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Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Karori
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17/18 May 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Year C

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the **Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. 32** If God is **glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. 33** "My children, I will be with you only a **little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.**

34 "A new command I give you: **Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

In this passage, Jesus speaks tenderly to his disciples, knowing that his time with them is drawing to a close. He prepares them for the journey ahead—a journey they must walk without his physical presence. As a school principal, this moment speaks deeply to the way we guide, form, and love our school community.

Jesus doesn't leave a long list of rules or conditions. Instead, he offers something far more powerful: a *new commandment—to love one another as he has loved us*. This is not a passive love. It is active, sacrificial, forgiving, and inclusive. In our Catholic school, this call is at the heart of everything we do. It reminds us that we are not just educators—we are disciples.

As principal, I am challenged to model this love daily:

To be present for our tamariki, even on the busy days.

To lead with compassion and humility, especially when faced with hard decisions. To foster a culture where each person—child, teacher, staff member, and whānau—feels deeply valued and known.

In verse 33, Jesus gently calls his disciples "*my children*." This tender expression reminds me of the special responsibility we have to nurture the spiritual and emotional well-being of our students. Our children look to us for direction, and like the disciples, they may not always understand where the journey is leading. But they will remember how we made them feel—whether they felt safe, loved, and seen. Finally, verse 35 offers us a challenge and a witness: "*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another*." What a powerful reminder that the true mark of a faith-filled school isn't just in academic achievement or perfect behaviour—it is in the way we love. Our school should be a place where kindness is visible, where forgiveness is practiced, and where relationships reflect the heart of Christ.

Let us carry this commandment into our classrooms, our playgrounds, our staffrooms, and our homes. And in doing so, may others come to know the love of Jesus through us.

Manaaki te Atua

Pip Cook (Principal St Teresa's School)

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 5th Sunday of Easter: Acts 14:21-27: Ps 144: Rev 21:1-5: Jn 13:31-35:

Psalm Response: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Next Week: 6th Sunday of Easter: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29: Ps 66: Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23: John 14:23-29:

Parish Events

Ōtari Parish AGM 18th May 2025:

The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held in Saint Teresa's Church after 10.00am Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.



2025 Sacramental Programme

First Holy Eucharist
Parent Information Evening will be held at
7pm on
20th May 2025
at St Thomas More Church in Wilton

Parish Upcoming Jubilees:

25th May: World Children's
Day: Jubilee of Children



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 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.



Refugee Family coming to Wellington.

Thank you to everyone who has already
donated goods for our family who are due to
arrive in Wellington very soon.

***We do still need financial donations to buy
some of the big items. Please use the Parish
Account 02 0536 0392292 000 with reference
to Refugees.***

Any questions contact Liz Bergin or Ethne
Wyndham-Smith or any member of Otari
Parish JPD Group

Life in the Spirit Seminar

*You are most welcome to join the Life in the
Spirit Seminar on Thursday evenings
6.30—8.30pm in St Teresa's Church.*

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

OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Join us for our next meeting on
Sunday, 25rd May
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 Malia Tu'amoheloa on
021-141-5492 for more details.



Parish and Archdiocesan Events

St Patrick's College Open Day Tours

Our exciting 2025 Open Day tours are here. For those interested in enrolling their son at St Pat's for 2026, Open Days will be held on: Tuesday 27 May between 10:00am to 11:30am and again from 12:30pm to 2:00pm, and Thursday 29 May between 10:00am to 11:30am and again from 12:30pm to 2:00pm. These tours are informative, inclusive and enlightening and give families a live snapshot of a day in the life of our College. Online bookings are now available by signing up via a google sign-up form on the college website – www.stpats.school.nz Online Enrolments are now open, so go to the Enrolment Tab if you would like to enrol for 2026 now. Alternatively you can download the Enrolment Form and complete the appropriate forms and return them via hand or post to the College or send through email to admin@stpats.school.nz Alternatively, please get in touch with the College directly at 939 3070 for further information.



ST MARY'S COLLEGE
WELLINGTON



OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 20 MAY 9AM - 11AM



To register for Open Day
visit our website: www.stmw.school.nz
OR phone 04 473 5554

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS 2026

The enrolment deadline for 2026 is Friday 20 June, 2025.
To enrol, visit the enrolment page on our school website.

Centred in God • Learning together • Embracing the future • Empowering young women

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

Hours of Mercy – Eucharistic Adoration at

Sacred Heart Cathedral
on Fridays 23, 30 May and
6 June from 10am –
2pm. Please
register as per the poster or
call 0225178988.



'Peace be with you all! Dear brothers and sisters, these are the first words spoken by the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for God's flock. I would like this greeting of peace to resound in your hearts, in your families, among all people, wherever they may be, in every nation and throughout the world. Peace be with you! It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering. A peace that comes from God, the God who loves us all, unconditionally ... God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail.'



Pope Leo XIV, first blessing, 8 May 2025.

Readings

19-24
May

2025

Mon: Acts 14:5-18: Ps 113B: Jn 14:21-26:
Tues: Acts 14:19-28: Ps 144: Jn 14:27-31:
Wed: Acts 15:1-6: Ps 121: Jn 15:1-8:
Thurs: Acts 15:7-21: Ps 95: Jn 15:9-11:
Friday: Acts 15:22-31: Ps 56: Jn 15:12-17:
Sat: Gen 3:9-15, 20: Ps 102: Eph 3:14-19: Lk 8:19-21:



Prayer Request

*Please pray for the sick,
For Pope Francis who passed
away
recently and those whose
anniversaries occur about this time.*

Pope Leo XIV's motto and coat of arms



Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots and the values he seeks to promote during his pontificate, particularly unity and communion within the Church.

The shield is divided diagonally into two sections. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily.

The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image that recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow. This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of Saint Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "*Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo*" - "*You have pierced my heart with your Word.*"

The motto:

Pope Leo XIV has also chosen a motto that reflects this Augustinian tradition: ***In Illo uno unum***, which means "*In the One, we are one.*" The phrase is taken from Saint Augustine's *Exposition on Psalm 127*, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

In a 2023 interview with Vatican News' Tiziana Campisi, then-Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost spoke about the significance of this motto: "As can be seen from my episcopal motto, unity and communion are truly part of the charism of the Order of Saint Augustine, and also of my way of acting and thinking," he said. "I believe it is very important to promote communion in the Church, and we know well that communion, participation, and mission are the three key words of the Synod. So, as an Augustinian, for me promoting unity and communion is fundamental."

Saint Augustine's reflection on Psalm 127 highlights the theological foundation of this idea. "Christ - head and body - is one single man. And what is the body of Christ? His Church," Augustine writes. He then adds, "Although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one. We are many and we are one - because we are united to Him, and if our Head is in heaven, the members will follow."