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16th March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

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In the first reading of Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, God makes his promise to Abram that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars. Abram believes this promise and while not seeing immediate results, has **faith** and trust in God's plan. Even when we have to wait and go through uncertainty, it is important to keep the **faith** in God's promises. This emphasis on **faith** and patient is evident in Psalm 27: 13-14 where we are reminded to strengthen our resolve and 'Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD'.



The second reading of Philippians 3:17- 4:1 St Paul encourages the Philippians to follow his example and "Stand firm in the Lord". This is relevant especially during difficult times and a reminder to keep the **faith**. He warns against being consumed by earthly desires, self-indulgence, status and possessions, but move towards our eternal joy in Christ and heavenly calling.

The Gospel of Luke 9:28b – 36 highlights the transformative power of Jesus as witnessed by the disciples when told by the Father to '..listen to him'. The Lenten season offers us the opportunity to listen and be open to Jesus' guidance and deepen our **faith** in the teachings of Christ.

In our school, as we journey through Lent, we aim to encourage children to have **faith** in Christ, pray, give up a 'worldly distraction' and to make a difference in the lives of others through Almsgiving. The challenge, often for the tamariki, is to understand that **faith** is trusting even when we don't see immediate results.

Kerry De Graaff (Principal Cardinal McKeefry School)

Liturgy of the Word

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

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Lent: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15: Ps 102: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12:



Parish Events

Important Parish Dates:

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

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

Congratulations dear Fr Matt White



He will be celebrating the 10.00am Mass at St Teresas this weekend (No 8.30 Mass at St Thomas More)

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

Safeguarding in our Parish



Kevin Plant (the ADW Safeguarding Officer) will be running the last education session for us on **Tuesday 18th at 6.30pm** at Saint Thomas More Church.

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.

Divine Mercy Devotion

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

Please join us for a healing Mass to celebrate the **Jubilee of Sick and Healthcare Workers** on the weekend of Sunday 6th April, at the Ōtari Parish Masses.

St. Teresa Church, Karori:
Saturday: 5.30pm and Sunday: 10.00am

St. Thomas More, Wilton: Sunday: 8.30am

During the Mass, those who wish will be anointed, and a blessing will be given to all healthcare workers.



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 Fridays in Lent**, Stations of the Cross is at 6.00pm which will be followed by Exposition).

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.

Blessed Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



We are celebrating this important Feast of St Joseph with a Parish Mass the 19th of March at 7pm in St Teresa's Church.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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

Parish and Archdiocesan Events

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.

All parishioners are welcome to join.



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 Wednesdays. 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



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.



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.**

Readings

17-22

March
2025

Mon: St Patrick: Jer 1:4-9: Ps 116: Acts 13:46-49:

Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20: Ps 49: Mt 23:1-12:

Wed: St Joseph: 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16: Ps 88: Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22:

Thurs: Jer 17:5-10: Ps 1: Lk 16:19-31:

Friday: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28: Ps 104: Mt 21:33-43, 45-46:

Sat: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20: Ps 102: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32:

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.

Otari Parish

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Divine Retreat Centre NZ Wellington Unit

The Divine Retreat Centre Wellington Unit is thrilled to announce that Fr. Sunil Nagothu SVD will be leading a midday Lenten retreat at **St. Martin De Porres Church in Avalon on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 2.00 PM.** We'll conclude this special gathering with a Holy Mass. We warmly invite you to join us for this significant event to celebrate and worship the Lord as we spiritually prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

Do you want to serve on a team? Be a VOLUNTEER.



Volunteers are the hands and feet of Christ in our Parish.

Volunteers embody the spirit of service and stewardship, offering their time, talents, and hearts to make this community a place of faith, warmth, and generosity. Volunteers' tireless work strengthens our community, inspires others, and reflects the very essence of our faith - love in action.



We invite all parishioners to become more involved in the liturgical ministries of our Parish. There are a variety of roles to suit your gifts, interests, and availability. Every one of us has unique talents. Whether it's your voice, your organisational skills, or your ability to make others feel welcome, there is a place for you.

Please contact the Parish Office to see how you can use your gifts and talents, in any of the Liturgical Ministries that you may like to be part of.

Faith Formation Group
Sacramental Programme
Church Cleaning Group
Floral Displays Team
Caring for the Linen
Ministers of the Word
Ministers of Holy Eucharist
Liturgy Committee
Parish Pastoral Council
Divine Mercy Group
Tongan Community Group
Groundskeeping

Ōtari Justice Peace and Development Group (JPD)
Ōtari Parish Refugee House Set-up Team

Children's Liturgy
Youth Group
Hospitality
Mass Managers
Projectionists
Music/Choir groups
Altar Service
Finance Committee
Catholic Women's League
Extraordinary Ministers
Filipino Community Group
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World Day of Prayer 2025

