

Sacred Heart Parish

4th October 2026 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FR BRIAN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION



Don't Worry, says St. Paul, in today's second reading, or be anxious, about nothing. Paul is writing to the Philippians: to people he knows, and loves, and trusts. He is beginning to wind up his letter, and he wants to leave them with a strong message to remember and hang on to.

Nevertheless: Paul says here, very strongly: Worry about nothing. Why? Simply because of Christ Jesus our Lord. Because in him we have grounds for complete trust in God, who has all things in his hands. Because in Christ, all things, even trials, sufferings and death, work together for good for those who love God (cf. Rm 8:28).

"Nothing" and "Everything". Worry about Nothing, he says; but in Everything pray. That is, bring all causes of anxiety, one by one, to God. Entrust them all, very deliberately, to him. That is prayer. That is the right and privilege of the children of God. Ask for whatever you like, as you like: but always in a spirit of gratitude, and always open to God's peace.

You don't need me to tell you that these days we ourselves seem to have ever more cause for worry. We seem to be surrounded, ever increasingly, by reasons for dismay. So we very much need to hear the words of today's reading, and to take them as addressed to ourselves

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute; if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, fill your minds with these things.

If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great... In his friendship we experience beauty and liberation... Christ takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return... So open wide the doors to Christ: and you will find true life. Pluscarden Abbey Situated in north-east Scotland.

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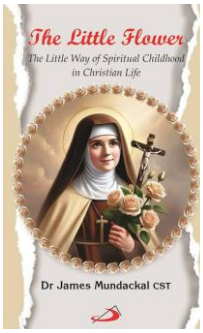
Therese of Lisieux, Born 1975, Died 1897



She was permitted entrance into Carmel at the age of 15. While at Carmel, she aided several missionaries spiritually by her prayers and sacrifices for them. She wished to be a missionary in China. After eight years of being at Carmel, however, she began suffering symptoms of tuberculosis, which claimed her life a year later.

During her years at Carmel, Thérèse was unable to feel our Lord's presence or consolations. Nevertheless, she remained confident of His love, saying, "You may sleep in my boat; I shall not awaken You. You are hiding Yourself, but I know well where You are hidden: You are in my heart. I do not feel it, but I know it. I believe in Your love for me and I believe in my love for You" (from I Believe in Love: A personal retreat based on the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux by Fr. Jean C. J. D'Elbee).

The power of the Word

Certain passages of Scripture left deep impressions upon St. Thérèse; for instance, Matthew 18:3, where Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Another was Matthew 5:3: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

These passages inspired St. Thérèse to want to remain "little," like a child, to obtain all the graces she could from God, much like a mother bestowing the most care upon the littlest of her children.

She knew she could not do great things in life, but she could do little things with great love. She realised that by being humble, having complete confidence in God, and doing everything in her life with love, she could become a saint."

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux is the patron saint of **missionaries (co-patron with Saint Francis Xavier), florists and gardeners, pilots and aviators, and priests, as well as the country of France and Alaska**

FACEBOOK PAGE: We are on Facebook - Sacred Heart Parish, Inglewood. Follow our page and keep up to date on what's happening in our parish.

THE VISION *of* SACRED HEART PARISH, INGLEWOOD IS:

Parish communities empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith, hope and love.

Ngā Hāpori Pariha i whakamanahia e te wairua tapu ki te tupu i roto i te whakapono, te tūmanako me te aroha.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Lou Potroz, Owen Butler, Paul Zimmerman, Norm Broadmore, Doris McKay, Josie Kendall, Elizabeth Egan, Ida Russell, Mary Burckett, Allan Zimmerman, Frank Schrider, Trevor Blackbourn, Ron Lockhart, Ray Bendall
We remember in our prayers: All those who are unwell in our Parish, those who are caring for sick loved ones and those who are still living in their own homes, the lonely, the elderly, those suffering Bereavements and all Parishioners in Rest Homes and Hospitals.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Faye Dravitzki. A kind and loving friend to many in our parish. May she rest in peace.

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Our prayers and sympathy are also with Chris & Glenys Werder on the death of Glenys's parents, Maurice & Margaret Drought. May they rest in peace.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY
Rau Tau Pūaroha | Celebrate Compassion 2026
"Let us have kindness and compassion for one another, let us mutually pardon as God pardons us." *-Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert*
On 4th October at our Masses, we join with the Sisters of Compassion, the Bishops, and all the peoples of Aotearoa New Zealand, to celebrate the life of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. Following her example, on this centenary of her death, let us be aware of the presence of God in our life's journey, and see Jesus in all who we encounter along the way.

