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27th April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year C

Reflection: Sunday 27 April 2025: John 20: 19-31

The closing chapters of John's Gospel are devoted to the appearances of the risen Jesus, first to Mary of Magdala and then to the Disciples. The small community had been sheltering behind locked doors—fearful, confused and deeply grieving—after the desolation of the Cross and the burial of the Master. And Jesus enters. He bestows his peace on them. He shows them his wounds. He breathes on them the power of the Holy Spirit. He commissions them. He gives them authority over sin: to forgive and to retain.



The Disciples react with simple, pure joy when they see the risen Lord. Our own celebration of Easter this year was overshadowed by the news of last Monday evening, that our beloved Pope Francis had died. This was a grief amid the joy of Easter, a wound to our spirits.

But as the news deepened and matured, I think we all felt just how fitting it was that Papa Francis had been called home just after Easter, to experience the Risen Lord at first hand in the kingdom of Heaven after his heroic struggles during a long life as priest, bishop, and pope.

The Catholic theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar wrote, stressing the ultimate individuality of spiritual experience: *"Nothing has every borne fruit in the Church without emerging from the darkness of a long period of loneliness into the light of the community."*

I think here of the Passion of Jesus, particularly that deep pit of grief, loneliness and desolation he felt in the Garden and carried to the Cross. I also think of that time in the life of Jorge Bergoglio when he was exiled to Córdoba in the winter of 1990 and forbidden all ministry except the sacrament of penance. Those hard, lonely years saw the beginning of deep personal changes in the man who would step out again into the light of the Catholic community as Pope Francis. He served us brothers and sisters full of the Easter joy and peace.

Chris Orsman, Parish Councillor

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 2nd Sunday of Easter: Acts 5:12-16: Ps 117: Rev 1:9-13, 17-19: Jn 20:19-31:

Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41: Ps 29: Rev 5:11-14:

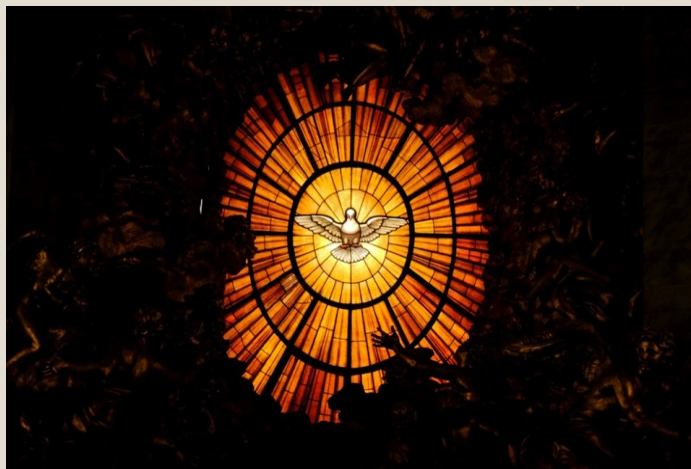
Jn 21:1-19:



Parish Events

An opportunity to encounter the Holy Spirit!

7-week Life in the Spirit Seminar run by the KPF ministries (Lower Hutt)



starting on the

1st of May 2025-12th June 2025 6.30pm-8.30pm at St Teresas church. (includes one Saturday 7th June 10am-2pm as a Retreat Day)

Topics include: What is God like? Power, Life and Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Growing in the Holy Spirit and much more. **Each session includes Worship music, Talks, prayer and group sharing and ends with Fellowship/light supper.**

Please register using the QR code **OR** alternatively you could email the parish office at office@otariparish.co.nz **OR** sign up after the weekend masses.

Registration is a must for catering and admin purposes!

Otariparish Youth Group

Our next youth group meeting will be held on Sunday, 27th April, 11:30am-1pm in St. Teresa's Parish Hall.

Come along to enjoy our Easter celebration and preparation for the Jubilee of Children.

We hope to see you there!

Please call Amanda Kleiner on 0273158503 with any questions.



Tax Receipts for 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 have been emailed or posted or printed out this week.

Any queries please contact the Parish Office. Envelopes are now available in the Church Foyers.

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.

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 in this Lent.

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Parish and Archdiocesan Events

Ōtari Parish AGM 18th May 2025:

*The Parish Annual General Meeting will be held in the hall after 10.00am Mass.
All parishioners are encouraged to attend.*

Parish Upcoming Jubilees:

27th April: Jubilee of People with Disabilities

On Divine Mercy Sunday 27th, we will celebrate the Jubilee of People with Disabilities. Prayers will be offered and a special blessing will be given after Communion. All are welcome.

11th May: Mothers' Day: Jubilee of Mothers

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



4th May: Jubilee for Workers

Mass for St Joseph the Worker—St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria at 9.30am. Come and join in this Jubilee Year Mass and reflect on the importance and value of work and the needs of all workers.

Divine Mercy Devotion

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: prayed every Saturday evening from 5pm .
St Teresa's Church, Karori.

The Divine Mercy Feast

will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street on Sunday, 27 April at 2pm. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. All are welcome. You can bring Holy objects to be blessed. Refreshment and Fellowship follows, please bring a plate.



Hours of Mercy –

Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May and 6 June from 10am – 2pm. Please register as per the poster or call 0225178988.



Memorial Service

Will be held for Pauline McLay (long term Parishioner at St Teresa's) Monday the 28th of April at 2pm in Saint Teresa's Church followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate Pauline's life.

Readings

28 April
3 May

2025

Mon: Acts 4:23-31: Ps 2:1-9: Jn 3:1-8:

Tues: Acts 4:32-37: Ps 91: Jn 3:7-15:

Wed: Acts 5:17-26: Ps 33: Jn 3:16-21:

Thurs: Acts 5:27-33: Ps 33: Jn 3:31-36:

Friday: Acts 5:34-32: Ps 26: Jn 6:1-5:

Sat: 1 Cor 15:1-8: Ps 18: Jn 14:6-14:

Food Bank

We are seeking a volunteer to represent St Teresa's on the Karori Food Bank board. This is a great way to get involved with the community and support the work of the food bank which provides food parcels to households 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.

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 and biscuits are all gratefully received.



Prayer Request

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



Easter Ceremonies 2025

Holy Thursday with washing of feet. Ecumenical Way of the Cross and Stations of the Cross (lead by the youth) Good Friday. Lighting of the Easter Fire at the Vigil Easter Ceremony and baptism of baby Oliver at Easter Sunday Mass.

Thank you to Fathers Joy and Tikoua and to the people who made each ceremony a memorable and Blessed event.