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Sunday: 8.30am Wilton and 10.00am Karori

Weekdays: Tue-Fri 9.30am, Saturday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30—10.00am

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29th September 2024

26h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

In this passage, Jesus teaches His disciples about the importance of unity, humility, and kindness.

- **Unity:** Embrace and encourage the good works done by others in the name of Christ, even if they are not part of our immediate community.



- **Kindness Matters:** Recognise and perform small acts of kindness. They are valuable and pleasing to God.

- **Humility:** Regularly reflect on our lives to identify and remove anything that causes us to make bad choices.

In summary, this passage from Mark reminds us of the importance of unity among believers, the significance of small acts of kindness, and the need for serious self-examination to lead a life that is pleasing to God. To quote St. Teresa, "You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."

Manaaki te Atua

Pip Cook (Principal St Teresas School)

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Num 11:25-29; Ps 18:8,10,12-14; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

Psalm Response: *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

Next Week: 27th Sunday in Ordinary time: Gen 2:18-24; Ps 127; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16:

FEAST DAY OF ST TERESA

New Parishioners' Day

(29th September 2024)

10.00am : Holy Mass (St Teresa's Church) followed by shared lunch in the hall.

All welcome.



Altar Servers



Altar Servers needed

If you have made your First Communion, you are now warmly invited to consider participating in the ministry of Altar Serving at the Sunday Masses (including the Saturday Vigil Mass) at St Teresa's Church. You can talk to Fr Joy or Fr Tikoua or email the parish office. Full training is given!

Call and Equipped

New Adult Formation Programme



If you are interested in an opportunity to dig deeper into your faith and to learn how to share it with others, this programme could be for you. This is an exciting new initiative being run by the Archdiocese.

Have a chat to Fr Joy or contact the parish office for more details.

St. Teresa's School will install a gate between the car park and the school. This important safety measure is being implemented to ensure the well-being of our students.

The gate will remain closed during school hours to provide a secure environment for our students. However, we understand the importance of community access and will ensure the gate is open and accessible during week-ends to support Mass. Additionally, we will accommodate cars during funerals to facilitate ease of access.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we take these steps to enhance the safety and security of our school community.

Pip Cook –Principal

Reconciliation is available after 9am Mass on Saturday mornings or upon request

If you would like to join our giving programme, please contact the parish office at office@otariparish.co.nz

To make a donation to our account -
Otari Parish 02 0536 0392292 00

"Following Christ - A Catholic Discipleship program"

Thursdays 6.30pm to 8.30pm at St Teresa's, finishing on 10th Oct 2024.

Come along!

Anointing Mass

Beginning on 5 October, there will be an opportunity to receive an anointing of the sick within the **9.00am morning Mass.**

This will continue as a monthly event on the first Saturday of the month.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for personal prayer:
Tuesday to Friday 8.30—9.30am
First Fridays 8.30am to 6.30pm
concluding with Mass at 6.30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Saturday evening from 5pm .
St Teresa's Church, Karori.

ALL WELCOME.



Season of Creation

Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things. (# 222 *Laudato Si'*)

Action: Say a prayer of appreciation for the small things that make you happy e.g. a tree starting to bud in your garden.



Friday 4 October: St Francis Day Season of Creation Liturgy on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi To Hope and Act with Creation

The Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission and St Francis of Assisi Parish invite you to a Season of Creation Liturgy

Where: St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish (37 Doctor Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville Wellington).

When: 7pm cuppa for 7.30 pm start on Friday 4th October

All are welcome.

The weather cooperated last Sunday afternoon so that people from the Parishes of Ōtari, St Anne's and St Luke's could gather outdoors to celebrate the Season of Creation with a Reflective Walk. How appreciative we are to have this beautiful native botanic garden and forest reserve of Ōtari-Wilton's Bush for this ecumenical event. Even the kākā joined in!



Celebration Sunday 2024

'Let my actions be a continual prayer and speak to you of my love' 'Mā aku mahi ka rangona tonutia ngā karakia me taku aroha ki ā koe'. - Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

This weekend at our Masses, we join with the Sisters of Compassion and all peoples of Aotearoa, New Zealand to celebrate the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa. Following her example, we pray that our actions will be a continual prayer that speak of Christ's



Fr Augustine Vallooran VC (Director of DRC India) Visit to New Zealand - October 2024

Save the date for October 14, 2024! The DRC NZ Wellington unit is hosting a retreat from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, led by Fr.

