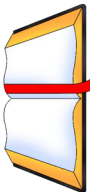


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<b>Daily Readings: 12-18 Feb</b>	
Mon	Mark 8:11-13
Tues	Mark 8:14-21
Wed	Matt 6:1-6,16-18
Thurs	Luke 9:22-25
Fri	Matt 9:14-15
Sat	Luke 5:27-32
<b>1st Sunday of Lent, Year B</b>	
Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15	

<b>ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY AND SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY</b>		
	<b>St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa</b>
	<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8.30am</b>
<b>Music</b>	Henry and Sue	Gracenotes
<b>Reader Prayer Leader</b>	Lagi Anamani, Orsi Baesakai	Paul Mears Catharine Gallen
<b>Offertory</b>	Maga Aiono and Family	McCarthy Family
<b>Collector</b>		Nicola O'Keefe
<b>Altar Servers</b>		Joseph Arnold Francis Arnold Emmanuel De Vera
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Litea Meli Ted Ostapowic Rosa Simeona	Jane Langham Anna Rayner Helen Hansen
<b>Greeters</b>	Aniseko Launiuvao	Gabrielle Mears
<b>Counters</b>		Graeme Hansen, Anthony Coorey, Gerry Durr
	<b>Altar Care: No flowers in Lent</b>	<b>Flowers: No flowers in Lent</b>
		<b>Cleaning: M Prescott, H Hansen, M Rawiri</b>



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**6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B - 11 FEBRUARY 2018**

**LENTEN MESSAGE**

Our lives are marked by milestones. We celebrate birthdays, wedding anniversaries, academic achievements and other significant events that define who we are. The events we celebrate and the things we hold dear in the memory of our hearts say a lot about ourselves.

This week we will embark on our annual 40-day Lenten pilgrimage. We sometimes call this season "pilgrimage" because like the Israelites who journeyed in the desert for 40 years trying to get rid of the Egyptian pagan influence and mindset, we are going on a journey of purification, a prolonged period of introspection and renewing our faith in God while preparing for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection - an event of greatest importance in our lives as Christians, so important that we commemorate and celebrate it every year with utmost solemnity and every Sunday with great reverence. Our belief that Christ suffered, died, and rose again defines who we are as Christians. St Paul would later write in 1 Cor 15:14, "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless, and so is your faith."

We, therefore, encourage you to take part in our activities these coming weeks. Together with your family and friends, let us relive the spirit of Lent. The rites, rituals, and other catholic practices during Lent (and in fact, in all other liturgical seasons) from making the sign of the cross, to reverential postures of kneeling and standing; from fasting to feasting, are meant to teach us sublime truths of our faith too lofty for human words to convey, yet simple enough to grasp with a humble and believing heart. During the Mass, in the *Preface for Lent*, we pray: *For you have given your children a sacred time to the renewing and purifying of their hearts; that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure.*

Blessings, *Rico Angelo*

### SHARED TEA

We are having a shared tea for our Saturday night community on 10 February at the St Pius X school Hall after the 5.30pm Mass. Food to share can be dropped off at the hall before 5.30 Mass.

### LITURGY MEETING

This will be held at the Tawa Presbytery on Monday 12 February at 7pm.


### WOMEN OF FAITH

This group is open to all women of the parish and our reflection materials are provided by the Marist centre. We meet monthly informally, sharing supper and friendship before beginning our meeting.

Our first meeting for the year is Tuesday 13 February at 7.30pm at 131 Woodman Drive. Our reflection is on the Marist sisters bicentenary. Any enquiry phone Catharine 0274 317 686 or just turn up for a looksee!

### STORIES OF HOPE

The next edition will be published before Easter. We welcome your contributions of family special events, parish group reports or activities, personal faith journey or reflections on life. Also poems, art work or amusing page-fillers. All contributions subject to editing if required. **Deadline for this edition is 9 March.** Please send your contributions to: Jane Langham Langham@slingshot.co.nz or hardcopy to the parish office. Any photos high resolution please.



**Titahi Bay**  
Come along to this Lenten prayer, every Friday of Lent at 6pm at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay. All parishioners are welcome to attend as a way of preparing for Easter.

**Tawa**  
Groups will be leading Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent, starting 16 February at 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima church. Come along to this Lenten prayer. All welcome.

### ANNUAL MISSION FAIR

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver's annual Mission Fair is on Saturday 17 February from 10am-1pm at St Francis de Sales Church hall and grounds, 173 Clyde St, Island Bay. Goods (rapid raffle and stalls such as toys, fancy and knitted goods, jewellery, jams etc). Donations are greatly appreciated. Goods can be posted to Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 1 Mersey Street, PO Box 7312, Wellington.



