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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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9th March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

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As a principal, Luke 4:1-13 reminds us of the importance of faith, integrity, and servant leadership. Just as Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, school leaders face challenges; temptations to seek quick fixes, personal recognition, or control. However, true leadership requires humility, patience, and trust in God's guidance.

Jesus relied on Scripture to resist temptation, teaching us to stay rooted in moral values and ethical decision-making. While challenges will arise, leading with faith and wisdom allows principals to create a school environment that reflects Christ's love and purpose.

Pip Cook (Principal Saint Teresa's Primary School)



What is the spiritual purpose of Lent?

We began the season of Lent yesterday by observing **Ash Wednesday**, when we were imposed with ashes on our foreheads. These ashes are a reminder of our need for repentance and the reality of our human frailty. The ash mark symbolizes sorrow and mourning over sin.

Pope Francis has frequently emphasized the demands of Lent in his Ash Wednesday homilies. He described it as a *"favourable time to return to what is essential, to divest ourselves of all that weighs us down, to be reconciled with God, and to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit hidden beneath the ashes of our frail humanity."*

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 1st Sunday of Lent: Deut 26:4-10: Ps 90: Rom 10:8-13: Lk 4:1-13: **Psalm**

Response: Here am I! Send me.

Next Week: 2nd Sunday of Lent: Jer 17:5-8: Ps 1: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20: Lk 6:17, 20-26:



Parish Events

Important Parish Dates:

Stations of the Cross : On every Friday during Lent at 6pm at St Teresas starting on 7th March.

8th and 9th March: Jubilee of volunteers at Masses.

13th March: Five week Bible course (*No Greater Love*) starts at St Teresas.

16th March: Fr Matt White celebrating 10.00am Mass. **NO** Mass at ST Thomas More that day.

Safeguarding in our Parish



Kevin Plant (the ADW Safe-guarding Officer) will be running education sessions for us on **Wednesday 12th March** and on **Tuesday 18th at 6.30pm** (you can select either night) at St Teresas.

Those in ministries working with children/youth or vulnerable people must attend if they haven't already done so but the sessions are open to **ALL** Parishioners. Please contact the parish office to register or for more information.

WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER
St Thomas More
Church 7pm Friday
7th March
All are Welcome



You are invited to attend '24 Hours for the Lord' at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This is a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation celebrated in dioceses around the world on the eve of the 4th Sunday of

Lent. Our '24 Hours for the Lord' will begin with an Opening Liturgy at 5:30pm on Friday 28th March, continue through the night and end with the Vigil Mass at 5:30pm on Saturday 29th March.

Otari Parish will lead the hour of adoration from 12 noon to 1pm on Saturday 29th March.



Divine Mercy Devotion

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 8.30am and Holy Eucharist at 9.30.

As part of the Jubilee 2025

celebration, every Friday, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for personal prayers from 6pm to 7pm. During this time there will be opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after 9am Mass on Saturday mornings or from 6-7pm every Friday in the Jubilee Year OR upon request

OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, 23rd March
11:30am - 1pm
in St. Theresa'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.



Parish and Archdiocesan Events



Congratulations dear Fr Matt White

He will be celebrating the 10.00am Mass at St Teresas on 16th March (No 8.30 Mass at St Thomas More)

Please bring a small plate to celebrate the priesthood of Fr Matt after Mass.

If you would like to make a donation for Fr Matt, you can deposit into our parish account (Otari Parish) 02 0536 0392292 00 with a reference of MATT or pop cash into an envelope .

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is moving to small parish-based groups called Dovecotes, where women may experience the warmth of fellowship, the power of prayer and the joy of worship. If you feel a need for a Dovecote in your area, please contact Gloria: dovenation-al.leader@gmail.com or Ph 0272456742. Or see our website: www.dove.org.nz

St Patrick's Day Parade and Concert. Sunday 16th March 12noon-4:30pm

Celebrate St Patrick's Day at the annual Parade and Concert on the Wellington Waterfront. Entertainment begins at 12pm at Kumutoto Square (Lady Elizabeth Lane) with the annual Parade starting from there at 1pm. At 1:30pm the Concert under the sails at Queens Wharf showcases Irish culture with Irish dancing and top local musicians. There's something for everyone with activities for kids and the popular 'best dressed in green'. More detail on Face-



Join in a great Prayer for Life this Lent!

Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday - pray for an end to abortion.

Sign up and receive educational resources and daily prayer intentions. Join the peaceful prayer vigil near the abortion place on Wednesday. Find out more at FLI.org.nz/prayerforlife

Come and join other men at Joshua Wellington's next meeting on Thursday 20th March 2025 from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start in Connolly Hall (next to the Sacred Heart Cathedral).

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



Baptisms in 2025

Baptisms in the parish will be administered either **during the Weekend Masses** or on the **First and Third Sundays of every month at 2.00pm.**

WelCom Don't forget to pick up the latest copy of Welcom this weekend!

- WelCom's future – a statement from Archbishop Paul Martin sm and Bishop John Adams
- The Jubilee Year of Hope – opening celebrations in Wellington and Palmerston North
- Priestly ordination for Archdiocese of Wellington – Fr Matthew White

Readings

10-15

March
2025

Mon: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18: Ps 18: Mt 25:31-46:

Tues: Is 55:10-11: Ps 33: Mt 6:7-15:

Wed: Jonah 3:1-10: Ps 50: Lk 11:29-32:

Thurs: Ester 4:17: Ps 137: Mt 7:7-12:

Friday: Ezek 18:21-28: Ps 129: Mt 5:20-26:

Sat: Deut 26:16-19: Ps 118: Mt 5:43-48:

Prayer Request

Please pray for the sick, especially Pope Francis.

For those who passed away recently and

For those whose anniversaries occur around this time especially David and Elsie Flanagan (parents of Pat Gee).



Thank You - ŌTARI Parish Catholic Community Volunteers

The ŌTARI leadership team would like to express our deepest gratitude to the incredible volunteers of the ŌTARI Parish Catholic Community.

Each of you embodies the spirit of service and stewardship, offering your time, talents, and hearts to make this community a place of faith, warmth, and generosity. Whether it's through organizing parish events, supporting those in need, maintaining our beautiful church, or simply lending a helping hand to a fellow parishioner, your contributions do not go unnoticed.

You are the hands and feet of Christ in our parish. Your tireless work strengthens our community, inspires those around you, and reflects the very essence of our faith—love in action. May God continue to bless you abundantly for all that you do.

With heartfelt appreciation—thank you.



A sample of
some of our
wonderful
Volunteers!

