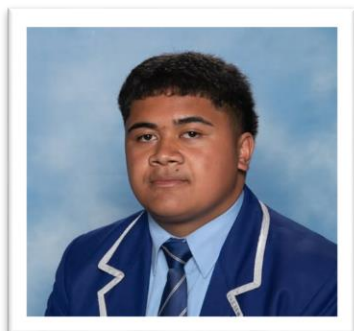


Congratulations to TJ Tuimavave on being announced as the Manu Taupua Matua of St Patrick's college (town), the top student leadership position for 2027.



TJ and his family were parishioners at Otari and TJ was the star of St Teresa's nativity play in 2009 and many following years!

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.

Remembrance Mass- Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 7:00pm

We warmly welcome members of our parish and school community to our Remembrance Mass at St Teresa's church.

This mass is a celebration for all members of our parish community, but in particular those who have suffered the loss of a loved one over the past year. We will remember those special people and thank God for the time that we have shared with them. We also celebrate the wonderful memories that we hold of our loved ones.

You are invited to bring a photo or memento of your loved one to place on the altar before mass.

GRECCIO: THE SONG – A Christmas Invitation - Saturday, 5 December | Allan Gibbs Centre, Wellington College, 2.00pm Matinee | 7.30pm Evening Show.

Bring your family and friends to *Greccio: The Song*, a new musical inspired by St Francis of Assisi and the first Nativity at Greccio, celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee and 60 years of friendship between New Zealand and the Philippines. Scan the QR code for tickets and support your parish. 25% of net ticket sales made through your parish link will be returned to the parish. (Full details on poster attached). For enquiries: vineyardhouse.nz@gmail.com

ELECTION WEBINAR – Wednesday, 28 October:

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting a webinar to unpack the bishops' 2026 election statement, *Discerning Our Nation's Future Through a Gospel Lens*. Join Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Catholic Family Support Services Hamilton Manager Renee Rewi and Trinity Catholic College Principal Kate Nicholson live at 7.00pm on **Wednesday, 28 October**. The conversation will examine how faith can inform participation in public life and help shape a society that upholds human dignity, promotes justice and serves the common good. Learn more and register at: <https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection>



25 October 2026

Mass times:

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Karori

Sunday: 10.00am Karori

Weekdays: Tue-Fri 9.30am, Saturday

9.00am Reconciliation: Saturday

9.30—10.00am

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A Reflection

The greatest commandment: Love God and love your neighbour

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:34–40) brings us to the heart of our Christian faith. When Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest, He responds simply: to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

These two commandments are inseparable. Our love for God is expressed not only through prayer, worship and participation in the life of the Church, but also through the way we treat the people around us. Equally, when we show kindness, patience, compassion and forgiveness to others, we make God's love visible in the world.

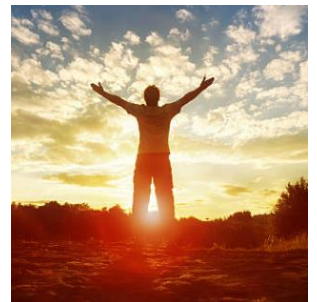
Yet loving our neighbour is not always easy. It can be challenging to show understanding when we disagree, to forgive when we have been hurt, or to make time for someone when our own lives are busy. Sometimes, the people who most need our love are those we find hardest to understand. Jesus reminds us that love is not simply a feeling; it is a choice we make through our words, our actions and our willingness to put others before ourselves.

As a parish community, we have many opportunities to live out this Gospel. Every act of service, every welcome offered to a visitor, every prayer for someone who is struggling, and every quiet act of generosity helps build a Church where people experience the love of Christ. Our volunteers, in particular, remind us that faith becomes meaningful when it is put into action.

Jesus does not ask us to do extraordinary things every day. He asks us to love faithfully, generously and sincerely. When we place God at the centre of our lives and allow that love to flow outwards to others, we fulfil the very heart of the Gospel.

May we continue to grow as a parish rooted in love: loving God through our faith, and loving our neighbours through the care and compassion we show one another.

Lord, help us to love You with all our hearts and to recognise Your presence in everyone we meet. May our words and actions reflect Your love, today and always. Amen.



Des Tiller

Chair PPC

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who baked and bought baked items at our bake sale on Mission Sunday. \$650 was raised for the Missions.

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Ex 22:20-26

Ps 17:2-4,47,51 **Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength

1 Thess 1:5-10. Mt 22:34-40

Next week: All Saints Day:

Rev 7:2-4,9-14

Ps 23:1-6. **Response:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12

Readings: 26 October to 31 October:

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6, Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33; Ps 127:1-5, Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 18:2-5; Lk 6:12-19

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 143:1-2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Ps 143:1-2,9-10; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Phil 1:18-26; Ps 42:2-3.5; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Prayer Requests

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

If you require TRANSPORT to and from Saint Teresa's Church for Sunday Mass please contact the office:
office@otariparish.co.nz.



New Ōtari Parish Parishioners:

If you are new to the Parish or yet to complete a new parishioner form, you can find forms in the foyer or complete the contact form on our website or simply contact the Parish Office.

Upcoming Events

Ten days of Otari Parish Rosary Devotion

Everyday at 6.30pm from 22nd October to 31st October at St Teresa's Church.

Except Sunday-Rosary will be directly after 10.00am Mass.

Please come and pray together with your family.

Working Bee 31st October - next Saturday

It's that time of year again! We are holding a Grave Cleaning/Working Bee at Karori Cemetery, Clergy and Religious plots. Please sign up on the register in the foyer.

Many hands make light work! Grave Blessings!

1st November – Sunday All Saints Day

After 10.00am Mass – We will go to Makara Cemetery to bless the graves of the dearly departed.

2nd November -Monday -All Souls Day

We will meet at Karori Cemetery at 5.30pm (Portion where Priests and Religious are buried) to bless the graves then return to St Teresa's Church for Mass at 6.30pm

Sacramental Programme for 26/27

Parent/Caregiver Information

7pm Tuesday 27th October 2026
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
at St Teresa's Church.

Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On the first Friday of each month, Adoration will resume after the 9:30am Mass, throughout the day, and conclude with Mass at 6pm.

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

All are welcome.

Safeguarding Workshop

Safeguarding is the responsibility of us all.

Whether you are involved directly in Parish Ministry or not, enrol to attend an Online Safeguarding Workshop to learn about the actions we, as a Church, are taking to keep each other safe. Register with Kevin Plant by emailing: kplant@cadw.nz

The Microsoft Teams link to join the workshop will be sent out two days prior to the Workshop.

October Tuesday 27th 7 -8.15pm

November Monday 23rd 12 noon -1.15pm

Tuesday 24th 7-8.15pm