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2026

Inglewood (12 noon)	**Waitara** (11.00am)
	10th October
1st November	14th November
6th December	12th December

DONATIONS COLLECTION
Sunday 27th September

Parish	$343.03
Clergy Trust Fund	$126.87

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF ROSARY
Every Tuesday for the month of October we will be praying the Rosary after the 9.00am Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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ROSARY AT FORRESTAL LODGE
Every Tuesday at 4pm. Entry is through the sliding door. Everyone is welcome.

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PRAYER GROUP with ADORATION
Every Thursday from 9 am-10am.

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OPEN DAY
A time for friendship and fellowship.
Thursday 8th October
from 10.45am – 12 noon in the Burckett Hall.
This will be a time for a cup of tea, morning tea and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

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MEN'S DINNER - INGLEWOOD
Sunday 11th October at 6.00pm at Fern Lodge, Inglewood. Please ring Pat Kuklinski, 021 047 1074 before noon on the Sunday so he can book the restaurant.

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WORKS & FINANCE MEETING
Sunday 18th October at 11.30am

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 20th October at 10.00am

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING
Thursday 5th November, after the 10am Mass

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ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday 6th November at 12 noon

PARISH CONTACTS

23 Standish Street, PO Box 109, Inglewood Phone: 756 7164 or 027 672 2514
Email: shparish@xtra.co.nz

Parish Priest: Fr. Brian Carmine – 756 7164 or 027 516 3758
Secretary / Administrator / Parish Planned Giving: Nicky Kuklinski – 756 7164
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9am – 12noon
Donations: If you would like to make a donation to our Church, you can use the following details:
Bank: Sacred Heart Parish Account Inglewood Bank: BNZ, Palmerston North
Account Number: 02-0630-0288002-011 Reference: Your name
(If you would like a receipt, can you please email the Parish Office)

PARISH CONTACT PEOPLE
Parish Prayer Support (Prayer Line): Theresa Gibbon – 756 8349
Parish Hall Hire & Religious Stall: Parish Office – 756 7164
Gluten Free Hosts: Nicky Kuklinski – 027 672 2514
Floral Arrangement Roster: Tess Johnston – 756 8452
St Patrick's School Principal: April Baylis – 756 7908, email: office@stpatsinglewood.school.nz
Foodbank: Open at Forrestal House on Fridays – 9.30am – 10.30am.



INGLEWOOD

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 10.30am

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Saturday 9.00am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

BENEDICTION & RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

MOKAU: For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals, please contact Fr. Brian bejcarmine@gmail.com

BAPTISMS (INGLEWOOD): 1st Sunday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

WAITARA

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 9.00am *Every Sunday*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 9.00am *Every Week*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for 30 minutes as shown below (before or after)

Tuesday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Wednesday	5.30pm	Mass	*(before)*
Thursday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Friday	9.00am	Mass	*(after)*
Saturday	9.00am	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday	*(before)*
Saturday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word All other Saturday's	*(after)*

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 2nd & 4th Saturday*

NGA PEKANGA

Sunday 10.30am 11th October

BAPTISMS (WAITARA): 2nd Saturday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

4th October – Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.
Isaiah: 5.1-7 **Philippians:** 4.6-9 **Matthew:** 21.33-43
11th October – Psalm Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
Isaiah: 25.6-10 **Philippians:** 4.10-14, 19-20 **Matthew:** 22.1-14

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	This Week Sun 4th October	Next Week Sun 11th October
Readers	Alan Spurdle Dennis Dravitzki	Val Young Steve Morice
Prayers of Faithful	Daniel Chow	Joy Woodward
Presentation of Gifts	Mary Coombe Cathy Churches	Lyn Potroz Cecelia Stachurski
Communion Ministers	Christiane McIntyre Ngaire Dravitzki Tanius D'Ath	Vonna Parsons Emma Dravitzki Marg Evans
Altar Servers	Casey Blake	Emily
Music	Music Group	Music – Sue Marsh
Power Points	Nicky	Mark
Counters	Christiane McIntyre Mike Crofskey	Dennis Dravitzki Chris Werder
Cup of Tea	D'Ath Family	Pauline Schimanski
Church Cleaning	Susanne Duynhoven & Karla Campbell 2 / 3 October	Denys & Elsye Beckett 9 / 10 October

MOBILE PHONES IN CHURCH

Can you please make sure that these are either turned off or on silent while attending Mass.

