass that day. **If you prefer a less crowded Mass, we strongly encourage you to attend another Mass that weekend;** 5.30pm Saturday Vigil St Teresa's Church or 8.30am Sunday St Thomas More Church.

Planned Giving:

Thankyou to all the parishioners who joined the planned giving programme this week and of course to all our planned givers. Your contributions are very much appreciated.



We thank those who have moved on to automatic payment as this ensures your donation is received by the parish whether you are at Mass or not. It also means less counting, storing and banking of cash each week and less printing costs.

Any other parishioners who may like to join the planned giving programme can contact the parish office on 476 6131 or email office@otariparish.co.nz to make arrangements.

Otari Parish Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Children's Masses: 24th December

- St Teresa's Church: 5.00pm
- St Thomas More Church : 7.00pm

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- Filipino Mass with Cardinal John: 7.00pm
- Christmas Eve Mass: 9.00pm
- Midnight Mass with Cardinal John: 12.00am

Christmas Day Mass: 25th December

- St Teresa's Church: 10am

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women:

Our meeting is on Saturday 17th November at 1.30pm, St Joseph's Church, 42 Ellice St, Mt Victoria Wellington.

Our speaker will be Sarah Pinto on "In my Father's eyes". Is 43:4 'you are precious in my eyes and honoured and I love you'.
Enquiries Shura 3899938





Cardinal McKeefry School Fundraiser:

When: Wednesday 14th November
Where: Old St Pauls, 34 Mulgrave Street
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Tickets are available at:
www.tingurl.com/Te-Radar-CMCK

Come and listen to Te Radar describe his visit to Antarctica

Wonton Making Fund Raising event:

Come join us for some fun, learning to make wontons on Sunday 11th November 2018 St Thomas More Church Lounge from 11 am to 12.30pm.



Cost - \$20 per person

We are raising funds towards the cost of a robotic arm for a 19 year old by who has cerebral palsy.

For more information: give a little page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/blakes-robotic-arm>

Please RSVP by Thursday 8 November to help estimate the amount of ingredients.
 Contact: Angie's email is zealandia100@gmail.com

Joshua Catholic Men's Fellowship Wellington:

Thursday 15th of November at 7:30pm
 (Note: fellowship from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start) in The Loaves and Fishes Hall next to the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth streets, Thorndon. The topic is "Becoming a New Man". Ring Steve Ready: 027-356-9555 for more information.

Readings for the Week



Readings for the week: November 12th –18th

Monday: Titus 1: 1-9; Lk 17: 1-6
Tuesday: Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14; Lk 17: 7-10
Wednesday: Titus 3: 1-7; LK 17: 11-19
Thursday: Philemon 7-20; Lk 17: 20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17: 26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dan 12: 1-3; Heb 10: 11-14, 18; Mk 13: 24-32



Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Pa Maria Marist Spirituality Centre, Thorndon:

Non-Residential Retreat, 12th -16th November, 9.30am - 4.00pm daily.
Reflection Day, Saturday 24 November, 9.30am - 4.00pm.
 For further information, please contact Fr Brian Cummings SM at bgcummings@xtra.co.nz or 021 703 580.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON POSTION OPEN

Young Church Ministry Coordinator
 20-30 Hours Per Week (Negotiable)

We are looking to employ a dedicated person to join a passionate, creative and qualified pastoral ministry team working to support and grow ministry with young people in the Archdiocese of Wellington.

For more information about the role and to apply head to seek.co.nz and search for 'Young Church' or contact i.mccafferty@wn.catholic.org.nz

Applications close 15th November 2018

Help Needed for Cardinal McKeefry School:

Cardinal McKeefry School are in great need of volunteers to drop off leaflets to mailboxes advertising their major fundraisers; *Te Radar on 14th November* and the *Car Boot Sale on Saturday, 24th November*. They have stacks of flyers and want to get the word out for both of these events. If you have some spare time and are able to drop flyers off please contact Paula Reidy on 027 622 8559 or email: pta@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz



Challenge 2000:

Street Day Appeal, Thursday 15th November:

Help us to help those one the peripheries by giving to our street appeal.



World Day of the Poor Workshop, Saturday 17th of November:

Challenge 2000 are hosting an event to acknowledge Pope Francis' "World Day of the Poor." The event is a workshop "Better off Together - He waka eke noa" to be held at Bishop Viard College from 10am - 4pm. An array of interesting, inspiring speakers will be presenting - more details are available here: www.challenge2000.org.nz/newsandfutureevents/

World Day of Poor:

Wellington JPD Commission social analysis workshop, November 14th: St Joseph's church foyer, Upper Hutt (please register with l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz)

St Vincent de Paul free pop-up stores, Saturday 17th November: Newtown, Hutt Valley, Porirua, Wairarapa and Levin.

Archdiocesan Mass for the World Day of the Poor: Sunday 18th November 10.30am: St Michael's Taita, *if possible please bring a non-perishable item for the foodbank collection.*

Fruitcakes and Festive Fare For KAIKŌURA:

North Island parishes of the Archdiocese are invited to express love and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Kaikōura by supplying wrapped fruitcakes or other festive fare, which will be delivered to Kaikōura in time for the 2nd anniversary of the 2016 earthquake on the 14th November.

These can be dropped off at the Compassion Soup Kitchen (132 Tory St, Wellington), Challenge 2000 (1 Wanaka St, Johnsonville) or Catholic Centre (22-30 Hill St, Wellington) up until midday 12th November. They will be delivered to Kaikōura by the Society of St Vincent de Paul as part of the World Day of the Poor activities of the Archdiocese of Wellington. For more information please contact Lisa Beech l.beech@wn.catholic.org.nz

Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre:

2 Rhine Street, Island Bay, Wellington. Ph. 04 282 1953.
heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz



New Influenza Pandemic exhibition opens 11 November:

This special temporary exhibition commemorates the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic and the response of the Sisters of Compassion nursing in a stricken city. As city officials mobilised, the Sisters of Compassion responded to the call for volunteers, nursing the sick in Island Bay, Berhampore and at the temporary hospital at St Patrick's College. Open from 11 November 2018 – 31 March 2019. Tuesday-Saturday; 10am-3pm; Sunday 12noon-3pm.

Carols around the Crib:

Join us on this Family Day on the eve of Advent. At 11am we will put up the crib, followed by carol singing. Throughout the day, get creative with nativity art and crafts. Search out nativity rocks in the Christmas treasure hunt. All are welcome on 1st December, 10am-3pm.

Contemplative Prayer:

As Christmas approaches take time out in Advent for contemplative reflection and prayer. This series will be led by Sr Sue Cosgrove on the 5th and 12th December, and repeated the same day at 7pm.