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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 301 Karori Rd. Karori and St Thomas More 30 Worcester St, Wilton. Website www.otariparish.co.nz

19th July 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A



Why does God act with so much restraint as to appear to be powerless in this world? Where is justice to be found in this world?

Many times, we ponder these questions as we see the chaos and evil that is happening all around us... Publicity is daily given in all forms of media, to those who are prone to corruption, abuse of young and old, exploitation, terrorism and war, yet, we seldom hear any news about those striving to live a good life.

Like the wheat and the weeds in our reading today, God allows people, both good and evil, to live side by side with the divine hope that gives people the chance to have a change of heart as they mature. We need the patience that God shows to all of us, as we learn and grow in patience, tolerance and forgiveness.

Lord, you are a powerful Master, but you judge us with kindness and rule with great mercy, because you have the power to do whatever you consider to be our need. By doing such things, you have taught your people that those who do right must also care about others, so you have given your people hope, by giving them the opportunity to turn from sin to forgiveness. May we also strive to bring hope to all those in need in the world wide community of humanity.

Christine Paterson (Catholic Women's League)

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wis 12:13, 16-19: Ps 85: Rom 8:26-27: Mt 13:24-43

Psalm Response: *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

Next Week: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12: Ps 118: Rom 8:28-30: Mt 13:44-52:

Upcoming Parish Events

Memorial Liturgy

**Friday 17 July 6 pm,
St Thomas More Church**

Near the close of the Season of Matariki, there will be a Memorial Liturgy to remember and give thanks for those from our Parish who have died. This will be followed by a Potluck Dinner/BYO Drinks. Tea and coffee will be provided. **All are welcome.**



Kami ay nagpapasalamat!

A special thank you to Fr Cirilo for watching over us and celebrating our Masses whilst Fr Joy was overseas.

Ōtari Parish Young Adults Group



**Change of frequency!
Mark your diaries!**

The group will meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 19th July at 11:15am at St Teresa's Church. Members expect a WhatsApp notification.



Bring your grandparents and elderly neighbours along to our Masses next weekend 25th & 26th July to celebrate the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.



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 Chapel.

On the first Friday of each month, Adoration will resume after the 9:30am Mass, through out the day, and conclude at 6.30pm with Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

All welcome.



Parish and Archdiocesan Events

Ōtari Parish 'Prayer of the Faithful' Writers Needed

Prayer of the Faithful (POF), also called Prayers of Intercession, are written each week for Ōtari Parish Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. Writing the prayers involves reading and reflecting on the scripture for the Sunday Mass. There are resources and websites to help and Formation will be offered at a date to be advised. If you feel this is something you would like to do, we would be pleased to welcome you to our dedicated POF team. Please contact Audrey via email: audvic2@xtra.co.nz

DELARGEY AWARDS 2026:

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Delargey Awards, which recognise significant and outstanding ministry with young people. In addition to identifying key contributors to youth ministry, the awards provide a chance to highlight the Church's outreach to teens and young adults. The awards are named for Cardinal Reginald Delargey, former Archbishop of Wellington and Bishop of Auckland. Nominations close on **Friday, 31 July**. Find out more at: [Delargey 2026](#)

HOLY HOUR for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

JOIN US for an hour of adoration, reflection and prayer that the Lord may send more workers to the harvest! 7.30 - 8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon on **Tuesday, 28th July** and every 4th Tuesday of the month.



Readings

20-25

July

2026

Mon: Micah 6:1-4,6-8; Mt 12:38-42

Tues: Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Mt 12:46-50

Wed: Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2,11-18

Thurs: Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

Sat: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Retreat Days and themes at Pā Maria 2026

Take time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection.

Prayer days at Pā Maria during the year. 9.00am-3.15pm

- **19 September** **Season of Creation**
- **17 October** **Mary**
- **5 December** **Advent**

Presenters: Neil Vaney SM, Chris Skinner SM and Judith Moroney rsm.

Pā Maria. 78 Hobson St, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Entry by koha.

Maximum of 20 people so please **RSVP by the Tuesday before the prayer day** to pamariabookings@gmail.com and indicate which prayer day you wish to attend.

Upcoming Online Safeguarding Workshops:

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all. Whether you are involved directly in Parish Ministry or not, enrol to attend an Online Safeguarding Workshop to learn about the actions we, as a Church, are taking to keep each other safe.

Monday the 20th of July 7-8.15pm
Tuesday the 28th of July 7-8.15pm

Register with Kevin Plant by emailing: k.plant@cadw.nz The Microsoft Teams link to join the workshop will be sent out two days prior to the Workshop. See church noticeboard for full list of workshop dates for July - September.



Prayer Request

Please pray for our parishioners who are unwell. For those who passed away recently and for Samuel (Sam) Sutherland whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Valuing our Senior Parishioners



Thank you!

On behalf of Ōtari Parish we would like to express our gratitude to Tom and Anne Lumb for their continued, tireless and faithful service over many years, across several ministries.



San Francesco d'Assisi (© Musei Vat)

**St. Francis of Assisi, Founder
of the Franciscan Order, Patron
of Italy**

Francis, Alter Christus

The deep love of Francis for Christ, expressed tenderly in the first live Christmas nativity scene in Greccio (Christmas, 1223), led him to the experience of receiving, as the first saint in history, the seal of the stigmata. Francis witnessed to the joy of faith drawing even non-believers to the Gospel. He even caught the interest of the sultan who received him with honor in the Holy Land.

The witness of Francis giving praise to the Creator

The life of Francis was a continuous expression of praise for the Creator. "The Canticle of Brother Sun", a poetic masterpiece of Italian literature, was written when he was laid low by illness and expresses the freedom of a soul reconciled with God in Christ. Saint Francis accepted "sister death" with joy knowing he would be going to Jesus. He died the evening of 3 October 1226.

The spirit of Assisi inspires faith and fellowship

Francis died at the age of 44 at the Porziuncola, the chapel where he received the gift of the indulgence of the "Forgiveness of Assisi". He was canonized a saint two years later. The spirit of Francis continues to inspire so many in following Christ, in building dialogue among all in truth and charity, and in safeguarding creation.

Excerpt from [St. Francis of Assisi, Founder of the Franciscan Order, Patron of Italy - Information on the Saint of the Day - Vatican News](#)

"For it is in giving that we receive." St Francis of Assi