Mass Readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7: A friend cultivates a vineyard with great care but gets wild grapes. He questions what more he could have done and decides to abandon the vineyard, letting it turn into a wasteland. This vineyard is an allegory for the house of Israel, where expected justice turns to chaos.
Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 80: God planted a vine from Egypt, cleared the land, and let it flourish. Then, its walls were broken, making it vulnerable to beasts and trespassers. A plea is made for divine care and restoration so that the vine, representing Israel, will thrive and its people will be saved.
Second Reading – Philippians 4:6-9: Don't worry, but instead bring your concerns to God through prayer. When you do, God's peace will guard your heart and mind. Focus on things that are true, honorable, just, pure, and lovely. By following this guidance and emulating good examples, you'll find peace.
Gospel – Matthew 21:33-43: A landowner leases a vineyard but the tenants mistreat his servants and kill his son. When asked, the elders agree that the owner will evict these tenants and find new ones. Jesus warns that those who reject the cornerstone will lose the kingdom of God.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

NZ Catholic Bishops Release 2026 Election Statement: The New Zealand Catholic bishops have published a statement ahead of the November 7 General Election. The full statement can be found at https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26

St Mary's Whanganui 50th Jubilee Celebration: The Catholic Parish of Whanganui warmly invites parishioners and friends to celebrate the 50th Jubilee of St Mary's Church on Sunday, 1 November 2026. The celebrations will begin with a Jubilee Mass at 9.30am, followed by church and marae tours, a potluck lunch, speeches, and musical entertainment. For catering purposes, please RSVP by 20 October 2026 to the Catholic Parish of Whanganui at admin@cpow.co.nz

One Million Children Praying the Rosary for Peace: Families are warmly invited to join Pope Leo XIV and Catholics around the world in Aid to the Church in Need's "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" initiative from 1-7 October. The week of prayer begins with the Holy Father praying the Rosary with children at the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican Gardens, united spiritually with children, families, schools and parishes across the globe. Whether you pray a full Rosary or just a decade together at home, your family can be part of this worldwide prayer chain for peace and unity in the world. Prayer resources are available at https://acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying, and participants are encouraged to register their involvement so they can be included in the global tally of those taking part.

Thanksgiving Mass for the Closure of St Joseph's School, Patea: All are welcome to attend the Thanksgiving Mass marking the closure of St Joseph's School, Patea, on Saturday 12 December 2026, 10.30am, at St Patrick's Church, 27 Egmont Street, Patea. The Mass will be followed by a light lunch at St Joseph's School. For catering purposes, please RSVP with numbers attending to stpatspatea@xtra.co.nz by Thursday 1 December.

National Centennial Mass for Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert: All are invited to a special Centennial Mass marking 100 years since the passing of Venerable Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert, celebrated by the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand at St Mary of the Angels Church, Wellington, at 2pm on Sunday 4 October 2026. The Mass will honour Meri Hōhepa's enduring legacy of service, particularly her work among Māori and with society's most vulnerable people. For more information, visit https://www.compassion.org.nz/history/celebrate-compassion-2026

MISSION SUNDAY 100TH CELEBRATION

The Catholic Church around the world will mark the 100th Mission Sunday on October 18.
The day is set aside to pray for the Church's mission and to support those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young and where believers often face hardship or persecution. That support can be financial and through prayer.
Find out more at: https://missio.nz/
The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have written a letter to Catholic Schools and Parishes – you can find it at https://bit.ly/MissionSundayNZ2026

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē Celebrates 125 Years: St Joseph's School Ōpunakē is preparing to celebrate its 125th Jubilee on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October. Past pupils, staff, parishioners and friends of the school are warmly invited to take part in the celebrations. More information for the weekend can be found at https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/20235?embed. Register your interest at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExhfRtaNPCn5v-XKQRYX7JfAE/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses. All are welcome to help celebrate this significant milestone in the life of St Joseph's School Ōpunakē.

St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary | 23 -25 October 2026: St Joseph's Catholic School invites former students, staff, and families to attend this significant milestone. The event will take place Friday 23 – Sunday 25 October. Those interested are asked to register at St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary Registration: Labour Weekend 2026 Follow the official Centenary Facebook page for more information and updates: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718

NOTICE BOARD & FOYER TABLE: Don't forget to look at the notice board and foyer table. The notices and posters are changing all the time

CARDS & GIFTS: Have you seen our Religious Box? If not, and you would like to have a look at our range of gifts and cards then see Nicky in the office

PLANNED GIVING: If anyone is interested in going on planned giving or would like more information on planned giving, then please give Nicky a call in the parish office – 756 7164 or email her on shparish@xtra.co.nz

FOOTSTEPS OF POMPALLIER PILGRIMAGE STARTS IN 6 WEEK'S TIME! Walking 100kms from Waitangi to Motuti over Labour Weekend, October 24th to 27th 2026, on the feast of Christ The King. Places still available for pilgrims. FFI and to register go to the official website www.fopp.nz

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL: For all bookings and inquiries for our Parish Hall these are to go through Nicky in the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Is 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.
R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.
R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Reading 2: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Mt 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

