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Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30—10.00am

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18th October 26

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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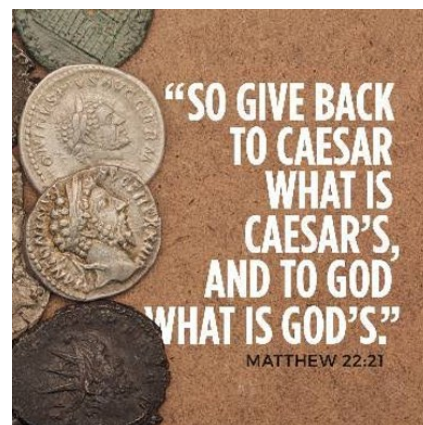
OTARI PARISH REFLECTION FOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

During recent weeks of Ordinary Time, we have reflected on our lives and the challenges we face daily, especially emphasizing that no matter how huge the challenges, we are assured that God is always with us, if, and when, we ask for guidance.

For the next three weeks the focus for us is on ways to serve God while also being part of our community.

Matthew, as an early Evangelist, is bridging the message of the Gospels of Jesus with the long-held customs of the Jewish people. The Scribes and Pharisees were noted for their focus on the finer details and being more concerned with the letter of the law than the needs of people. "The Pharisees went away to work out ways to trap Jesus " and then deputised their minions to present their question to Jesus." Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not ?" Jesus' response made the situation really clear.

The kingdom of God is already present in our world. It is here we practice the Gospel values of justice, honesty, compassion and love, as we demonstrate our Faith in action, work for love and persevere in hope. When we contribute to the well-being of society by our contributions to Food Banks, supporting St Vincent de Paul Society or joining the Living Wage Movement etc, we are promoting the Kingdom of God.



Christine Paterson

Catholic Women's League Chaplain

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 45:1,4-6: Ps 95: 1 Thess 1:1-5: Mt 22:15-21:

Psalm Response: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

Next Week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ex 22:20-26: Ps 17: 1 Thess 1:5-10: Mt 22:34-40:

Upcoming Parish Events



Ten Days of Ōtari 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 10am Mass)
All are welcome.

Parent/Caregiver Information Meeting for our Parish 2026/2027 Sacramental Programme

7pm Tuesday 27th October 2026
in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Teresa's Church.
Please contact the Parish Office for more details.



OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP Sunday, 18th October 11:30am – 1pm in St. Teresa's Parish Hall.

Readings
19th-24th
October
2026

Mon: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 112; Lk 11:29-32
Tues: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 118; Lk 11:37-41
Wed: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1; Lk 11:42-46
Thurs: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 97; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 32; Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8; Lk 12:8-12



Globally a collection is taken up at Sunday Mass for the Pontifical Mission Societies to support Pope Francis' missionary endeavours. To access Mission Sunday resources and donate directly go to <https://missio.nz>

There are also envelopes in the foyer or you can donate via the parish as follows:
Account: Catholic Parish of Otari
Number: 02 0536 0392292 00
Reference: Missions
Please copy the link to view Pope Leo's video message for World Mission Sunday. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1821ur9Q__8KfyRT5zeLNJ5NMpV1GJFX2/view?usp=sharing



St Thérèse is the Patron Saint of Missions.

BAKE SALE





To celebrate the centenary of World Mission Sunday we will have a **BAKE SALE** after the 10am Mass this Sunday 18th October. All funds raised will go to MissionNZ. Please buy these delicious treats to support this worthy cause 😊

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 with Mass at 6pm.
All are welcome.



Parish and Archdiocesan Events

Voting this Election 2026

Enroll or check your enrolment details online at [Home | Vote NZ](#)

This 3-minute video, featuring Archbishop Paul Martin and Anglican Archbishop Justin Duckworth, provides some compelling information about enrolling to vote <https://youtu.be/GSD-XRckhl> and is worth watching and sharing. Election Enrolment closes on 25 October, before voting opens. Brochures about enrolment and voting forms are available from JPD members at our exit doors today. Please share them with anyone you know who might need them.

The **NZ Catholic Bishops** have recently issued a statement to the Catholic Faith Community regarding the importance of participating in the up coming General Election. Please click on the link provided to view their full statement: <https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26>

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

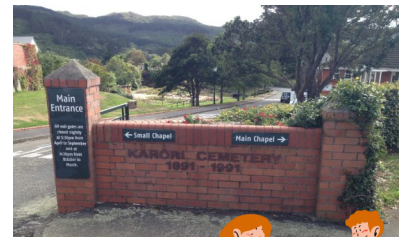


31st of October Saturday

It's that time of year again!

We are holding a Grave Cleaning Working Bee at Karori Cemetery.

Please sign up on the register in the foyer.

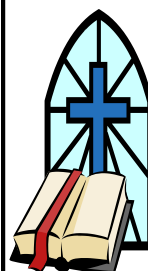


He rau ringa e oti ai
- Many hands make
light work

IF you require TRANSPORT to and from St Teresa's Church for Sunday Mass please contact the office at office@otariparish.co.nz



Prayer Request



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

November: Month of Remembrance of the Dead!

November holds a special place in the Catholic tradition as a month dedicated to remembering and praying for the faithful departed. The month begins with two major liturgical celebrations. We will begin the month with the solemnity of **"All Saints"** and on the following day we have the **"Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed" (All Souls' Day)**. It is the day when Catholics pray for all the faithful departed, especially those undergoing purification before entering heaven. The practice is rooted in the Church's ancient belief in the communion of saints and the value of prayers for the dead.

The formal observance of **All Souls' Day on 2 November** is usually traced to **St. Odilo of Cluny**, the fifth abbot of the great Benedictine monastery of Cluny in France. Around the year **998**, he directed that all monasteries under his care devote the day after All Saints' Day to prayer, almsgiving, and Masses for the souls of the faithful departed. The practice spread rapidly throughout Western Europe and was eventually adopted by the entire Western Church. By the late Middle Ages, All Souls' Day had become a universal Catholic commemoration.

Catholics normally mark this day by a) Celebrating Mass for the faithful departed, b) Visiting cemeteries and graves, and c) Offering prayers, especially for the souls in purgatory. Beginning with **All Souls' Day (2 November)**, the Church invites us to extend our love and charity to those who have died and are being purified before entering the fullness of God's presence.

There are many practical ways to pray for the dead in November such as:

- Attend Mass and offer Mass intentions for deceased loved ones.
- Pray the Rosary for the faithful departed.
- Visit cemeteries and pray for those buried there.
- Offer acts of charity, fasting, or sacrifices for the souls in purgatory.
- Pray daily: *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

To mark the age-old practice of the Church we will be having the following at the beginning of the month of November:

1st November - Sunday - All Saints' Day

- After the 10am 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 the Priests & Religious are buried) to bless the graves of the dearly departed then return to **St Teresa's Church for at Mass 6:30pm.**

***"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen."***