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

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31st May 2026 The Most Holy Trinity Year A

When I used to prepare Children's Liturgy for Trinity Sunday, I would often reach for a visual aid to explain the "mystery" of the Trinity: a three-leaf clover, three strands plaited into one, or three coloured liquids blending together. They were helpful for children, but as I reflect on this feast now, I realise the Trinity is less about explanation and more about **Relationship**; Something we glimpse not only in symbols, but in the way love is lived. God, whom we name Father, Mother and Creator, invites every person on earth into a loving relationship with him and with each other. Trinity Sunday celebrates a God of tenderness, compassion, and love. In the first reading, Moses encounters "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." In John's Gospel, we hear that "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son... in order that the world might be saved through him." Jesus shows us what love looks like in action: solidarity with the poor, courage in confronting injustice, and a selfless life poured out for others. Last weekend at Pentecost we heard about the Spirit described as the bond of love between the Father and the Son. The Spirit is God's active presence among us, empowering us to work with joy and hope for justice, reconciliation, and peace. The Trinity is a living pattern for how we are called to relate: three Persons in a **Community of Love**.



Jacob de Wit, 1723
Earthly and Heavenly Trinity

Made in the image and likeness of this triune God, we are to build communities shaped by connection rather than individualism. Paul's words to the Corinthians echo this. He urges believers to help one another, to agree, and to live in peace. His final blessing which we hear at the beginning of Mass gathers us into that divine relationship: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

The painting I have chosen for this reflection "Earthly and Heavenly Trinity" captures the Holy Family walking together in love, with the divine presence rising above them. It reminded me that the Trinity is not an abstract puzzle, it is relational. It is woven into our daily lives.

May the Trinity touch us, shape us, and draw us ever deeper into love.

Estelle Henrys

Liturgy of the Word

This week: The Most Holy Trinity: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9: Dan 3:52-56: 2 Cor 13:11-13: Jn 3:16-18:

Psalm Response: *Glory and praise for ever!*

Next Week: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16: Ps 147: 1 Cor 10:16-17: Jn 6:51-58:

Upcoming Parish Events

Proclaimers' Formation Workshop

St Teresa's Church

Sun 31 May, approx. 11.15am

(after 10am Mass)

Join us for a practical workshop to strengthen our Ministry of the Word. We will share preparation tips, explore ways to improve our proclamation, and renew our commitment to serving the community through Scripture.

Please email Audrey to confirm which session you will attend.

RSVP: audvic2@xtra.co.nz

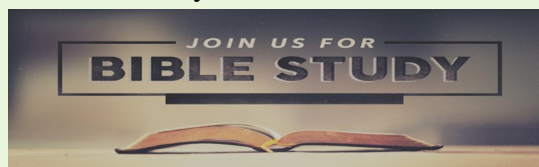
Ōtari Parish Faith formation team continues to lead

a weekly Scripture study every Thursday from 6.30pm-7.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Teresa's church.

Please bring a bible!

We will be focusing on using the traditional Lectio Divina style for our programme.

Everyone is invited!



Parish of Ōtari Annual General Meeting

Please save the date and come get up to date with all the things going on in our Parish Community of Ōtari

**Sunday 14th at Saint Teresa's Church
after the 10am Mass.**

We are honoured to host a relic of St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, from **Sunday 7th June** to **Tuesday 10th June** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington!

You are all invited to visit the relic and join in the events prepared. Events include Holy Mass, adoration, talks, youth events, and a small exhibition in the foyer.

"We don't need superpowers to be saints, we just need to love." – St Carlo Acutis

ST CARLO ACUTIS' RELIC IN WELLINGTON!

