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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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St Teresa's Church 301 Karori Rd. Karori www.otariparish.co.nz

11th October 26

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that God invites us to share in his love. In the parable of the wedding banquet, some people are too caught up in their own activities to respond. It encourages us to reflect on how we make room for God in our busy lives. With so many responsibilities competing for our attention, it can be easy to put prayer, reflection and time with others aside. Yet God continues to invite us to pause, listen and recognise his presence in the ordinary moments of our day.



The Gospel also challenges us to do more than accept an invitation. We are called to let our faith shape how we live, showing kindness, compassion and respect through our choices. Responding to God's love means noticing the needs of others, making room for those who feel left out and being willing to offer forgiveness and support.

As principal of St Teresa's, I see opportunities to respond to God's invitation each day: taking time to listen to a child, supporting a family, encouraging a colleague or welcoming someone new. These everyday moments allow us to put our faith into action. A warm greeting, a thoughtful word or a moment of patience can help someone feel seen and cared for.

We encourage our children to recognise these opportunities too. Including someone in a game, helping a classmate, speaking kindly and caring for our school environment are all ways they can share God's love. Through our own actions, we show them how faith guides us in our relationships and in the choices we make each day.

Our Catholic school community is strengthened by the partnership between school, home and parish. When we pray together, celebrate together and support one another through difficult times, we help our children experience a faith that is alive in everyday life. We also remind one another that we belong and that we do not have to face our challenges alone. Each member of our community brings gifts, experiences and strengths that enrich our life together.

This week, may we make time for prayer and notice those who need our care. Perhaps we can each choose one simple way to respond to God's invitation: checking in on someone, offering a helping hand or taking a quiet moment to give thanks. Together, we can build a school community where every child and family feels welcomed, valued and loved.

Pip Cook (Principal of St Teresa's Primary School)

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 25:6-10: Ps 22: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20: Mt 22:1-14:

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

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

Upcoming Parish Events

Please join us for our 10am Mass this Sunday 11th October as Cardinal John Dew will concelebrate the Mass.



OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Join us for our next meeting on
Sunday, 18th October
11:30am - 1pm
in St. Teresa'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.



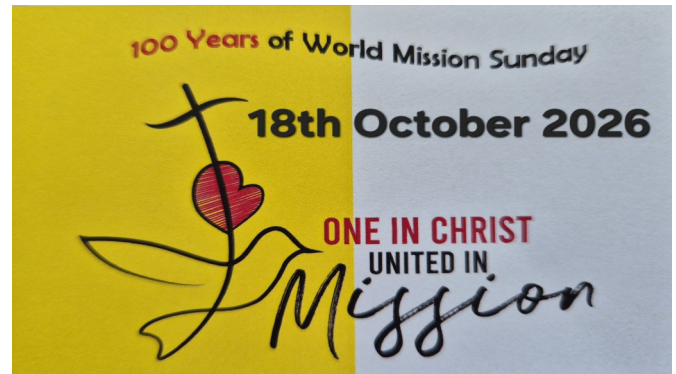
Children's Liturgy Workshop

Who is this for?

Current facilitators, parents of young children who want to know more, or parents or young adults interested in serving in this ministry.

When: Thursday 15th October from 6:30pm

Where: The Parish Office at the Presbytery



In October Catholics unite in prayer, solidarity and support for the Church's missionary effort. 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 039229200
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 on Sunday 18th October. All funds raised will go to MissionNZ.

Readings

12th—17th

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:

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>

Mass to mark the start of the Caritas Oceania Forum in Wellington

Please mark your diaries - Sunday 18th October - Metropolitan Cathedral of the Sacred Heart - 7:00pm. Join Archbishop Paul Martin SM and the Caritas Oceania representatives including Cardinal Soane Mafi of Tonga, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong of Fiji, and Archbishop Moses Vitolio Tui of Samoa along with other overseas visiting including the Caritas Internationalis Secretary-General.

Our Faith Formation Group invites you to:

"Let the beads do the talking"
Rosary programme



 Final evening this Thursday
15th October

 6:30 – 7:15pm

 Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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



Ōtari Parish Rosary

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



Are you new to the Parish in the last year?

We are currently updating our Parish Database and want to ensure all our new parishioners are there. This way we can email out newsletters and communicate with you regarding events. If you have not completed a form or emailed the Parish Office with your details, we encourage you to do so.

Thankyou from the Parish Pastoral Council at office@otariparish.co.nz

Prayer Request

Please pray for our parishioners who are unwell. For Liz Flanagan, Pat Gee's sister, and Lydia Marshall's Uncle, Joseph Chua, who both passed away recently and for Paul Toki whose 1st Heavenly Birthday occurs at this time.



Glimpses from our celebration of St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

Mass *Transitus* *Pet Blessing*

