



St Teresa and St Thomas More Churches

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Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Karori

Sunday: 8.30am Wilton and 10.00am Karori

Weekdays: Tue-Fri 9.30am, Saturday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30—10.00am

St Teresa's School, Karori. Principal: Pip Cook
939 1725

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13th October 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

The wealthy young man in the gospel today wants the answer to what we all want to know- how to manage ourselves in this life so we will have eternal life after death. He seeks “ wisdom of heart”

Through talking with Jesus, he learns the wisdom he seeks: that following the commandments, while essential, will only get us so far.

Jesus makes it clear that to be followers, we need to partner with God to work creatively in building the kingdom with truth, love, respect, and justice.



What Jesus is saying is supposed to happen now, and it can happen if we have the will to put it into effect.

The man is told not just to give generously but is told to sell everything he owns and give it to the poor. We hear in this gospel to not just give donations to others from what we can spare but rather share all we have with those in need.

What we need is not wealth, but the wisdom of which the First Reading speaks. It is wisdom which brings us a deep insight into the really important values in life. To have such wisdom is real wealth because it opens the key to happiness and security and is not that which we all long for?

A quote from St Teresa of Avila (Feast day 15th October)

Let nothing disturb you
Let nothing frighten you
All things are passing away
God never changes
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing ;
God alone suffices

Rebecca

DRS St Teresa's

Liturgy of the Word

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

Psalm Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord and we will sing for joy!

Next 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

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!

Some of the current **Otari Parish Altar Servers** enjoyed a fun day out with a bus trip to Clip n Climb this week. The climbing challenges really tested our intrepid young people and some great supportive teamwork was shown.



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.

Weekdays— 6pm

Weekends –Immediately after the Masses.

Anointing Mass

The Holy Mass on the first Saturdays 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

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

ALL WELCOME.



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
02 0536 0392292 00**

**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, at Sacred Heart Church in Petone** 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

This weekend is Support Life Sunday



Mana Tangata Mutunga Kore—Infinite Dignity

This Sunday, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand celebrates Support Life Sunday. Inspired by the recent Vatican document, *Dignitas Infinita*, the theme for 2024 is the nature of human dignity. The document reaffirms the Church's central belief that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses an infinite dignity. Read more and access Support Life Sunday resources at: <https://bit.ly/SupportLife2024>



Come and join other men on **Thursday 17th October** from 7:00pm at Connolly Hall.

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

**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.

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](#)

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

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

**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

Supporting Refugees Settling in Wellington

Thank you to Ōtari Parish who were able to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for a new Ethiopian Refugee family with the funds in our Refugee account. It is much appreciated.
Ōtari Parish JPD Group

**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.

Readings

**14-19
October**

Mon: Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1; Ps 112:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tues: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 118:41,43-45,47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wed: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 11:42-46
Thurs: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 97:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: 2 Tim 4:10-17; Ps 144:10-13,17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Sat: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-7; Lk 12:8-12

Prayers Requested



Please pray for the sick, the recently deceased and for those for whose anniversaries occur about this time.



The Sign of the Cross

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”

(Continued from previous Sunday)

Christians have seen the mark from Ezekiel a prefiguration of the Sign of the Cross. Just as the faithful people in Ezekiel’s time were protected by a cross-like mark on their foreheads, so Christians are guarded by the Cross of Christ traced over their bodies. This has very powerful significance when the sign of the cross is traced on our bodies. We are expressing our desire to be set apart from the corrupt ways of the world in our own day. As in Ezekiel’s time, there are many today among God’s people who do not want to go along with the empty ways of living prevalent in the world. Making sign of the Cross can express a firm commitment to live according to Christ’s standards, not world’s.

The New Testament does not explicitly mention the Sign of the Cross as a specific practice, it emphasises the importance of the cross and the Trinity, which are central to this gesture:

Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

1 Corinthians 1:18: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Galatians 6:14: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

Tradition and Early Church Fathers: The practice of making the Sign of the Cross is well-documented in the writings of the early Church Fathers, indicating its early and widespread adoption among Christians. They found in the Sign of the Cross profound theological significance, encompassing key aspects of Christian faith and practice.

Tertullian (c. 155 – c. 240 AD): Tertullian wrote about Christians making the Sign of the Cross in their daily activities: "In all our travels and movements, in all our coming in and going out, in putting on our shoes, at the bath, at the table, in lighting our candles, in lying down, in sitting down, whatever employment occupies us, we mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross" (*De Corona*, chapter 3).

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (c. 313–386 AD): St. Cyril of Jerusalem taught about the power and significance of the Sign of the Cross: "Let us, therefore, not be ashamed of the Cross of Christ; but though another hide it, do thou openly seal it upon thy forehead, that the devils may behold the royal sign and flee trembling far away" (*Catechetical Lectures*, Lecture 13, Chapter 36).

St. John Chrysostom (c. 347–407 AD): St. John Chrysostom emphasized the power of the cross and its importance in Christian life: "When, therefore, you sign yourself, think of the purpose of the Cross, quench anger and all other passions, and arm yourself with courage." Further, he exhorted God’s people to turn constantly to the power of Christ found in the Sign of the Cross: "Never leave your house without making the sign of the cross. It will be to you a staff, a weapon, an impregnable fortress. Neither man nor demon will dare to attack you, seeing you covered with such powerful armour. Let this sign teach you that you are a soldier, ready to combat against demons, and ready to fight for the crown of justice. Are you ignorant of what the Cross has done? It has vanquished death, destroyed sin, emptied hell, dethroned Satan, and restored the universe. Would you, then, doubt its power?"

St. Augustine (354–430 AD): St. Augustine spoke of the cross as a source of strength and a reminder of Christ’s sacrifice: "Let us sign ourselves with the cross, and the adversary will flee, seeing the weapon by which he was wounded and conquered."

(To be continued...)

Catechetical
Corner

Fr Joy Raphael