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Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Karori

Sunday: 10.00am Karori

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Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30—10.00am

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4th October 26 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Stewards of Creation, Builders of Community: A Reflection on St. Francis

Saint Francis of Assisi walked the world with a profound awareness that all things are connected. He famously saw the environment not as a resource to exploit, but as an **interconnected cosmic family**—rightfully calling them Brother Sun, Sister Moon, and Mother Earth. For Francis, caring for creation was a direct expression of his deep love for the Creator.



Crucially, this love extended directly to the human family. Francis actively bridged social divides, urging communities to live in radical, peaceful harmony.

As a parish, we are called to mirror this dual vocation today. By actively stewarding our local environment and cherishing the world around us, we protect our common home.

Simultaneously, by treating one another with empathy, kindness, and patience, we strengthen our parish unity. Let us pray to follow Francis's footsteps, becoming true instruments of peace in our church and community.

Catherine Vernon (Parish Office Administrator)

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 5:1-7: Ps 79: Phil 4:6-9: Mt 21:33-43:

Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Next Week: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 25:6-10: Ps 22: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20: Mt 22:1-14:

Upcoming Parish Events

Please join us for our 10am Mass next Sunday 11th October as Cardinal John Dew will concelebrate the Mass.



Sunday 4th October St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

Please join our final celebrations of the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi commencing with our **10am Sunday Mass**.

Then, we shall gather at **1:30pm** for **The Transitus Prayer** followed by our **2pm Pet Blessing liturgy** in front of **St Teresa's Church**.

All are welcome.



TRANSITUS FOR ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Around the world in October, Franciscans celebrate the Feast of St. Francis (**October 4**). One part of the annual observance is a service on the evening of October 3, known as the "*Transitus*," or "passing" of St. Francis. It's a simple time of storytelling and prayers that recall how, at the moment of his death, Francis called out "Welcome, Sister Death!"

As part of our parish celebrations for the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, we will pray the **Transitus of St Francis at 1:30pm on Sunday 4th October**, prior to the Pet Blessing Liturgy at 2pm. **Please join us in prayer at St Teresa's Church.**

Otari parish faith formation team presents "*Let the beads do the talking Rosary programme*" on the 1st, 8th and 15th Oct every Thursday from 6.30-7.15pm in the blessed sacrament chapel. We will listen to commentaries before praying each decade of the rosary and conclude the mysteries with a shared reflection. Join us for a cuppa from 6.15 pm. Everyone is welcome."

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faith formation team presents

Let the beads do the talking

Rosary programme

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100 Years of World Mission Sunday

18th October 2026

**ONE IN CHRIST
UNITED IN
Mission**



Readings

5th—10th

October

2026

Mon: Gal 1:6-12: Ps 110: Lk 10:25-37

Tues: Gal 1:13-24: Ps 138 Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Our Lady of the Rosary

Thurs: Gal 3:1-5: Lk 1: Lk 11:5-13:

Friday: Gal 3:7-14: Ps 110: Lk 11:5-13:

Sat: Gal 3:22-29: Ps 104: Lk 11:27-28:

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 with Mass at 6pm.

All are welcome.



Parish and Archdiocesan Events

Voting this Election 2026

Every election and every vote matters. This year changes to electoral laws mean that there is less time to enroll to vote.

- Enrolment closes on **25 October**, before voting opens.
- We can no longer enroll on Election Day or in the two weeks prior.
- We can no longer update details during the voting period.

Enroll or check your enrolment details online at [Home | Vote NZ](#)

The Church is not telling you who to vote for. Rather, together, as Christians, we can help ensure that all voices get heard this election. Look out for brochures about enrolment and voting forms in the church foyer. This 3-minute video, featuring Archbishop Paul Martin and Anglican Archbishop Justin Duckworth, provides some compelling information about enrolling to vote <https://youtu.be/GSD-XRckhl> and is worth watching and sharing.

The **NZ Catholic Bishops** have recently issued a statement to the Catholic Faith Community regarding the importance of participating in the upcoming General Election. Please click on the link provided to view their full statement:

<https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26>

Keep **Saturday 10th October** free for a Men's 1-Day Retreat at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Murray Adams, Ignatian Spiritual Director from Palmerston North, leading "I am ready for anything anywhere" **Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra 0274477280 email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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IF you require TRANSPORT to and from St Teresa's Church for Sunday Mass please contact the office at office@otariparish.co.nz



Children's Liturgy Workshop

Who is this for?

Current facilitators, parents of young children who want to know more, or parents or young adults interested in serving in this ministry.

When: Thursday 15th October from 6:30pm

Where: The Parish Office at the Presbytery



OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Join us for our next meeting on **Sunday, 18th October**
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.



Prayer Request

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



Glimpses from our celebration of St Teresa's Feast Day



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Feast Day Mass and celebration on Sunday and to all those who gave their time and talents to make the day so wonderful. Your support and generosity helped make it a truly special and memorable occasion.