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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  
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7th June 2026

Corpus Christi

Year A

***'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.'***

Corpus Christi invites us to celebrate and reflect on the mystery of the Eucharist – the real presence of Jesus. This is the gift of Jesus's very self: the bread of life.

The Feast Day (dating from the mid-thirteenth century) falls on the previous Thursday – The day when Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, but we observe it on Sunday.

All the readings are focussed on the Eucharist.

Moses (**First Reading**) recalls how God brought the Israelites out of slavery and led them through the desert, providing manna and water. We are never left alone: the Lord cares for us even in times of struggle.

This is also the theme of the **Psalm**. The people give thanks to God, praising his guidance, his word, and his protection.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul explains to the Corinthians, and to us, that sharing in the body and blood of Christ unites us to Christ and to the whole Christian community, making us one body.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus declares himself to be the living bread from heaven. The Eucharist is the new manna, given through Jesus, who promises that he will be with us always as the source of all life.

While we are privileged to attend Mass, and join in the real presence of Jesus, on this Feast Day, we are called to especially remember those who cannot partake of the Eucharistic celebration today.

**St Carlo Acutis** had a profound devotion to the Eucharist. As Carlo often said, "The Eucharist is the highway to heaven." We have been favoured by having a relic of St Carlo here at the Cathedral from 7-9 June. Events include Holy Mass, adoration, talks, youth events, and a small exhibition in the Cathedral foyer. Hopefully you can get along.

Peter Wood (Parish Pastoral Council)



**Liturgy of the Word**

**This week: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ:** Deut 8:2-3, 14-16: Ps 147: 1 Cor 10:16-17: Jn 6:51-58:

**Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

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

## Upcoming Parish Events



Congratulations to Vance and Vincent Michael, Linda Chen and Manu Susilo who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at our 10am Mass this Sunday. May you continue to be nourished by the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout your lives.



All parishioners are warmly invited to our **Ōtari Parish AGM at 11:15am next 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.

We are honoured to host a relic of St Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, from **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Wellington!

You are all invited to visit the relic and join in the events prepared. Events include Holy Mass, adoration, talks, youth events, and a small exhibition in the foyer.

"We don't need superpowers to be saints, we just need to love." – St Carlo Acutis

### ST CARLO ACUTIS' RELIC IN WELLINGTON!

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Sacred Heart Cathedral**

All people are born as original, but many die as photocopies



### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 the 21st at Saint Teresa's.**

Celebrate Compassion 2026 is a special year commemorating 100 years since the passing of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert on 1 October 1926.

As part of the year's events, acclaimed biographer Jessie Munro will present a talk about Suzanne Aubert, 2pm, Saturday 20 June 2026, at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay.

The event is free but attendees should register through EventFinda.co.nz via the link in the invitation information further below.

[The full link is: [www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/meri-hohepa-suzanne-aubert-an-afternoon-with-jessie-munro/wellington-region](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2026/meri-hohepa-suzanne-aubert-an-afternoon-with-jessie-munro/wellington-region)]

## OTARI PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Join us for our next meeting on  
**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**11:30am - 1pm**  
in St. Teresa's Parish Hall.

Come along for food, faith and fun!

Please call Amanda Kleiner on  
027-315-8503 for more details.



### Readings

8-13  
June

2026

**Mon:** 1 Kg 17:1-6: Ps 4: Mt 5:1-12:

**Tues:** 1 Kg 17:7-16: Ps 4: Mt 5:13-16:

**Wed:** 1 Kg 18:20-39: Ps 15: Mt 5:17-19

**Thurs:** Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3: Ps 97: Mt 10:7-13:

**Friday:** The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Deut 7:6-11: Ps 102: 1 fJn 4:7-16:  
Mt 11:25-30:

**Sat:** 1 Kg 19:19-21: Ps 15: Mt 5:33-37:

## Prayer Request



*Please pray for our parishioners who are unwell, For Jamel Hermiz who passed away recently and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.*

## Catechetical Corner

### 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](mailto:ev.henrys@gmail.com) or Carolyn Tait [cftait6051@gmail.com](mailto:cftait6051@gmail.com)  
To contribute memorabilia, please contact  
Stuart Henrys [stuart.henrys@gmail.com](mailto:stuart.henrys@gmail.com)

### Month of June: Month of Two Hearts & Feast of Corpus Christi

We are in the month of June, and in this month, we celebrate the feast of two hearts: The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary. Heart is a symbol of love! The Heart of Jesus pierced with a lance is an embodiment of God's unconditional love for humanity. During this month we are exhorted by the Church to ponder and reflect over and to be convinced of Jesus' love for each of us as it has been dedicated to the honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The devotion to the heart of Mary has been enhanced by the event of Fatima which the Church has recognised. In June 1917, the Blessed Mother told Lucia (one of the visionaries of Fatima), "Jesus wants your services to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who practise it; these souls will be loved by God like the flowers placed by me to adorn His throne."

This weekend we are celebrating the solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). It is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel* – God with us – to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. This feast teaches us how Jesus converted the ancient ritual into a Sacrament and sacrifice. Instead of the lamb's blood, Jesus offered his own Body and Blood, and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put it into our hands as food and drink when he said: "*Take it... eat ... this is my Body which will be given up for you*", and "*Take and drink ... This is ... my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many....*" Let us appreciate and accept this great gift of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by receiving him with true repentance for our sins, due preparation, and reverence.

**Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our heart like your heart!**