### END OF LIFE CHOICE BILL

Submission writing sessions will be held **THIS WEEKEND** 10/11 February in St Pius X School hall (after 5.30pm Mass) and Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer (after 8.30am & 10.30am Mass).

Submission Guideline sheets are available in the church foyers.

It is very important that Parliament hears from as many people as possible to highlight the dangers of such a Bill and to let them know that New Zealand does not need euthanasia or assisted suicide.

### JOIN WITH 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

If you are able to stand in prayer for just one hour this Lent for the unborn and their mothers, please join the peaceful vigil on the footpath outside Wellington Hospital by signing up your hour at [www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife](http://www.fli.org.nz/40daysforlife) or text "40 Days" to 021 511 2205. If you are not able to do that, please pray and fast where you are for an end to the tragedy of abortion and a new respect for life from conception to natural death.



**Opening Event: Sunday 11 February 2pm in Knox Hall, 574 High St, Lower Hutt**

Come and hear about the importance of protecting unborn children, mothers and families from abortion in our community.

**Mass for Life: Tuesday 13 February 7pm St Anne's Church, Emmett St, Newtown**

Join Cardinal John Dew in a Mass to pray for the protection of life from conception to natural death and the success of this Lent's 40 Days for Life campaign.

### HEALING SERVICE

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in St Teresa's Church, Main Road, Karori on Tuesday 20 February beginning at 7.30pm. This is open to all. Please bring those who need Jesus' healing. Come and hear testimonies of those who have been healed.

### HOLY THURSDAY WORKSHOP (Part of the Easter Triduum Series)

**Where:** 1st floor Cafeteria, Catholic Centre, 22-30 Hill Street, Wellington

**When:** 7-9pm Thursday 22 February - hot drinks available from 6.45pm.

Please RSVP to [a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:a.williams@wn.catholic.org.nz) before 15 February.



### MARIAN MOTHER'S FEBRUARY MEETING

This month's topic is "Our Lady of La Leche (the milk)". We are meeting at 10am on Monday 12 February. All new mothers and pre-schoolers are welcome to come along. Contact Mary Rayner 232 2088 for more details. Rides can be offered.

### FAREWELL FUNCTION

To farewell Fr John and Fr Paul, there will be a Concelebrated Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 18 February at Our Lady of Fatima followed by a shared lunch at Leo Connor Hall in the grounds of St Francis Xavier school. We will farewell Fr John and Fr Paul at this lunch. There will be special collections at the end of all Masses on the weekends of 3/4 and 10/11 February for Fr John and Fr Paul.  
*Marie Prescott, Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council*



### WELCOME TO LENT 2018

#### Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday 14 February

**9am:** Mass with the blessing & distribution of ashes at *Our Lady of Fatima Church, Cnr Main & Lyndhurst Rds, Tawa*

**9am:** Mass with the blessing & distribution of ashes with St Pius X School attending at *St Pius X Church, 64 Te Pene Ave, Titahi Bay*

**11am:** Mass and distribution of ashes at *St Francis Xavier School, Main Road, Tawa*

**7pm:** Ecumenical service with St Christopher's Anglican Church and distribution of ashes, at St Christopher's Church, Cnr Main & Lyndhurst Rds, Tawa

**8am, 9.15am & 12.10pm** Mass & distribution of ashes at *Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington*

**7.30am, 12.05pm & 5.15pm** Mass & distribution of ashes at *St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott Street, Wellington*



### MASSES:

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Margaret Boderick, Margaret Gillespie, Noreen Tuhaka, Margaret Barker, Crescente Abucay (13); Joan Harding, Percy Walker, Patrick Murphy (14); Albert Anderson, Myrtle Maroc, Denis Parker, Marie McGahey (16); Valentino De Bernardo, Josephine Kay, Stanley Callahan (17); Jennie Swain, Hilda Ellis, Margaret Emms, Marie Ahern (18).

R.I.P

*May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen*

### 12-18 FEBRUARY - MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Liturgy of the Word and Communion	
Wednesday	9am Mass 9.30am - 9pm Adoration 7pm - Ecumenical Service	<b>9am Mass</b>
Thursday	9am Mass	10am Mass - Please note change of time
Friday	9am Mass 7pm Stations of the Cross	6pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9am Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.30am Mass	

Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass



Reconciliation is available:

**8.15-8.45 on Saturday morning at Our Lady of Fatima Church,** or at any time by approaching a Priest or by appointment ph (04) 232 3666 or 232 5611.



The 11-24 February issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: What NZ's young people want from Church. New Maori leaders needed. Bishop Browne returns home to Auckland. Hearts Aflame fosters deepening of faith. The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on 25 February.