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3 August 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In both Jewish tradition and the early Christian church, sharing resources with those in need was not just an expectation, but it was understood as a faithful response to the belief that everything ultimately belongs to God. The Gospel of Luke strongly emphasises the ethical and spiritual implications of wealth, particularly the danger of greed.

In today's Gospel, Jesus does not condemn wealth outright, nor does he directly rebuke selfishness.

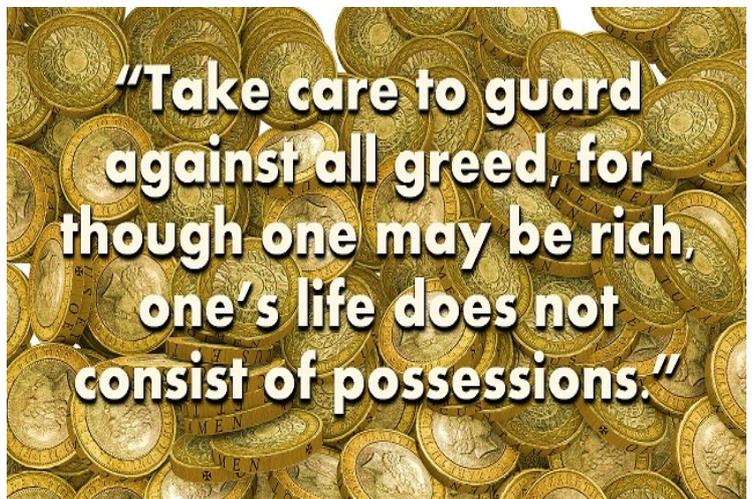
Instead, he focuses on the pointlessness of hoarding possessions and the illusion of security this brings. Life is fragile, and material goods are temporary. What matters most is not how much we accumulate, but how we use what we have in light of God's kingdom.

Jesus calls his followers to a new way of life—a shift in values where eternal priorities outweigh the temporary gains of possessions. When we give freely and act in love, even our material possessions—normally perishable and passing—take on eternal significance.

We need to remember that a focus on stewardship of God's resources, not ownership of material items, is most important. All we have is entrusted to us by God.

"How am I using what I have—my time, my resources, my influence—in service of God's kingdom? Am I preparing for eternity by how I live today?"

Rebecca Dymond - DRS and Yr6/7 Teacher St Teresa's



Liturgy of the Word

This week: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23: Ps 89: Col 3:1-5, 9-11: Lk 12:13-21:

Psalm Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Next Week: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wis 18:6-9: Ps 32: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19: Lk 12:32-48:



Jubilee of Priests and Vocations



Join us for our
combined Parish
Mass at 10am.



Sunday 10th August 2025

There is NO Mass at St Thomas More Church on this day

24th August
Jubilee of Ōtari
Parish Youth



We have heard today about the spirituality of generosity.

As we explore the potential and promise of our community's life in the coming weeks, each of us is asked to pray and consider how we can give financially to the life, work and ministry of our Church.

I ask myself: am I contributing adequately without overcommitting? Can I help with community planning by agreeing to weekly auto-payments? What can I afford? How can I give more regularly?

There are many ways to give. These include cash, automatic payment and single bank transfers. You can also set up a bequest. If you have questions please talk to our Parish leaders to find out more.

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 between 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.**

Divine Mercy Devotion

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



'Each of us can and should become a neighbour to all whom we meet. Imitating the example of Jesus, the Saviour of the world, we too are called to bring consolation and hope, above all to those who are experiencing discouragement and disappointment. In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together. That is the supreme law that is prior to all society's rules and gives them their meaning.'

- Pope Leo XIV, [Angelus](#), 13 July 2025.

Parish and Archdiocesan Events



Father Tikoua and Alistair gave a blessing to all grandparents and elders at the St Thomas More Sunday Mass.

A free talk by **Br Guy Consolmagno SJ**, Director of the Vatican Observatory on **"From Galileo to Laudato Si': Why Science Needs Faith"**.

Wednesday 6 August from 6-7.30pm, Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Wellington. You can register: www.eventbrite.co.nz or by clicking on the [RSVP](#) link if you want to attend in person or the [Zoom](#) if you want to attend online.

