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16th Nov 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

As we approach the end of the Church year, the readings turn our gaze toward the “end times” — not to frighten us, but to strengthen our faith. The message is not about fear or speculation, but about endurance and trust: that God remains faithful even when everything else seems uncertain.



In the Gospel (Luke 21:5-19), Jesus' disciples marvel at the beauty of the Temple. Yet Jesus tells them that one day it will all fall — “not a stone will be left upon another.” It's a shocking statement. The Temple was the heart of their faith and identity. But Jesus is reminding us that no earthly structure or power can last forever. Everything in this world — wealth, beauty, even great institutions — will pass away. What endures is the relationship we have with God.

Christian discipleship is not about waiting idly for heaven, but living faithfully in the present, contributing to the good of others, and bearing witness through ordinary labour, service, and love. True readiness for the Lord's coming is found in everyday faithfulness.

When the world feels unstable — whether through war, climate change, political turmoil, personal struggles, or change — Christ calls us not to panic, but to stand firm. His promise is clear: “By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”

As we prepare to enter Advent and a new Church year, we are invited to live these final weeks with courage and faith. This Sunday is also the Jubilee of the poor – poor in spirit or those in financial hardship. Let us stay steadfast in prayer and in service to one another, let us face uncertainty not with fear but with trust, and let us remember that in every ending, God is preparing a new beginning.

Des Tiller - Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Next week 17 – 21 November: Please keep our Priests of the Archdiocese in your prayers as they gather together in prayer this week.

Fr Joy and Fr Tikoua will be away on retreat all next week. Liturgies will be held instead of Masses on Tuesday to Friday in the chapel. There will also be a funeral for our parishioner, *Thay Mau*, on Tuesday at 11.00am at St Teresas. The celebrant will be Fr Jeff Drane.

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mal 3:19-20: Ps 97: 2 Thess 3:7-12: Lk 21:5-19:

19:Psalm Response:

Next Week: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: 2 Sam 5:1-3: Ps 121: Col 1:12-20: Lk 23:35-43:



Upcoming Parish Events

Personal intentions prayer offerings at Masses

Introducing an opportunity to offer your personal prayer intentions at Mass. When you enter the church or the side chapel, write down your prayer and place it in the collection basket at the offertory. These prayers will be offered up to God.

November – month of the Holy Souls

You are invited throughout November to place the names of loved ones in boxes/baskets in the Church foyers to be presented at Masses and prayed for. (Any donation for Mass to be given in to the office).



Two initiatives to support the Jubilee of the Poor: 16th November

The Soup Kitchen has requested donations for the following:

Men's underwear and socks (sizes medium, large and extra large), and men's toiletries, eg. shampoo, soap, deodorant, disposable razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We ask that these items are purchased and placed in the labeled basket in our church foyers no later than Sunday 23rd November.

Ōtari Parish will have a second collection at all weekend Masses on Sunday 16th November to contribute towards school uniforms and school fees for families in need at St Teresa's School.



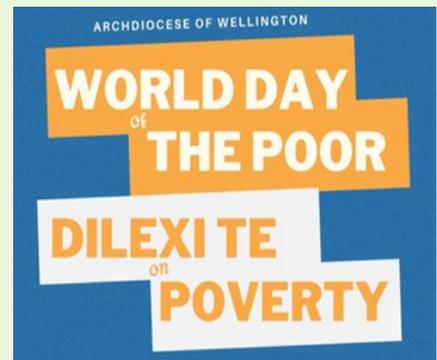
We ask you to please give generously for these worthy causes.

World Day of the Poor Dilexi Te Webinar, 6:30pm-8pm 18 November 2025



To mark World Day of the Poor, join with the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission to reflect on Pope Leo's new text on poverty, Dilexi Te. Everyone is welcome and no background knowledge is needed. Jim McAloon, Chair of the EJP, will give an overview of Dilexi Te followed by an opportunity for small group discussion of selected passages from the document and how they apply to issues of poverty today.

Register to attend at <https://surl.ms/LGb>



23rd November: Jubilee of Choirs and Musicians

Otari Parish Advent Retreat:

Save the date of **Saturday 29 November** as there will be an Advent Retreat at St Teresas Church from 10.00am until 1.00pm. Morning tea will be provided.



OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Join us for our next meeting on
Sunday, 16th November
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 info.



The Otari Parish Youth Group will be holding a Market Day fundraiser to support the ongoing mission of the group on Saturday, 6th December from 8am-1pm in St. Teresa's parish hall.

We would be grateful for any donations of new or gently-used items to sell during our market day sale.

Any donations can be left in the parish office, or please contact Amanda Kleiner on 027-315-8503 to arrange pickup.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 20th November from 7:00pm for 7:30pm start followed by supper. **Note: Change of Venue** - St Joseph's Church, 42 Ellice Street, Mt Victoria.

Speaker: Peter Ewart SM on "Is there an opportunity for peace?"

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027-356-9555 or email: joshua.wqtn@gmail.com

Food Bank

We are still seeking a volunteer to be part of the Karori Food Bank board on behalf of St Teresa's. All five main churches in Karori join together to run the food bank, which was started by St Teresa's. We need someone to carry on this good work! It's a great way to get involved with our local Karori community and support households who are in need. No particular qualifications are required, other than an open mind and an enthusiastic attitude. Please let the parish office know if you are interested, and further information can be provided, or ring Louise on (021)185-0729.



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Non-perishable food donations for the food bank can be dropped off in the basket in the St Teresa's church foyer. Tea, instant coffee, canned goods, soups, cereals and biscuits are all gratefully received.

Readings

17-22
November

2025

Mon: 1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64: Ps 118: Lk 18:35-43:

Tues: 2 Macc 6:18-31: Ps 3: Lk 19:1-10:

Wed: 2 Macc 7:1, 20-31: Ps 16: Lk 19:11-28:

Thurs: 1 Macc 2:15-29: Ps 49: Lk 19:41-44:

Friday: 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59: 1 Chron 29:10-12: Lk 19:45-48:

Sat: 1 Macc 6:1-13: Ps 9: Lk 20:27-40:



Prayer Request

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

Jubilee of the Poor

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We are excited at the release of *Dilexi Te*, an apostolic exhortation from Pope Leo XIV on poverty. The title translates to 'I have loved you'. It calls on us "to rediscover Christian hope in response to the instability that pervades our world." Leo urges us to recognise the poor, not as objects of charity, but protagonists of hope.

Poverty has structural causes that must be addressed and eliminated. He calls for policies that reflect the Church's commitment to social justice teaching which sees employment, education, housing and health care as universal rights. He calls for new initiatives to assist the poorest of the poor and he echoes the wisdom of St Augustine urging justice over mere generosity. "You give bread to a hungry person but it would be better if none were hungry." (adapted from <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-06/world-day-poor-pope-leo-you-are-my-hope.html>)

Participation
Nāu te Rourou,
Nāku te Rourou



Common Good
He Painga mā te
Katoa



Distributive
Justice
Te Tika ka Tohaina



Preferential Option for
the Poor and Vulnerable
He Whakaaro Nui mā te
Hunga Rawakore



Human Dignity
Te Mana o te
Tangata



Stewardship
Kaitiakitanga



Solidarity
Whakawhanaungatanga



Promotion of
Peace
Te Whakatairanga
i te Rangimārie



Subsidiarity
Mana Whakahaere



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Opportunities for us to act:

- Show our love for others by responding to the request from the Soup Kitchen for goods to help their clients to live with dignity (See Newsletter for details).
- Support movements to reduce poverty by paying the living wage rather than the minimum wage to those in work.
- Call on governments to adequately fund benefits for those unable to work because of health issues, disabilities, homelessness or the unavailability of jobs
- Learn more about *Dilexi Te* and issues of poverty in Aotearoa by joining us on Tuesday 18 November at St Thomas More Lounge 6:30 to 8:00pm for a Webinar with the Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission. Come at 6:00pm to eat together and if possible bring a plate to share.
- Look for opportunities to connect with those experiencing poverty and actively address poverty in its various forms.
- Give to a second collection at all weekend Masses on 15th/16th November to contribute towards school uniforms and school fees for families in need at St Teresa's School.

Ōtari Parish Justice, Peace and Development Group