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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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6th October 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Dear Parishioners,**

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! This morning (Thursday), we offered a Holy Mass and prayed for a couple who celebrated the Diamond Anniversary of their wedding. What a great moment! In the afternoon, I had a meeting with a young woman and man who are planning to get married early next year who shared with me how excited they were as they are planning and preparing for their marriage. Yes, how unique is this holy sacrament and how privileged are those who are called to live this way of life?

Today's Scripture readings invite us to reflect on the bond of love that marriage creates between a man and a woman, a bond that God intends to be permanent. These readings challenge the spouses to practice the fidelity of their ever-faithful God, honouring their holy covenant commitment before Him. The Gospel gives Christ's explicit teaching on marriage and divorce, the Divine origin of marriage, the sacredness of family life and the indissolubility of marriage.

To understand what marriage is, we need to start with the *human person*. After all, marriage is a unique relationship between two specific persons, one man and one woman. We must ask, "What does it mean to be a human person, as a man or as a woman?" First, men and women are created in the image of God (Gen 1:27). This means that they have great dignity and worth. Also, since "God is love," (1 Jn 4:8) each person – created in God's image - finds his or her fulfilment by loving others. Second, men and women are body-persons. The body – male or female – is an essential part of being human. So, when we think about marriage, we must think about who the human person is – created with great dignity, and called to love as a body-person, male or female.

Love and commitment are important for marriage – as they are for any relationships. But marriage is unique because the commitment it calls for is better described as *communion*, where "the two become one flesh" (Gen 2:24). Only a man and a woman in marriage can become a "one flesh" communion. The unity of husband and wife is so intimate that from it can come a "third," the child – a new life to be welcomed and raised in love. No other relationship, no matter how loving or committed, can have this unique form of commitment – communion – that exists in marriage, between a husband and a wife.

Marriage demands that the spouses should become the right persons for each other. Marriage is a union based on committed sharing, and sacrificial agape love. It requires mutual complementing; much generosity and great good will to forgive and ask for forgiveness; sincere cooperation in training children and raising them as practicing Catholic Christians; and daily strength from God obtained through personal and family prayers and regular participation in the parish liturgy.

Let us pray for all those who live a married life that they may grow in virtues of patience, perseverance, and forgiveness that lead to a happy marriage...a holy marriage...

**Fr. Joy Raphael.**

**Liturgy of the Word**

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

**Psalm Response:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Next Week:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 89:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10: 17-27

## Parish Events

### St Teresa's Feast and New parishioners day

Thank you to everyone who made this day memorable!



### Special Rosary and Mass

On **Monday (7th October at 9.30am)** being the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, there will be a special Rosary and Holy Mass

### 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.

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

### 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  
**All welcome.**



### Following Christ Retreat Day

Many of our parishioners who are participating in the "Following Christ 7 week Catholic Discipleship course attended a day long retreat at Cardinal McKeefry school hall last Saturday. Otari parish is blessed to have a wonderful Faith Events team who generously give their time and talents to plan and execute faith events for our parish community. A big Thank you and God bless you to each and everyone who attended and supported us !



### FORMATION FOR PROCLAIMERS

All proclaimers for the Weekday, Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses (St Teresa and St Thomas More) are please asked to attend a Formation workshop at **St Teresa's on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024, at 7.00pm-8.00pm.**

New parishioners who are interested in joining our Proclaimers team are also welcome; please contact Audrey (St Teresa), Estelle (St Thomas More) or the Parish Office if you would like to join the team.



### Altar Servers needed

If your children (who have made their First Communion) are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact the parish office. Full training is given!

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

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





### 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 love for all.

### Fr Augustine Valooran 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](mailto:drcnzwellingtonunit@gmail.com)



### 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 18<sup>th</sup> October** at St Anne's Hall, Emmett Street, Newtown. Follow our page on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

### 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](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz) or ph Francis 021 0887 4824

### Readings

7 –12 October

**Mon:** Gal 1:6-12; Ps 110:1-2,7-10; Lk 10:25-37

**Tues:** Gal 1:13-24; Ps 138:1-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

**Wed:** Gal 2:1-2,7-14; Ps 116; Lk 11:1-4

**Thurs:** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14; Ps 110:1-6; Lk 11:15-26

**Sat:** Gal 3:22-29; Ps 104:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Come and join other men on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October from 7:00pm .



Speaker: Rainer Hensel on

**"The Lord has set me free from all my fears"**

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)

### THE TREATY OF WAITANGI - FREE PUBLIC LECTURES

**St. Michael's Church, 81 Upland Road, Kelburn at 6.00pm. 10 OCTOBER : DAVID WILLIAMS**

Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, University of Auckland, Waitangi Tribunal Member.

"Te Tiriti o Waitangi for Tangata Tiriti in Aotearoa: A Personal Journey"

### 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.

"Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Mk 10:15). Here is what is new: the disciple must not only serve the little ones, but also acknowledge himself as a little one. And every one of us, do we recognise ourselves as small before God? ..... We must seek out our smallness and recognise it. And there, we will find Jesus."

*Pope Francis 03.10.21 Angelus, St Peter's Square ,*

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



## October: A Month of the Holy Rosary!



The month of October has traditionally been dedicated to praying the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. The Rosary devotion had attained its present form and gotten its name the *rosarium* ("rose garden"), by AD 1500. It was Pope Leo XIII who in 1891 declared October as the month of the Rosary. The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses," and each prayer in the Rosary is considered a flower presented to Mary. It is called the "Breviary of the common people" and the "Psalms of the Illiterate."

The Rosary is also described as a compendium of the life of Jesus and Mary. During the recitation of the Rosary, we meditate on the saving mysteries of our Lord's life and the faithful witness of our Blessed Mother. Journeying through the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary, we recall our Lord's Incarnation, His public ministry, His passion and death, and His Resurrection from the dead.

### Why should we pray the Holy Rosary?

**On the thirteenth of May 1917, our Blessed Mother**, in her sixth apparition to the three children at Fatima, demanded, "Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace in the world... Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners... I'm Our Lady of the Rosary."

**St. Louis de Montfort:** "Anyone who prays the Rosary every day will never be led astray."

**St. Bernard:** "The Hail Mary puts the devil to flight and causes hell to tremble with terror."

**Father Patrick Peyton**, who is known as "the Rosary Priest": "If families will listen to my message and give Our Lady ten minutes of their twenty four hours by reciting the daily family rosary, I assure them that their homes will become, by God's grace, peaceful, prayerful places-little heavens, which God the author of home life has intended they should be."

**Pope Pius IX:** "Among all the devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favoured by so many miracles as the Rosary devotion."

**Pope Pius X:** "Recite the Rosary devoutly; you will have peace in your families."

**Pope Pius XI:** "The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labours."

**Pope Pius XII:** "The rosary is the sure means of God's blessings to families."

**Pope Leo XIII:** "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."

Let us re-ignite this age-old Catholic tradition of praying the Holy Rosary as individuals, families and communities to experience what this devotion promises! May **Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!**

Fr. Joy Raphael.

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