It has come to our attention that the heaters in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel have been left on after use by visitors in the day time. Please ensure that if you have turned them on (only the on/off switch at the wall) then you turn them off the same when you leave to prevent wastage of electricity but also to prevent the risk of them becoming a fire hazard.

Readings

4th to 9th August

2025

Mon: Num 11:4-15: Ps 80: Mt 14:13-21:
Tues: Num 12:1-13: Ps 50: Mt 14:22-36:
Wed: The Transfiguration of the Lord.
Thurs: Num 20:1-13:)Ps 94: Mt 16:13-23:
Friday: 1 Kg 17:8-16: Ps 62: Mt 6:25-34:
Sat: Deut 6:4-13: Ps 17: Mt 17:14-20:

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY!

On August 15th at 6.00pm all the Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand will gather at St Mary of the Angels to celebrate the feast of 'Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven'. This is the patronal feast of our country. The parish community of the National Shrine, St Mary of the Angels, would like to invite you to attend this special occasion. Through the intercession of Mary, we will ask God, our Father, to continue to shelter our country from dissension and discord, from violence and from war, to protect us and watch over us. After the mass there will be an opportunity to meet our Bishops in the St Mary of the Angels church hall where light refreshments will be provided. Extra car parking will kindly be made available for us by the Baptist community in their parking building opposite their church in Boulcott St. Please mark this date and time in your calendars.

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 21st August from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to Sacred Heart Cathedral) followed by supper.



Theme: "The Relevance of the Good News today" Speaker: To be confirmed
 Want more info?

Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

The Karori foodbank are looking for donations of all the basic foodstuffs. If you would like to contribute in this very practical way—donations can be left in the box marked Foodbank in St Teresa's foyer. Many thanks in anticipation.



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Prayer Request

Please pray for our parishioners who are unwell, For all who passed away recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

THE GLORIA

Glory and praise to the Jesus Christ ...



Then this part of the Gloria moves the story of Jesus forward to the Cross. We praise Jesus as the Lamb of God, which recalls a dramatic theme in the book of Revelation: the lamb's triumph over sin and the devil (Cf. Rev. 5:6-14;12:11;17:14). Jesus is the lamb who conquers the devil by offering his life for our sins. As a result of his victory on the Cross, the angels and saints in heaven worship him (Cf. Rev.5:8). In addressing Jesus by this title in the Gloria, we join that heavenly worship of the lamb revealed in the book of Revelation.

In this part of the Gloria, we also address Jesus, saying, "lamb of God.... you take away the sins of the world." In this line, we repeat the prophetic words of John the Baptist when he first saw Jesus passing by (Cf. Jn 1:29). These words reveal Jesus as the new Passover lamb, who offers up his life on the Cross for our sins. Just as the lamb was sacrificed on that first Passover night in Egypt to spare Israel from death, so Jesus, the new Passover lamb, is sacrificed on Calvary to save all humanity from the curse of death caused by sin.

Finally, this part of the Gloria focuses on Jesus' ascension to the Father his reign over heaven and earth. We praise Jesus for the unique position of authority he now possesses in heaven: "you are seated at the right hand of the Father." In the Bible, the right hand is the position of authority (cf. Ps110:1) Hb 1:3). In the Gloria, we bear witness to Christ' reign over heaven and earth and his kingdom, which will have no end (Cf. Daniel 7:14). And we humbly ask him to "receive our prayer" and "have mercy on us."

The Gloria ends with doxology. "For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen." Ending with doxology, affirms the divinity of Jesus and the unity of the Holy Trinity. Pius Parsch, a liturgical theologian called the Gloria, the joyful response to the pleading of the Kyrie." In the Kyrie, we express our need for salvation and God's mercy. In the Gloria, we joyfully express our gratitude for having received salvation from Christ.

The Gloria is typically recited or sung on Sundays (outside of Advent and Lent), solemnities, and feast days. It follows the Penitential Act and precedes the Collect. It can be chanted, sung in a hymn setting, or recited, depending on the liturgical style and tradition of the parish. Thus, the Gloria is a powerful and ancient expression of the Church's worship, encapsulating the joy and reverence of the Christian community as they gather to celebrate the Eucharist.