**Sunday 7th June - Tuesday 9th June
Sacred Heart Cathedral**

All people are born as original, but many die as photocopies



Next Sunday the 7th of June, at the 10am Mass on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Vance and Vincent Michael, Linda Chen and Manu Susilo will receive their First Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers and everyone is Welcome to come and share this joyful occasion with them.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

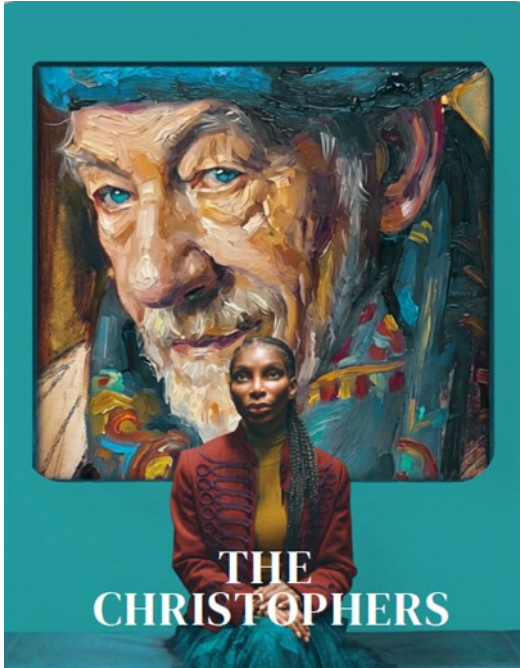
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament is from 8:30am and Holy Eucharist at 9:30am on weekdays (Except Monday) in the Chapel.

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 Movie Fundraiser in support of the Refugee Family Reunification Trust

'The Christophers'
Sunday 5th July

Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn
Screening Time 3pm, Tickets \$25.00

Tickets are available after all Masses at St Teresa's & St Thomas More churches. Payment can be made by cash or via Internet Banking

Account Name: Elizabeth Bergin Philip Bergin
03-0510-0740893-025 Please put your name as a reference and 'Movie'

Donations are welcome and can be placed in a Koha box. If you require a Tax Receipt, see the Ticket Seller for more information.

Directed by Steven Soderbergh, *The Christophers* (2026) is a witty, character-driven comedy drama about art, legacy, and greed. It follows an aging reclusive London painter Julian Sklar (Ian McKellen) whose greedy children hire a young artist (Michaela Coel) to forge his valuable unfinished paintings to secure a massive inheritance. Things take a turn when Julian discovers the plot and comes to understand Lori's skill as an artist in the process.

Celebrate Compassion 2026 is a special year commemorating 100 years since the passing of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert on 1 October 1926.

As part of the year's events, acclaimed biographer Jessie Munro will present a talk about Suzanne Aubert, 2pm, Saturday 20 June 2026, at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay.

The event is free but attendees should register through [EventFinda.co.nz](https://www.eventfinda.co.nz) via the link in the invitation information further below (places are filling fast).

[The full link is: www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/meri-hohepa-suzanne-aubert-an-afternoon-with-jessie]

WONDERFUL WELLINGTON WOMEN



MOTHER MARY AUBERT

1835-1926

After coming to New Zealand from France in 1860, Mother Mary Aubert worked tirelessly for Maori and pakeha children, and as a nurse and social worker. At Jerusalem, on the banks of the Wanganui River, she took in illegitimate and abandoned children, fiercely protecting their right to privacy. In Wellington, she founded the Buckle Street soup kitchen, and a creche for poor working women.

Today, we remember her as the founder of the Homes of Compassion.

A Women's Suffrage Project.
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Readings

1-6
June

2026

Mon: 2 Pet 1:2-7: Ps 90: Mk 12:1-12:
Tues: 2 Pet 3:11-15, 17-18: Ps 89:
Mk 12:13-17:
Wed: 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12: Ps 122: Mk
12:18-27:
Thurs: 2 Tim 2:8-15: Ps 24: Mk 12:28
-34:
Friday: 2 Tim 3:10-17: Ps 118: Mk
12:35-37:
Sat: 2 Tim 4:1-8: Ps 70: Mk 12:38-44:



Prayer Request

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

Catechetical Corner



Thank you to everyone who made our birthday celebration such a visual and cultural feast!

It was also a time of remembrance and farewell to our long term parishioners Michael and Catherine Hallagan.

God's Blessings on the next part of your journey.

