

St. Theresa's Parish

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Priest: Father Ravi

8 September 2024 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



In our Parish this week

Reconciliation

Is available by appointment or after weekday Mass

Monday 9 September

10.00am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration until 1.30pm.

Tuesday 10 September

9.30am Mass
7:30pm RCIA meeting in the office

Wednesday 11 September

9.30am Mass
7.30pm Prayer Group meet in the hall

Thursday 12 September

75th Jubilee for St. Theresa's Catholic School
9.30am Mass

Friday 13 September

9.30am Mass

Saturday 14 September

11am Rosary and Adoration in the Church
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 15 September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Mass



Gospel Reflection – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Please Welcome FATHER RAVI

Welcome to St Theresa's Parish, Plimmerton!
We are blessed to have you join us for the month. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Fr Ravi.



Last weekend we farewelled Father Andrew and wished him all the best on his journey down to Nelson. A big thank you to everyone who organised Father Andrew's last Mass, it was a wonderful celebration. Being Father's Day, it was a double celebration as we blessed the Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles and God Fathers in our lives.

Please keep Father Andrew in your prayers as he settles into his new Nelson community.



Upcoming event: 12 September
9.30am-11.30am
St Theresa's Catholic School
cordially invite you to the **celebration of our 75th Jubilee**. St Theresa's Catholic

School, 1 James Street, Plimmerton.
The celebration will be marked with a Mass, the blessing of our art installation and morning tea. RSVP to:
<https://forms.gle/9FDv6t8efe3hBbrj9>
For more information: office@stp.school.nz



Andys Angels recently had a games and shared plate afternoon. They are also having Dinner at The Himalayan Kitchen, Paraparaumu, this Saturday.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Anniversaries - May they RIP:

Eileen Guise, Susan Williams, Kazik Ortyl, Mary-Kay Tingay, Mary Abbott, Frank Reynolds, Peter Chinnery, Enric Ransfield, John Dalton and Paddy McCormick

Those who are sick: Richard Gibbs, Arthur O'Leary, Sr Trish Hanaray, David Wootton, Jocelyn Bryant, Luca Ashworth, Cristina Fleming, Patricia Maher, John Montgomery, and all parishioners who have Covid or are sick.



Holy Hour at St Theresa's
In this year of prayer we encourage you to join us in Adoration. Tuesday 1st October 7pm to 8pm.
We invite everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to come and pray especially for a new Parish Priest for St

Theresa's and all those in our parish who are sick or suffering at this time.
Spend an hour in prayer with our Lord who is truly present in the Eucharist



How to prepare for Mass well

Listen carefully to the Word of God: Maintain a receptive, meditative attitude that enlightens the heart and mind of every Christian because the Word is “living”. By listening and through

personal recollection, it is possible to translate the Word into everyday life, receiving help and consolation.

Therefore, especially when standing up at the time of the proclamation of the Gospel, we are called to recognise the presence of the Lord who, through the minister, still speaks to us today in the Eucharistic celebration.

Welcoming the Eucharistic Jesus:

The broken bread becomes nourishment for the life and presence of God that strengthens and sustains us. It is necessary to experience this important moment with greater awareness in the certainty that the Lord enters each person’s life and desires to be received into a

generous and attentive heart. As you approach Holy Communion, some silent prayers can be recited in your heart that will prepare you to receive the Lord with greater awareness and gratitude.



Social Justice Week 2024 focus

**Choose forgiveness, know peace /
Kōwhiria te murunga hara, kia
mōhio ki te rangimārie.**

Reflection Guide:

Te Āhua o te Puka Aratohu The first and last sections of the guide explore the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation from a Catholic, Māori, and social justice lens, equipping us to be peacemakers. The middle five sections consider the steps in the process leading from wrongdoing to peace, considering each step in the light of a CST principle: • Opening our hearts and minds – through participation • Being willing to forgive – through human dignity • Asking for forgiveness – for the common good • Reconciliation – through solidarity • Building peace through reconciliation – and the principle of promotion of peace

The Lord’s Prayer is one of the oldest Christian prayers, taught by Jesus in the Gospels. A key theme of the prayer is forgiveness – both asking for forgiveness from God and pledging to forgive others. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice on the cross to forgive us our sins. Pope Francis discussed this in his Angelus address of 17 September 2023: “Forgiving is not, therefore, a good deed that we can [choose to] do or not do; forgiving is a fundamental condition for those who are Christians.”

From Caritas SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 2024 | Reflection Guide p.8

The Reflection Guide is available on the Caritas website www.caritas.org.nz/parishes



Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship 2025

We are delighted to announce that the Suzanne Aubert Tertiary Scholarship applications for 2025 open on 1 September 2024.

This scholarship is designed to support students within the Catholic Archdiocese

of Wellington and the Diocese of Palmerston North who will be studying in their second year of tertiary studies in 2025. For more details and to apply, please visit our website:

www.compassion.org.nz

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact: Felicity Giltrap: felicity.g@compassion.org.nz



Season of Creation Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Season of Creation Social Justice Week 8-14 Sept

“The reality is that a low, richer percentage

of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones.” (# 9 Laudate Deum)

Action – There is more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere than ever previously recorded, new data from a New Zealand monitoring station shows. Consider our Pacific neighbours facing sea level rise. How might we advocate for them? Read about the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and act by signing the Faith Letter as an Individual. See

<https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter>

Joshua Wellington back in Connolly Hall again after 6



years; next to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Guildford Terrace. Come and join other men on Thursday 19th

September from 7:00pm for a cuppa and a 7:30pm start for meeting followed by supper.

Theme: “Your faith has saved you”

Activity: Testimonies from recent Retreat.

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027-4477-280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

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Service Rosters for 7/8 September – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Kelly Ross		Julian Howard
Greeters	Robyn Teppett		Baker Family
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Mary Va'a		Phil Reiher
Altar Servers			Josh & Noah Kerr, Sammy Cato
Karanga			Margriet Lynch
Children's Liturgy			Tandi
Proclaimer of The Word	Cath Gardner		Youth
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grant Baker, Alan Fleming		Dan Blank, Laurie Smith, Hamish Baker
Hospitality			Volunteer
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Gina Rollandi

Service Rosters for 14/15 September – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Mass Time:	6:00 pm		9:30 am
Sacristan	Angela Reiher		Russell Plume
Greeters	Maryanne McKennzie, Sue Warburton		Walter Dempsey
Welcomer /Prayers of Faithful	Audrey Hinder		Hamish Baker
Altar Servers			Alexandra Baker, Esther Davies
Karanga			Emily Aubrey
Children's Liturgy			Trish
Proclaimer of The Word	Carmel Keane		James Aubrey
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ange Reiher, Rosaleen Larsen		Catherine Blank, Luke Barber, Dan Blank
Hospitality			Catherine & Hugh Blank
Flowers	Dorothy & Kaye	Altar Society	Gina Rollandi