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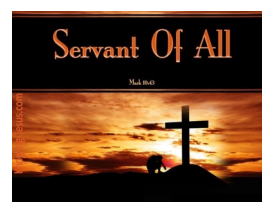
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20th October 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

World Mission Sunday



The first reading from **Isaiah 53: 10-11** is one of the most beautiful readings and is one of my favourite readings. It is a conclusion of the fourth suffering servant song. Almost every Catholic has heard these words at some point in their lives as it is always read at our Good Friday services-The day Jesus gave his life for each of us. These words by prophet Isaiah were proclaimed over 500 years before the time of Christ. **What does this mean to us today?** For us, **Jesus is the servant.** Jesus acknowledges the sins of God's people and accepts the punishment of the exile. The servant's willingness to honour God is enough to bring an end to the punishment of the entire nation.

The second reading from **Hebrews 4: 14-16** reminds us that Jesus's priesthood is perfect because he **epitomises mercy and compassion.** As a man, he has experienced the sufferings that affect us, although he was free from sin. Since Jesus knows our weaknesses so well, he can give us the help we need, and when he comes to judge us, Jesus will take that weakness into account. **We could humbly respond to the Lord's goodness by staying true to our profession of faith and we will be rewarded.**

The Gospel from **Mark 10: 35-45** makes interesting reading when the disciples James and John are seeking glory and have missed the 'way' to glory that Jesus has been talking about all along- **suffering and death!** Jesus assures James and John that they will share in his suffering, but he makes it clear that only God assigns people places of honour. As it turns out, the "honour" of being to the right and left of Jesus is reserved for the two criminals who are crucified alongside him (15:27).

In one of our faith lessons at school recently -One of my students asked me- How can I be great according to Jesus? The answer I thought was through **servant leadership.**

By focusing on **servicing others** rather than seeking power or status, Jesus teaches each of us, that **"true greatness"** comes from being a **servant** and not from lording over others.

Whenever I enter our church building at St Teresa's, Karori-I am always gently reminded of whom God is calling me to be- as my eyes gaze on the crucified Christ behind the altar **"Christ has no body but mine, no hands and no feet on earth but mine". Mine are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world"**. (St Teresa Of Avila)

Melissa Braganza

Director of Religious Studies & Year 7 & 8 Classroom Teacher
Cardinal McKeefry School, Wilton.

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 53:10-11; Ps 32:4-5,18-20,22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

Psalm Response: Lord, let your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in you.

Next Week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 125; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Parish Events



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, 7th 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.

Invitation to be Altar Servers

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

Anointing Mass

The Holy Mass on the first Saturday of the month at 9.00am will be an anointing Mass.

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.



Divine Mercy Devotion

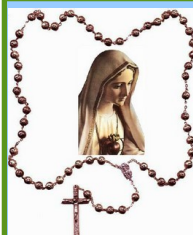
Adoration every Saturday evening from 5pm .
St Teresa's Church, Karori.
All welcome.



St Teresa's School Raffle:

Tickets will be available to buy after Masses at St Teresa's this weekend. Great Prizes!

\$2 per ticket or \$10 a book. Thank you!



October is the month of the Rosary

Special Rosary Services will be held to mark the month of the Rosary at St Teresa's Church from **22nd October to 31 October 2024.**

Everyone is encouraged to attend and be blessed through the maternal intercession of the Blessed Mother.

Weekdays— 6pm

Weekends —Immediately after the Mass.

Each day's service will be led by one of our Parish Groups as follows:

Tuesday 22nd Oct—Filipino Community

Wednesday 23rd —CWL

Thursday 24th—JPD Group

Friday 25th—Tongan Community

Saturday 26th after Mass—Divine Mercy Group

Sunday 27th after Mass—Faith Events Group

at St Teresas and Estelle at ST Thomas More

Monday 28th —Finance Committee

Tuesday 29th—Weekday Mass go-ers.

Wednesday 30th —Youth Group

Thursday 31st Oct. —PPC. (Refreshments will be served on the last day after the service. Bring a plate to share)

Otari Parish Youth Event

Join us for our next parish youth event on **Sunday, November 3rd at 11:30 a.m. in St Teresa's parish hall.**

All youth aged 12 years and over are most welcome to attend.

Come along to enjoy food, fun, formation and fellowship!

Contact Amanda Kleiner on 027-315-8503 for more information.

And mark your calendars for our last youth event of 2024 on Sunday, 8th December!



Would you like to support our Parish ??

