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ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 10 JULY AND SUNDAY 11 JULY 2021

	St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa	
	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Music	Meli Meli and Samoan Choir	Chorum	Filipino Choir
Reader Prayer Leader	Telesia Alaimoana Val Launiuvao	Kingsley Ihejirika Laura Sommer	Jim Friel Patricia Budding
Offertory	Ludeth Mariposa and Orsi Bacskai	Maria Lolo	Samoan Legion of Mary
Collector		Megan Rawiri	Tom & Rosemary King
Altar Servers	Matalena Iosefa Thomas Iosefa	Anjel Fudotan Lexine Ledesma Eashan Cimafranca	Ana Paulo Ano Paulo
Eucharistic Ministers	Ian McClean Tea Teofilo	Gary Smith Mark Fouhy Patricia Fouhy	Evelyn Lang Angela Chuah Shirley Harding
Greeters	Denise Dorman	Gabrielle Mears	M & M Condron
Counters		Stanley Stickney, Jerome King, Vince Kerr	
Cup of Tea			
	Altar Care: Tala Fido	Flowers: Evelyn Lang	Cleaning: B Tait, M & P Fouhy

DAILY READINGS

Mon 5/7	Genesis 28:10-22; Psalm 91; Matthew 9:18-26	Tues 6/7	Genesis 32:23-33; Psalm 17; Matthew 9:32-38
Wed 7/7	Genesis 41:55-57,42:5-7,17-24; Psalm 33; Matthew 10:1-7	Thurs 8/7	Genesis 44:18-21,23-29;45:1-5; Psalm 105; Matthew 10:7-15
Fri 9/7	Genesis 46:1-7,28-30; Psalm 37; Matthew 10:16-23	Sat 10/7	Genesis 49:29-33;50:15-25; Psalm 105; Matthew 10:24-33

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85; Ephesians 1:3-14;
Mark 6:7-13



Happenings

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B - 4 JULY 2021

'HAVE MERCY ON US, LORD, HAVE MERCY'

TODAY'S READINGS PROVIDE us with valuable lessons in discipleship and humble faith. The calling of Ezekiel and Paul brings them into challenging situations. But they draw strength and endurance from their relationship with God, as does Jesus himself from the Father.

Ezekiel lived through turbulent times. Despite the opposition he experienced as God's messenger, he was not deterred from sharing God's message with the rebellious Israelites. **(First Reading)** As well as facing opposition and challenges from community members, Paul is also experiencing unwelcome personal suffering. However, through his 'thorn in the flesh', the Lord has helped him grow in understanding. He is not to depend on himself, but rather on Christ's power. Divine grace works best through vulnerability and humility. **(Second Reading)**

Jesus, too, has to cope with opposition and rejection. The people of Nazareth struggle to believe in him because they earlier knew him as one of their local community. They are convinced that he could not be anyone special. This amazes and hurts Jesus. **(Gospel)** Today's **Psalm** is a prayer to God for mercy in times of trouble. This hymn of lamentation is made in a spirit of trust in God's compassion.

This week, I may want to pray for divine comfort and solace, as we as a society face life's desolations and trials. I also pray for my sisters and brothers across the world who are living through times of great loss and fear.



PARKING AT ST PIUS SCHOOL FOR VIGIL MASS

During winter months, parking in St Pius School grounds may be risky for cars without alarm systems. Recently at least one car was broken into.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

(Mk 6:4)



MANY PEOPLE NEVER stop saying "If only we had lived in the days of the apostles, and been counted worthy to gaze upon Christ as they did, we should have become holy like them." Such people do not realise that the Christ who spoke then and the Christ who speaks now throughout the whole world is one and the same. [...]

But no doubt someone will say that merely to hear his words now and to be taught about him and his kingdom is not the same thing as to have seen him then in the body. And I answer that indeed the position now is not the same as it was then, but our situation now, in the present day, is very much better. It leads us more easily to a deeper faith and conviction than seeing and hearing him in the flesh would have done. Then he appeared to the uncomprehending Jews as a man of lowly station: now he is proclaimed to us as true God. Then in his body he associated with tax collectors and sinners and ate with them: now he is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and is never in any way separated from him.

[...] When Peter said: "You are the Son of the living God," the master called him blessed, saying: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you" - you do not speak of something your eyes have seen - "but my Father who is in heaven." It is certain therefore that anyone who now hears Christ cry out daily through the holy Gospels, and proclaim the will of his blessed Father, but does not obey him with fear and trembling and keep his commandments - it is certain that such a person would have refused to believe in him then, if he had been present, and seen him, and heard him teach. - **St Symeon Neos Theologos, Catechesis III**

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Symeon Neos Theologos (949-1022) was born in Galata in Paphlagonia, and educated in Constantinople, where in 977 he entered the famous monastery of Studios. Soon afterward he transferred to the nearby monastery of Saint Mamas, was ordained priest in 980, and about three years later became abbot.

During his twenty-five years of office he instilled a new fervour into his community, but opposition to his teaching forced him to resign in 1005 and in 1009 he was exiled to Palonkiton on the other side of the Bosphorus. He turned the mined oratory of Saint Marina into another monastery, and although he was soon pardoned, chose to remain there until his death rather than compromise his teaching.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

20 June 2021 - \$

This amount does not include Bank Automatic payments or direct debit payments.



MASSES: Special Intention (9).

ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Margaret Bearsley, Tony Leydon, Leo Moylan, Phyllis Fearon, Rosetta Ratcliffe, Monica Brodie (5); Thomas Gillespie, Joseph Calnan, Mary Smith, Margaret Campbell, Elsie Brook, Horace Rogers, Peggy Keogh, Marie Young (6); Graham Hill, David Coneybear, June Tovey, Agnes O'Neill (7); Reginald McLoughlin, Rex Tomlinson, Christan Pereira, Edna Whooley, Bernard Kyne, Henrika Faber, Kenneth Williams (8); May Lawson, John Nulty, Gwenda Kidd (9); Thomas Hampton, John Pronk, Ruby Jamieson, Francis Simone (10); Karl Kunz, Stefania Keenan (11).

R.I.P

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

5-11 JULY - MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Wednesday	9am Mass 9.30am - 9pm Adoration	
Thursday	9am Mass	10am Mass
Friday	9am Mass	
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:
Before 8.30am Mass and 10.30am Mass Sunday morning
in the Crying Room, at Our Lady of Fatima Church,
 or at any time by approaching a Priest or by appointment
 ph (04) 232 5611 or text 021 205 6476.



The 27 June-10 July issue of NZ Catholic is out now.

Some headlines are: Vaccine campaign for at-risk communities. Care for Poor advocate role in diocese. New lectionary project underway. US document on Eucharist debated.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on 11 July.

On sale in the foyer TODAY \$4.

ALPHA 2021

We are once again running the Alpha programme in Tawa, hosted by St Christopher's Anglican Church, with the involvement of several Christian churches in Tawa.

Introductory dinner: TONIGHT, Sunday 4 July, 6.30pm at Emmaus Centre (behind St Christopher's Church)

Course Sessions: commencing Sunday evenings 27 July at Emmaus Centre and with possibly an alternative time. Details will be confirmed after the Introductory Dinner, depending on numbers.

How can you help or get involved?

- Consider if there is someone God has placed in your life who may be curious or searching and invite them to come with you to the Introductory dinner to learn about the Alpha journey.
- Pray: for the team, about who you will invite and bring along, for all those God wants to see attending. You can do this at home on your own or with a friend or join an Alpha prayer team.
- Offer to help with the Introductory dinner food preparation.
- Offer to help with supper for sessions

Please contact Simon Rayner: 232 2088 / 021 686 864 simonraynernz@gmail.com with any questions or offers of help.



STORIES OF HOPE

The winter edition of our parish magazine is coming soon. Let's make it something to enrich our time at the fireside! We welcome your personal faith stories, family special occasion reports, parish group activities, poems, page-fillers etc along with photos to accompany content. Deadline for this edition is *Friday 9 July*. Any queries or to send e-copy: magazine@ourladyofhope.org.nz Hard copy content can be left at the Parish Office.

HELP WITH MAGAZINE DELIVERY

There are several faithful parishioners who hand-deliver uncollected copies of Stories of Hope. This is part of our parish mission outreach to those parishioners who are not always regular mass attendees. We are currently in need of a few more helpers, especially to cover the Linden area. Also, people willing to drive around delivering to one or more suburbs of Johnsonville, Newlands, Churton Park, Aotea, Cannons Creek, Waitangirua or other Porirua suburbs. Please email: magazine@ourladyofhope.org.nz or phone 232 7206 if you can help.



YOUNG ADULTS
A Life in the Spirit seminar will be held at the *Connolly Hall Chapel and Cathedral foyer* on 6 successive Wednesday evenings from 7 July-11 August beginning at 7.30pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to have a personal encounter with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. This seminar is specifically for young adults. Registrations: asg.wlg@gmail.com

JUBILEE MASS OF THANKSGIVING

On *Wednesday 14 July* all are invited to a Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving for Priestly Anniversaries, which will be held at *St Patrick's Church, Kilbirnie at 11am*. This year's celebrations will include 2020 and 2021 anniversaries as Covid-19 meant there was no Jubilee Mass last year.

Those with milestone anniversaries this year are:

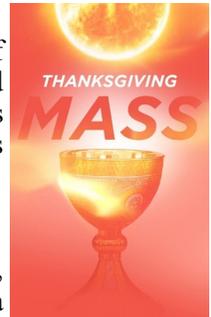
65 years: Fr John Rea SM (2020)

60 years: Monsignor Charles Cooper, Fr Des Darby (2020), Fr Frank Twiss SM, Fr Frank Whittaker, Fr Petelo Mauga (2020)

50 years: Fr Eddie Condra, Fr Maurice Carmody (2020), Fr Pat McIndoe CP, Fr Arthur Toothill SM, Fr John Joliffe SM

25 years: Fr Colin Durning, Fr Joe Savesi SM

25 years: Cardinal John Dew (consecration as Bishop 1995-2020)



JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP

Come and join other men in this special thanksgiving celebration on *Thursday 15 July at 7.30pm* (note: fellowship from 7pm for a 7.30pm start). *Venue:* *Loaves and Fishes next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, Cnr Hill and Molesworth Streets.* **Celebration:** Fr Peter Ewart's 80th birthday - prayer, song, stories, video clips and fun quiz.

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



TE ROPU TAUTOKO

The next monthly update from Te Rōpū Tautoko, the group coordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care is now available.

This helpful resource will keep you updated on the latest work of the Royal Commission. In particular it will keep you informed of the most important points for Catholic and other faith-based institutions.

If you would like to receive these emails, please contact: tautoko.catholic.org.nz/signup