

Decree Relegating St. Thomas More Church to Profane But Not Sordid Use

“Archbishop Paul has considered the objections to the decree relegating St Thomas More Church to profane but not sordid use and has confirmed that **his decree of 1 September 2026 relegating the church stands.**”

Ōtari Parish is a member of the Living Wage Movement
Sat. 14 November, 6.30am (after the 5.30pm Mass)
Where: St Teresa's Church

Can you spare 30 minutes to find out more about the Living Wage?

Come along for a conversation after the Vigil Mass - light refreshments will be provided. We especially encourage young adults and all those currently in employment to share their experiences. Please put your name on the 'Living Wage Table Talk' sign-up sheet in the foyer for catering purposes.

Month of the Holy Souls

You are invited throughout November to place the names of loved ones in boxes/baskets in the Church foyers to be presented at Masses and prayed for.

Remembrance Mass- Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 7:00pm

We warmly welcome members of our parish and school community to our Remembrance Mass at St Teresa's church.

This mass 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.

**GRECCIO: THE SONG – A Christmas
Invitation - Saturday, 5 December |
Allan Gibbs Centre, Wellington
College, 2.00pm Matinee | 7.30pm
Evening Show.**

Bring your family and friends to *Greccio: The Song*, a new musical inspired by St Francis of Assisi and the first Nativity at Greccio, celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee and 60 years of friendship between New Zealand and the Philippines. Scan the QR code for tickets and support your parish. 25% of net ticket sales made through your parish link will be returned to the parish. (Full details on poster attached). For enquiries: vineyardhouse.nz@gmail.com

ŌTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP

**SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
11:30AM – 1PM**

St. Teresa's Parish Hall

Come along for faith, food and fun!
Please call Amanda Kleiner on
0273158503 for more details





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

Mass times:

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Karori

Sunday: 10.00am Karori

Weekdays: Tue-Fri 9.30am, Saturday 9.00am Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30—10.00am

1st November 2026 **All Saints Day & All Souls' Day**

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the month of November, the Church invites us to reflect on the great mystery of the Communion of Saints through the celebrations of All Saints' Day (1 November) and All Souls' Day (2 November).

All Saints' Day originated in the early centuries of Christianity when the Church honoured the martyrs who had given their lives for Christ. Over time, the celebration was expanded to include all the saints, both known and unknown. Thus, All Saints' Day celebrates the countless men and women who have faithfully followed Christ and now share in the glory of heaven. The readings remind us that holiness is not reserved for a few extraordinary people but is the universal call of every Christian. In the Gospel, the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) present Jesus' path to true happiness and sanctity. The saints are ordinary people who allowed God's grace to transform their lives through humility, mercy, purity of heart, and perseverance.

As we honour the saints, known and unknown, we are encouraged to follow their example and renew our commitment to live as disciples of Christ in our daily lives. Their witness assures us that holiness is possible and that God's promise of eternal life is real.

All Souls' Day developed from the Church's ancient practice of praying for the dead. It is dedicated to remembering all the faithful departed who are being purified before entering the fullness of heaven. On this day, we express our love and gratitude for those who have gone before us and entrust them to God's mercy. The readings for this day offer a message of hope and comfort, reminding us that death is not the end but a passage to eternal life in Christ. Jesus assures us that those who believe in Him will live forever and that He desires to bring all people to the fullness of life.

This commemoration invites us to entrust our deceased loved ones to God's infinite mercy and to strengthen our faith in the resurrection. Throughout the month of November, our prayers, Masses, and acts of charity for the dead express our enduring communion with them in the Body of Christ. As we remember those who have gone before us, we also renew our hope of one day sharing with them in the joy of God's heavenly kingdom.

Together, these two commemorations remind us that the Church is one family: the saints in heaven, the faithful on earth, and the departed who are being purified. They strengthen our hope in the resurrection and encourage us to live lives of faith, knowing that we are all called to eternal communion with God.

May All the Saints intercede for us, and may our prayers help our beloved deceased ones who are on their way to the sainthood!

Fr Joy Raphael.

With gratitude we thank the following community groups who led our Ōtari Parish Ten Days of Rosary Devotion:

Liturgy Committee, Tongan community, Samoan community, German - the Mauel Family, Latin - Neville Braganza, Indian community, Te Reo Māori - Patricia Lynch and her daughter, Awhina, Sri Lankan community, Indonesian community, and the Filipino community.

Liturgy of the Word

This week: All Saints Day: Rev 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 23:1-6. 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12

Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Next week: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wis 6:12-16: Ps 62: 1 Thess 4:13-18: Mt 25:1-13:

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Mass of Remembrance

All are invited to remember family and friends who have died, especially over the past 12 months.



7pm Wednesday 18th November 2026



St Teresa's Church

Readings: 2nd to 7th November

Monday: All Souls Day

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11: Ps 21: Lk 14:15-24:

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18: Ps 26: Lk 14:25-33:

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8: Ps 104: Lk 15:1-10:

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1: Ps 121: Lk 16:1-8:

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19: Ps 111: Lk 16:9-15:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On the first Friday of each month, Adoration will resume after the 9:30am Mass, throughout the day, and conclude with Mass at 6pm.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament is from 8:30am and Holy Eucharist at 9:30am on weekdays (Except Monday) in the Chapel.

All are welcome.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Pope Leo and parishioners who are unwell. For those who have passed away recently and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

If you require TRANSPORT to and from Saint Teresa's Church for Sunday Mass please contact the office: office@otariparish.co.nz.

New Ōtari Parish Parishioners:

If you are new to the Parish or yet to complete a new parishioner form, you can find forms in the foyer or complete the contact form on our website or simply contact the Parish Office.

Upcoming Events

Ten days of Otari Parish Rosary Devotion

Everyday at 6.30pm from 22nd October to 31st October at St Teresa's Church.

Except Sunday-Rosary will be directly after 10.00am Mass.

Please come and pray together with your family.

Sacramental Programme for 26/27

Parent/Caregiver Information

Thank you for all those who attended this evening on Tuesday. More information to follow.

31st of October Saturday

Grave Cleaning Working Bee at Karori Cemetery.

We will meet at the main entrance at 11am. Please bring your own tools.



**He rau ringa e oti ai
- Many hands make
light work**



1st November - Sunday - All Saints' Day

After the 10am Mass - We will go to Makara Cemetery to bless the graves of the dearly departed



2nd November - Monday - All Souls Day

We will meet at Karori Cemetery at 5:30pm to bless the graves of the dearly departed then return to St Teresa's Church for at Mass 6:30pm