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Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Karori  
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8th June 2025

Pentecost Sunday

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Today, the whole Church celebrates the great **Feast of Pentecost--the coming of the Holy Spirit**. This is the official birthdate of the Church.

It is called Pentecost because it is celebrated fifty days after the Passover. The First reading from **Act 2: 1-11** tells us that many were in Jerusalem at the time that the **Holy Spirit was manifested** in the lives of the disciples. It might be expected that the absence of Jesus would have caused the newly formed gathering of believers to collapse, and we know from Scripture that at least some of them had left Jerusalem to return to their homes. But despite their anxiety and sense of having been left behind, a group of believers had gathered to pray in the upper room together. Jesus appears among them offering his greeting of peace and the opportunity to confirm his presence by examining his wounds.

During our RE time with my year 7 & 8 students, we discussed how the Holy spirit was manifested on the disciples. One of my students was quick to make **a connection to the intimacy of the hongi - as Jesus breathes life back into his fearful disciples**. The effect of this gentle action is nevertheless powerful, and in fact reverses the story of the tower of Babel from Hebrew Scriptures, when the languages of people were confused. Filled with courage and fervour the disciples are to go out and continue Jesus' work of forgiveness, judgement, and witness in the world. The Holy Spirit will teach them new things, lead them deeper into the mystery of Jesus and help them to understand the things to come as they take up the challenges that lie ahead. In the Gospel of **John 14: 15-16, 23-26** Jesus instructs his disciples on how to live their lives as well as the promise of the Holy Spirit- who was and is with each of us. **Each of us has received the Holy Spirit at our Baptism's and when we received the Sacrament of confirmation.**

**Coming to faith is a journey** for most of us as we discover God's existence within the realities of our life experiences. This happens mainly through **prayer and reflection**. Just as the disciples gathered to pray when they were anxious, so it is important for us to gather with our faith community to share the highs and the lows of our journey. Regular time to pray alone, to pray in community and time to reflect will pay dividends for us. **Fear had caused the believers to lock themselves away**. Can you recall a time when you have felt 'closed in' with a problem? What helped to free you from this? When Jesus appeared and breathed the Holy Spirit into his friends, this experience was totally life changing. How is it life changing for you? How do you use the Spiritual gifts you have been given in service of others? What fruits of the Spirit are manifest most in those closest to you? This week it would be helpful if each of us could work on those gifts that are most neglected in ourselves.

Melissa Braganza  
 Year 7&8 Teacher

**Liturgy of the Word**

**This week: Pentecost Sunday:** Gen 11:1-9: Ps 103: Rom 8:22-27: Jn 7:37-39:

**Psalm Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

**Next Week: The Most Holy Trinity:** Prov 8:22-31: PS 8: Rom 5:1-5: Jn 16:12-15:

## Parish Events

### OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Join us for our next meeting on  
**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
**11:30am - 1pm**  
in St. Teresa's Parish Hall.

All young people 12 years and up are  
warmly invited to come along for  
food, faith and fun!

Please call Amanda Kleiner on  
027-315-8503 for more details.



### Pentecost Sunday: Jubilee of Cultures Ōtari Parish Anniversary - Combined Mass

**10am Sunday 8th June 2025**

Celebrating our cultures and unity  
Please come in traditional dress  
There will be sharing from various cul-  
tures  
and hospitality in the Church Hall follow-  
ing Mass.  
Please bring a plate of food to share.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation is available**  
after 9am Mass on Saturday mornings or  
from 6-7pm every Friday in the Jubilee Year  
OR upon request.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Every Friday, during Jubilee Year  
2025, there will be Exposition of the  
Blessed  
Sacrament for personal prayers be-  
tween 6pm and 7pm. During this  
time there will be opportunity for the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation.

On the first Friday of each month, Adoration will  
resume after the 9:30am Mass, throughout the  
day, and conclude at 6.30pm and Holy Mass at  
6.30pm.  
**All are welcome.**



### Partners in Mission

We would like to purchase a few  
Sacred Vessels and a Monstrance for the  
liturgical use in our churches. You are invited  
to be partners in this mission by your  
generous contribution to Otari Parish  
02- 0536- 0392292- 00 Ref: Sacred Vessels

For those wishing to make general giving or  
special purpose donations to the Parish by  
direct credit, please note our account name  
and account number are as follows:

**Otari Catholic Parish**  
**02 0536 0392292 00**

### Divine Mercy Devotion

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy:  
prayed every Saturday evening  
from 5pm .  
St Teresa's Church, Karori.  
**All welcome.**



Catholic Parish of  
**Otari**  
St Teresa and St Thomas More Churches

## Parish and Archdiocesan Events

Come and join other men at Joshua's next meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start. Venue is back in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Two activities – Steve Ready reflecting on "Christ's Truth and Forgiveness" followed by Ken's quiz on Genesis chapters 1 to 14. Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



