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**Mass times:**

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Karori  
Sunday: 8.30am Wilton and 10.00am Karori  
Weekdays: Tue-Fri 9.30am, Saturday 9.00am  
Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30—10.00am

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28th June 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Over the past three weeks the scripture readings have focused on Christian Mission;  
**We are called to serve the Lord.**

In the first reading from the Second book of Kings, the Shunemmitess recognised her visitor as a holy man and prepared a room for him to stay whenever passing through her village. Elijah was grateful for her generosity and hospitality. He was impressed by her humility when she expressed satisfaction with her life, not desiring anything in return. Elijah rewarded her with the gift of motherhood. As the beatitude says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." *Matt 5:8*  
The Shunemmitess served the Lord by extending hospitality to Elijah. Her reward was greater than she could have ever anticipated, a child, a truly loving and generous gift from God.

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."



Through Christ's death and resurrection we are given newness of life. Paul, in the second reading, reminds the Romans to receive God's graces we must turn away from sin and live our lives in union with Jesus Christ. We live in a very materialistic world, consumerism promoted everywhere we look. How much are we willing to pay for happiness in this life? Through our baptism we are baptised into a new life in Jesus Christ. Do we stop and think, how much are we willing to pay for our new lives in Christ? Anything worth having requires a commitment of time and effort and this is not easy.

Matthew's Gospel reading gives us a clear message from Jesus; the path of discipleship is not easy. Christian mission requires us to commit to God, commit to prioritising Him in our lives. If we put God before everything else, the rewards are greater for everyone, including ourselves. The bigger reward will not be given in this life, but in the next. This gift from God is incomparable to any riches we may receive on earth. Being a disciple requires a commitment of time and effort. What value do we put on our faith? How important is it to us? How can we respond to the **call to serve our Lord?**

**Treana Tiller (Liturgy Committee Chair)**

**Liturgy of the Word**

**This week: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** 2 kgs 4:8-11, 14-16: Ps 88: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11: Mt 10:37-42:

**Psalm Response:** *Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

**Next Week: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Zech 9:9-10: Ps 144: Rom 8:9, 11-13: Mt 11:25-30: Mt 10:37-42:

## Upcoming Parish Events

### Ōtari Parish Gifting Information

The easiest way to gift to the Parish is by Automatic Payment or Direct Credit.

**Account name:**  
**Catholic Parish**  
**of Ōtari**

**Account Number:**  
**02 0536 0392292 00**

**Reference: Gifting**

However, if you would prefer to give by cash, weekly envelopes are also available by contacting the Parish office at [office@otariparish.co.nz](mailto:office@otariparish.co.nz). Your donations are recorded and a receipt will be issued to you in April after the end of the Financial year in March.

33% of your gifting will be returned to you if you submit a Donation Rebate form to the IRD. You can also opt to donate the refund back to the Parish on this rebate form. You can consider leaving a donation to the Parish in your will.



**THIS WEEK:**  
***The annual Peter's Pence collection is being taken up this weekend. This special collection directly supports the Pope's charitable works and the administrative needs of the Holy See. To contribute to this annual appeal, you can do so in a few ways:***

**Online Giving:** You can donate directly to the parish bank account. Simply use "Peter's Pence" as your reference so it is allocated.

**Parish Collection:** Bring cash to Mass and place it in the basket in an envelope marked Peters Pence.

**Special Envelopes:** If you gift by envelopes, there will be a specific "Peter's Pence" envelope available in your pack.



Mark your diaries!  
Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 5th July at 11:15am.  
Venue to be confirmed.

Contact Treena [bob\\_brucie@hotmail.com](mailto:bob_brucie@hotmail.com) for further details.



### Ōtari Parish Movie Fundraiser

Tickets are available to purchase after all Masses at St Teresa's & St Thomas More churches.

Tickets are \$25 and for Unwaged - \$15 each  
**The Refugee Family Reunification Trust** recently paid for the cost of an airfare to bring a young woman from Myanmar – she arrived last week. They have just paid an airfare to bring a husband from Uganda to join his wife and daughter – he will arrive next week.

Requests are ongoing and this fundraiser will help. A great cause and a perfect way to spend Sunday afternoon in the middle of winter.

### 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



The Catholic Netball Tournament was a wonderful opportunity for our Catholic primary schools to come together, share their faith, and enjoy a fantastic day of netball.

A huge thank you to St Anne's for doing such an amazing job organising the tournament. They also played a fantastic game in the final against St Teresa's School, making it an exciting and memorable finish to the day. Where St Teresa's finished 2nd. As one of the smallest schools taking part, we were incredibly proud of our team. Their talent, determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship were outstanding, and they truly lived out our St Teresa's school values both on and off the court.

Thank you to everyone who supported our teams, especially Maria in the Parish Office for her ongoing support of netball throughout the season. We are also **SO** grateful to all of our wonderful coaches (who have developed the players over their time at St Teresa's) parents, managers, and supporters. Your time, encouragement, and commitment make opportunities like this possible for our children.

What a fantastic day celebrating sport, friendship, and our Catholic community. Well done, everyone!

Manaaki te Atua  
**Pip Cook**

### Retreat Days and themes at Pā Maria 2026

*Take time and space for a guided day of prayer and reflection.*

Prayer days at Pā Maria during the year. 9.00am-3.15pm

- **27 June**                      **Peace**
- **19 September**            **Season of Creation**
- **17 October**                **Mary**
- **5 December**              **Advent**

Presenters: Neil Vaney SM, Chris Skinner SM and Judith Moroney rsm.

Pā Maria. 78 Hobson St, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Entry by koha.

Maximum of 20 people so please **RSVP by the Tuesday before the prayer day** to [pamariabookings@gmail.com](mailto:pamariabookings@gmail.com) and indicate which prayer day you wish to attend.

### More Catholic Tales Tour at Karori Cemetery

Saturday July 4 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Includes visits to significant sites relating to our Catholic heritage, celebrating the lives of those who served the Church and community in Wellington and beyond.

There is a \$10 charge per person (plus non-refundable booking fee). Children under 12 are free. Good dogs are welcome!

For further information and to book a place on the tour see the Friends of Karori Website: Tours <https://friendsofkaroricemetery.co.nz/event/more-catholic-tales-tour-3/>

#### Readings

29  
 June  
 3  
 July

2026

**Mon:** Sts PETER and PAUL, apostles  
**Tues:** Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12: Ps 5: Mt 8:23-27:  
**Wed:** Amos 5:14-15, 21-24: Ps 49: Mt 8:28-34:  
**Thurs:** Amos 7:10-17: Ps 18: Mt 9:1-8:  
**Friday:** eph 2:19-22: Ps 116: Jn 20:24-29:  
**Sat:** Amos 9:11-15: Ps 84: Mt 9:14-17:



### Prayer Request

**Please pray** for our parishioners who are unwell. For those who passed away recently and for Josefina Loria and Stella Gorla whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## Valuing our Senior Parishioners



On behalf of Ōtari Parish we would like to thank Vonnie Nunns for sharing her experience and involvement in the 3rd Order of St Francis of Assisi. We are also grateful for Vonnie, who as a parishioner of over six decades, has been involved in serving our Parish community across various ministries.

## The Feast of St Thomas More was celebrated on Sunday after a Mass by Pa Gerry Burns, and music by our music group.



After Mass, parishioners were tested on their knowledge of St Thomas More, who had been the subject of the homily and is celebrated in many places around the church.