**Otari Parish Account
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Guided tours of the newly refurbished Sacred Heart Cathedral are being offered as part of the Wellington Heritage Festival and finish with tea and scones.

A rare opportunity to hear some of the stories behind this major refurbishment from the Project Architect for the work carried out over the last six years. Various heritage elements covered by previous building work have been revealed and the story of these and other areas of work will be outlined in a 45 minute tour of the building. Tea and scones served after the tour. Email - sacredheartcathedraltours@gmail.com for bookings **Cost \$25.00**

Saturday 26 October 10am-11am; 11am-12pm; 12pm-1pm
 Sunday 27 October 1-2pm; 2-3pm; 3-4pm
 Monday 28 October 10am-11am; 11am-12pm; 12pm-1pm

Holy Hour at SHC



You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on **Tuesday 22 October** at the Cathedral at 7.30 pm to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour wPrayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All welcome.

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](#)

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

Readings

21—26
 October

Mon: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 99; Lk 12:13-21
Tues: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 84:9-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wed: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thurs: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 32:1-2,4-5,11-12,18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Sat: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 121:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Email SPAM ALERT

Do not click or respond to any emails from Joy Thottamkara as these are SPAM!

Fr Joy's correct and legitimate email is frjoy@otariparish.co.nz

**October = Mission Month
 20th October 2024 = World Mission Sunday**

In October Catholics unite in prayer, solidarity and support for the Church's missionary effort. Globally a collection is taken up at Sunday Mass for the Pontifical Mission Societies to support Pope Francis' missionary endeavours.

Envelopes are available in the foyers or you can donate directly to the Otari Parish (see previous page) with Ref: Missions

**Requests for funds to send overseas
A message from the Archdiocese:**

"If you wish to donate money overseas, we encourage you to do so through a New Zealand registered charity such as Caritas. If you have been approached to send money to a private bank account under the guise of overseas mission work, please contact the Archdiocesan Privacy and Complaints Officer, Elizabeth Berry on 0800 825 528 or 021 567 143 or email at e.berry@wn.catholic.org.nz

**Called 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.

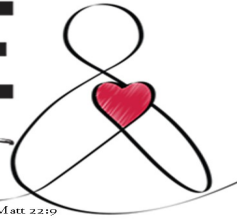


Prayers Requested

Please pray for the sick, the recently deceased (especially Sr. Mary Emmanuel –Eileen Brosnahan) and for those for whose anniversaries occur about this time.

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE

to the banquet



Pope Francis' Message for World Mission Day 2024

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday is: “Go and invite everyone to the banquet” (Mt 22:9) The banquet is that of the wedding feast of the Son, of the One who comes to marry all humanity and therefore wants to invite everyone to the wedding feast! In his message for World Mission Sunday 2024, Pope Francis tells us: “While the world sets before us the various “banquets” of consumerism, selfish comfort, the accumulation of wealth and individualism, the Gospel calls everyone to the divine banquet, marked by joy, sharing, justice and fraternity in communion with God and with others.

This fullness of life, which is Christ’s gift, is anticipated even now in the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at the Lord’s command in memory of him. The invitation to the eschatological banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with his word and with his Body and Blood”. In this Sunday’s Gospel, James and John initially fell for the ways of the world alluded to by the Pope. The two brothers seek their personal glory. Jesus tells them; “The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptised.” What is this baptism for Jesus if not to be immersed in our humanity from birth to His passion and death, when He will give His life for the many? Jesus the Bridegroom teaches them, and us, something paradoxical that St Francis of Assisi captured beautifully in his famous prayer: that it is in giving that we receive, in forgiving that we are forgiven, in dying to self for others that we are born into eternal life! It is the paradox of true love.

On this World Mission Sunday, let us respond to the call of all the baptized to serve and to give our lives. Let us invite everyone to discover the richness of our Christian spirituality and our Eucharistic banquet, where Jesus gives his life for us and gives us the grace to do the same for others. Let us pray for the great universal mission of the baptized and support it concretely through our financial offerings dedicated entirely to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the pontifical work that helps young Churches. Let us stand firm in the affirmation of our faith, which has as its model the Servant and High Priest Jesus, who gives his life anew today in the banquet of his Eucharist. Let’s go and invite everyone to the banquet of the Eucharist, to the wedding feast of the Lamb, to the banquet of true food, the bread of eternal life:

this is our universal mission, ad gentes, to all peoples.

For more information or to donate, go to info@missio.nz