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Mass times:

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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14th June 2026

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

From Matthew's Gospel this Sunday, having appointed the twelve, Jesus sent them out with very special instructions. They were to go to the lost sheep, the less privileged, those who were unlikely to encounter Jesus without being instructed or encouraged. Jesus says, 'You will be my chosen people, and you will serve me as priests', and 'The harvest is great but the labourers are few'. We are so thankful for our Priests who shepherd us, and while we pray for vocations to the Priesthood, we also know that we all share the priesthood of the faithful that is ours through baptism. Alongside our Priests, we are given the role of serving the Christian community in any way we can.



Pope Leo XIV has a global platform for Jesus and he courageously uses it to speak out against world leadership which does not bring about peace. Pope Leo XIV brings the voice of Jesus to a world where many people are hungry for hope. In the first line of his encyclical letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo writes, "Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together." To be Catholic is to be guided by our Pope. We are grateful and support all our Priests, as they bring us the same messages of Pope Leo - the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are thankful for all our Priests who shepherd us in our faith journey and we also pray for all those who may be considering a Priestly vocation.

Lord, we ask you for the courage and the opportunity to be active in our communities, and be supportive to growth, living in the footsteps of Christ. Amen

This calling continues today. Jesus still calls each one of us, as he called the twelve, to continue the loving ministry of Jesus in the world.

Patricia Lynch Parish Pastoral Council

Liturgy of the Word

This week: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ex 19:2-6: Ps 99: Rom 5:6-11: Mt 9:36-10:8

Psalm Response: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Next Week: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jer 20:10-13: Ps 68: Rom 5:12-15: Mt 10:26-33:

Upcoming Parish Events

Part time work available

School transport drivers needed for the Wellington areas. Mon-Fri Transporting special needs students to school and home. Vehicles provided + fuel that you can get to keep at home. If you are interested please email through your details to Sarah Topliff Wellington Sesta Manager. Email: Sesta.wgtn@uzabus.co.nz



All parishioners are warmly invited to our **Ōtari Parish AGM** at 11:15am this **Sunday, 14 June**, at **St Teresa's Church**.

The meeting will include updates from the **Pastoral Parish Council**, the **Finance Committee**, and key parish projects including the **St Thomas More Transition** and **St Teresa's refurbishment**.

We will also outline a proposed **engagement process** to review **Mass times** for **Ōtari Parish**, with further details to be shared at the AGM.

Agenda on back page of this Newsletter.

The feast of *Saint Thomas More*
will be celebrated at the 8.30am Mass on the 21st of June at
St Thomas More Church. *All are welcome to attend.* We still have the 5.30pm
Vigil Saturday the 20th and 10am on Sunday the 21st at Saint Teresa's.

OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP



Sunday, 21st June 2026

11:30am - 1pm

St. Teresa's Parish Hall



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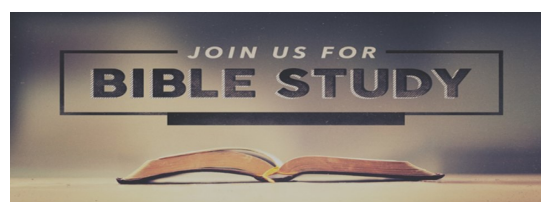
Ōtari Parish Faith formation team

continues to lead a weekly Scripture study every Thursday from 6.30pm-7.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Teresa's church.

Please bring a bible!

We will be focusing on using the traditional Lectio Divina style for our programme.

Everyone is invited!



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 at 6.30pm with Holy Mass at 6.30pm.



All welcome.

Parish and Archdiocesan Events



Ōtari Parish Movie Fundraiser in support of the Refugee Family Reunification Trust

'The Christophers'
Sunday 5th July

Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn
Screening Time 3pm, Tickets \$25.00

Tickets are available after all Masses at St Teresa's & St Thomas More churches. Payment can be made by cash or via Internet Banking

Account Name: Elizabeth Bergin Philip Bergin
03-0510-0740893-025 Please put your name as a reference and 'Movie'

Donations are welcome and can be placed in a Koha box. If you require a Tax Receipt, see the Ticket Seller for more information.

*A special thank you to the parents of last year's
1st Communicants who prepared and hosted this year's 1st Holy Communion breakfast.*



Also a big thank you to our Priests who concelebrated the occasion. Please keep both in your prayers as Father Cirilo attends to our flock in Fr Joys absence attending to his niece in Ireland.

Readings

15-20
June

2026

Mon: 1 Kg 21:1-16: Ps 5: Mt 5:38-42:

Tues: 1 Kg 21:17-29: Ps 50: Mt 5:43-48:

Wed: 2 Kg 2:1, 6-14: Ps 30: Mt 6:1-6, 16-18:

Thurs: Sirach 48:1-14: Ps 96: Mt 6:7-15:

Friday: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20: Ps 131: Mt 6:19-23:

Sat: 2 Chr 24:17-25: Ps 88: Mt 6:24-34:



Prayer Request

Please pray for our parishioners who are unwell and for Fr Joy's niece in Ireland who is undergoing Cancer Treatment. For those who passed away recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

ŌTARI PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Date

11:15am, Sunday 14th June 2026

Venue

St Teresa's Church

- Welcome and opening prayer. **Des Tiller and Patricia Lynch**
- Apologies
- Pastoral Parish Chair report and update on the high-level parish plan. **Des Tiller**
- Finance Committee Chair report (current finance statements, planned parish budget and priorities for parish expenses). **Benny Tau'Alupe**
- Planned giving programme: (shared understanding of the pressures on parish finances and encourage to share resources). **Benny Tau'Alupe**
- Parish projects:
 - St Thomas More Transition Committee – **Carolyn Tait**
 - St Teresa's Property Refurbishment Committee – **Benny Tau'Alupe**
 - Review of Mass Times for Otari Parish – **Des Tiller**
- Liturgy Committee report – **Treena Tiller**
- Parish Youth Team – **Amanda Russell-Kleiner**
- Faith Formation Team - **Melissa Braganza**
- Invitation for parishioners to consider volunteer opportunities. **Des Tiller**
- Meeting closed with a prayer. **Peter Wood**

Resources:

Sound/portable microphone

Diary dates for those associated with St Thomas More Church

Friday, July 17 2026, 6 pm

Near the close of the Season of Matariki, there will be a Memorial Liturgy to remember and give thanks for those from the St Thomas More community who have died. This will be followed by a Potluck/BYO meal. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Saturday, 29 August 2026, 11am until approximately 5pm

You are invited to visit the church for a time of quiet reflection. Tea and coffee will be available in the lounge, along with an opportunity for conversation while you view photos and memorabilia. From 3pm, there will be an organised time to share and listen to stories.

Sunday, 30 August, 4pm – Final Mass led by Archbishop Paul Martin

There will be light refreshments served after the Mass. For any enquiries, please contact Estelle Henrys ev.henrys@gmail.com or Carolyn Tait cftait6051@gmail.com To contribute memorabilia, please contact Stuart Henrys stuart.henrys@gmail.com