Augustine Vallooran VC from DRC India. This event presents a valuable chance for everyone to participate in spiritual development and rejuvenation.

Further inquiries: 0273476327

Email: drcnzwellingtonunit@gmail.com

Game On !

8 week parenting course just for Dad.
Starts Wed 23rd October 6.30-8.30pm at Net Pasifika Hub 2 Dudley St. Hutt Central. For more info: reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or ph Francis 021 0887 4824

XLT Youth Worship Night - calling all teens and young adults.

XLT is a night centered around a theme and aimed at college students and young adults. 7pm on Friday 18th October at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown. Follow our page on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

Readings

30 Sep to
5 Oct
2024

Mon: Job 1:6-22; Ps 16:1-3,6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tues: Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23; Ps 87:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wed: Ex 23:20-23; Ps 90:1-6,10-11; Mt 18:1-5,10.

Thurs: Job 19:21-27; Ps 26:7-9,13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Job 38:1,12-21,40:3-5; Ps 138:1-3,7-10,13-14; Lk 10:13-16

Sat: Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Ps 118:66,71,75,91,125,130; Lk 10:17-24



*Please pray for those who are sick and for the recently deceased
We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.*



St. Therese of the Child Jesus

“I will let fall a shower of roses; I will spend my heaven doing good on earth.”

Marie Francois Therese Martin, popularly known as the **“Little Flower”** was born at Alencon in France on 2 January 1873 as the youngest of the nine children of Louis and Zelie. Of the nine, only five, all girls, survived and all of them became religious sisters. Her father was a watchmaker and jeweler, and her mother too ran a small business of embroidery.

At the age of four she lost her mother, and when she was ten, she contracted a serious sickness which lasted three months. She implored the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary and was cured.

Two of her sisters entered the convent and Therese wanted to do the same when still very young. She had to wait, and in the meantime, her father took her to Rome where she was given the rare privilege in those days of having an audience with Pope Leo XIII.

Therese was finally allowed to join the convent and in 1890, when she was not yet seventeen, she took her first vows. The Carmelite Sisters whom she joined belonged to a group of nuns who receive the name of **“cloistered nuns”**, sisters who never leave convent and spend their whole life in prayer and doing penance. When sister Therese was twenty, she was appointed to train the new girls who wanted to join the convent, a training which is called **“novitiate”**. But three years later she was struck by Tuberculosis, a disease for which there was no remedy in those days. For one and half years she suffered terribly, both physically and spiritually, enduring many temptations against faith. She died at the age of twenty-four, and her last words were: **“My God, I love you!”**

Only after her death did the sisters realize what a great saint Therese had been. She had left written an account of her own life under the title of **“History of a soul”**. There were three areas to which she had paid particular attention in her efforts to come closer to God:

To do everything in a simple way, but with great care, never refusing anything to God, that is, always being ready to do God’s will.

To abandon herself to God’s plans for her, both in joy and in sorrow, with the confidence with which a child abandons itself in the arms of its mother.

To always intercede, through prayer, penance and whatever she did or had to suffer, for the many millions who did not yet believe in God.

Therese was beatified in 1923 and was canonized on 17th May 1925 by Pope Pius XI. She is the Patron Saint of aviators and with St. Francis Xavier, of all Catholic Missions. She was also declared **‘Doctor of the Church’** by Pope John Paul II in 1997.

St. Therese realized that she had a way to be a missionary and to bring people to accept Christ and be saved. She offered to God whatever she did in her life, all her prayers and, above all, whatever suffering came to her, for the conversion of people, and God would make use of her offering to save many people.

St. Therese’s life reminds us that not everyone is called to go far away countries to preach the Gospel; but every Christian is called to help save people far or near, by offering one’s own sincere Christian life, one’s own prayer and one’s own suffering in life. May she help us all become beautiful little flowers in the garden of heaven, to the praise and glory of God!

A Happy Feast to Everyone!

Fr. Joy Raphal.

Catechetical
Corner