The next meeting of the Ōtari Parish Justice, Peace and Development Group will be held on 9 June at 7:30pm in the St Thomas More Church lounge. All are most welcome. For further information, phone Carolyn 0211326491

### The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course

Love is a Decision – register for the next available course to be held on consecutive **Sundays 8 & 15 June 10am-4pm**, St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie. Spaces filling fast - please get in touch or register online through the website. Contact email [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)

### Catholic Hospital Chaplain Job Vacancy:

Catholic Social Services seeks a qualified person who has a passion for bringing hope and peace to people to be a Catholic Hospital Chaplain at Wellington Regional Hospital. The successful candidate will join a cross-denominational team providing for the pastoral, spiritual, ethical and religious needs of staff, patients and whānau who come from a diverse range of cultural and faith backgrounds. They will come from a committed Catholic ministry background, and demonstrate the maturity and resilience required to be a chaplain. They will have undertaken ongoing formation and had at least two years of pastoral ministry experience. This is a permanent, part-time (15 hours per week) position.

To download a job description please see our website: <https://catholicsocialservices.org.nz/2025/06/03/vacancy-catholic-chaplain/>

To apply, please send a cover letter and CV to Chris Ward at: [reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn-catholicsocialservices.org.nz)

### Marist St Pats RFC

The Clubs Annual Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June 2025 at 10.30am at St Patricks Church, Childers Tce, Kilbirnie. Mass will be celebrated by a morning tea. All welcome".



### Celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025 – go on a pilgrimage!

Pray. Intercede. Support a Charitable Cause and enjoy community. Join the Family Pilgrim Walk for a Cause on Saturday, 28 June, the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pilgrims will meet at Parliament, visit the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart then walk to St Mary of the Angels Church The National Shrine dedicated to Mary Assumed into Heaven for the culminating Mass at 11am. Registration: \$15 (13yrs and up) Family Concession: \$50 Email [info@marriageandfamily.org.nz](mailto:info@marriageandfamily.org.nz) Go to [family-pilgrim-walk.raiselysite.com](http://family-pilgrim-walk.raiselysite.com) or scan the QR code on the poster in the foyer for more info and to register.

#### Readings

9-13 June  
2025

**Mon:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.  
**Tues:** 2 Cor 1:18-22: Ps 118: Mt 5:13-16:  
**Wed:** Acts 11:21-26: 13:1-3: Ps 97: Mt 10:7-13:  
**Thurs:** 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6: Ps 84: Mt 5:20-26:  
**Friday:** 2 cor 4:7-15: Ps 115: Mt 5:27-32:  
**Sat:** 2 Cor 5:14-21: Ps 102: Mt 5:33-37



### Prayer Request

*Please pray for the sick,  
For all who passed away  
recently and for Stella Gorla whose  
anniversary occurs about this time.*

## Catechetical Corner

### **Pentecost Parish Anniversary Jubilee of Cultures**

This weekend is indeed a special one for the Universal Church, the Local Church as well as for each of us at the Catholic Parish of Otari. It is special for the Universal Church because we celebrate the 'Pentecost Sunday', the day on which she was born! It was the day when Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit to his disciples was fulfilled. Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, transforming them into courageous witnesses to the Christ event. The hitherto fearful, sad and disappointed apostles became courageous, joyful and hope-filled witnesses. Once they were infused with the power from on high, nothing could stop them. Peter could preach with such high voltage eloquence and power that on the day of Pentecost alone 3000 people became followers of Christ, and thus the Mother Church was inaugurated (Acts 2: 41). The same "power from on high" has been given to us at our baptism and confirmation. Like the apostles, we are now called to be the soldiers of Christ and his witnesses in today's world. May this Pentecost transform and empower us!

This weekend is also unique for the Local Church, the Catholic Parish of Otari, since it is the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of our parish family. Unity is the essential characteristic of the Holy Spirit. It is for unity of those who will come to believe in him that Jesus prayed in his high priestly prayer before his passion, suffering and death. May our celebration this year strengthen our resolve to be one in heart and soul in the mystical body of Christ.

It is an important day for each of us who are the members of the mystical body of Christ, the Church, for we celebrate today "The Jubilee of Cultures". It is our culture that defines who we are and what we stand for in our lives. We have a Catholic culture too. A culture which is true to its name accommodates and respects every other culture. It is this culture that enabled everyone on Pentecost Day to hear different utterances in one's own language. May this unity in diversity continue to strengthen our love and respect for every member of our parish community and may our parish family scale greater heights in the days to come!

O, Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul,...I adore you.  
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.  
Tell me what I should do...give me your orders.  
I promise to submit myself to all that  
You desire of me and accept  
All that you permit to happen to me.  
Let me only know your will. Amen.

***Wish you all A New Life in the Holy Spirit!***