



# Tawa Catholic News



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## Letter from the Editor

by Michelle Anthony



In the 15<sup>th</sup> century, Johannes Gutenberg invented the first printing press, and proceeded to print the first book. That first book was the Bible. He did not put his name on any of the books he printed, not wanting to claim any fame for his achievements. At his death he said, *“Through the press, God will spread his word. A spring of pure truth shall flow from it. Like a new star, it shall scatter the darkness of ignorance, and cause a light heretofore unknown to shine among men”*.

The sharing of good news (and sometimes not so good news), the sharing of faith, the sharing Christian knowledge and the sharing of our lives through print will hopefully enlighten, encourage and entice parishioners and the wider community of Tawa to seek God, to share his love with each other and to renew their commitment to his Holy Church.

It has been over a year since the last publication of the Tawa Catholic News. The original team that comprised Bernie Griffin and Dave Belz, working collaboratively with our parish clergy, and ably assisted by the production team of the parish secretary Jane Lee and Kevin Mackey, have committed endless time, energy and expertise to the production of the previous issues. The new team consisting of Jane Langham, Bernie Griffin and myself, as the editor are lucky to have their continued support and expertise to rely on. We thank them and all the others who have helped, and will help us make the production of the Tawa Catholic News possible.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Tawa Catholic News. We welcome your feedback and articles for future editions. God bless you. God bless your family, and may we as a faith family grow in love with our Lord, and with our mother Mary.

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## A note from the Parish Pastoral Council



Welcome to the first issue of Tawa Catholic News for 2014! TCN has been a regular feature in our parish life for more than 10 years, and we intend that it will continue well into the future. We are very grateful for the immense effort that founding editor Bernie Griffin and the immediate past editor Dave Belz put into the production of TCN over this time. Also to the assembly and distribution team, for some time organised by Brian Martin and in recent years by Kevin Mackey.

Looking forward, we are very pleased to welcome the new Editor Michelle Anthony, with Jane Langham looking after layout and production. TCN's mission is "To promote a sense of community in the Catholic parish of Tawa by publishing the full variety of Catholic life in our parish. The principle source of written contributions is the people in our parish".

***2014 has been a very busy year for the parish*** as we journey along the road towards the amalgamation of the Tawa and Titahi Bay parishes in February 2015. This is an opportunity to rethink who we are and what we do as a parish. I would like to challenge every member of the parish to think about what the new parish means to you and what time and talents you can contribute to make the new parish more vibrant and energetic than the two parishes we have at present. As the two parishes come together, we will need to establish a new parish leadership team. If you would like to get involved in shaping the new parish, get in touch with one of the members of the current Pastoral Council or the parish office.

***The Seismic Working Committee*** has made significant progress towards the strengthening of the church. A suitable strengthening plan, that does not adversely affect the way we use the church, has been drafted and we have received approval to obtain the necessary loan and proceed with planning the works. Fundraising will be required and this will be conducted with a special appeal within our planned giving program. All contributions will be tax deductible and used solely for the strengthening works. Plans of the intended works are available on the parish website.

Blessings,

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Andrew Oliver, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council (See page 34 for names of members)

## A parishioner's amazing experience – a message of hope.

On the day of Fr Chris Penders' funeral, I was out on an early morning walk. When at the corner of Main Road and Lincoln Ave, under a street lamp, there sat a monarch butterfly at my feet.



I picked it up and placed it in my right palm. It did not fly away but I left it free to do so should it wish. It appeared to have not been long out of its chrysalis; it fluttered on and off and just stayed calmly in my palm. I continued to walk as it fluttered gently.

I thought it a sign of Fr Chris and him beginning a new life. The words: “*My Redeemer Lives*” kept repeating in my mind. This felt like a blessing, and the feeling continued for several kilometres before I arrived at my destination. The butterfly stayed with me - even half an hour later when I got into my car. When I transferred the butterfly to my husband's sleeve outside his workplace, it briefly fluttered and then flew off.

Later that day, at the funeral mass, Fr John mentioned in his homily that Fr Chris's favourite song was “*I know that My Redeemer Liveth*”. It was played as the recessional music. I was not aware that this was his favourite song. That morning's blessing seemed all the more special after knowing that this song was dear to Fr Chris, and that the message of hope was true.

***Dear Lord, thank you for hope and the gift of eternal life. Farewell Fr Chris.***

*The Tawa Catholic News thanks this parishioner (who wishes to remain anonymous) for sharing this hope-filled testimony. One is truly blessed to encounter such a real and meaningful experience. - Michelle Anthony, Editor*

*See also the obituary for Fr Chris on the following page.*

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## Remembering Fr Chris Penders AA



This Obituary, written *by Bernie Griffin*, was first published in the secular press following the death of Fr Chris on 7 March this year.

### Former Viard principal Fr. Chris Penders given big farewell

The Tawa Catholic Church of Our Lady of Fatima overflowed last week for the funeral celebration of Father Chris Penders, its former parish priest and former principal of Bishop Viard College in Porirua.

Archbishop John Dew was the principal celebrant at the service which was also attended by Cardinal Thomas Williams and some 40 fellow priests and religious. The homily was given by the present parish priest Father John van der Kaa.

Also in attendance were Rev. Julie Rokotakala, Tawa Anglican Church, Rev. Will Warden, Tawa Baptist Church and Pastor Quentin Morgan, New Life Church, which was not only a tribute to Father Penders but also indicative of the close bond between the churches in Tawa. To help cope with the large numbers, the adjacent St. Christopher's Anglican Church opened its doors to about 150 people who were able to watch live coverage of the service on a big screen from a special internet feed.

Father Chris Penders was a newly-ordained Dutch priest when he went to England in 1958 to study the English language for his move and mission to New Zealand. He took his examination at Cambridge University and passed.

The following year he sailed from Amsterdam as a 28-year-old for his new life and mission as an Assumptionist father in New Zealand, working mostly in the Porirua Basin where he was principal of Viard College for 16 years and also parish priest in Tawa for 14 years. He is remembered as a hard-working priest who endured the challenges of his mission with a smile, friendliness and great energy.

His first appointment on arriving in New Zealand was at St. Joseph's Primary School in Upper Hutt. He continued with his own studies in 1962 and went on to achieve

an MA in French through Victoria University in Wellington. French was one of his teaching subjects along with English, music, geography and religion. In 1968 he taught at St. Patrick's College in Wellington for one year before joining the other Assumptionists at Viard.

Father Penders' priestly journey began as a 12-year-old when he joined the Junior Seminary in Boxtel in the Netherlands. It ended when he died peacefully in Wellington hospital after a short illness at the age of 83.

## The dream lives on

*by Bernie Griffin*

### **Father Chris Penders knew the value of good communication.**

He wanted a regular parish magazine. A magazine that brought people together. Something that was friendly and chatty, informative, even educational at times, although not overly intellectual and not a forum for debate. But first and foremost the magazine was a way of exposing the beat of the parish. Something that showed ordinary people living ordinary lives. New Zealanders from a rich myriad of backgrounds and nationalities sharing the same faith. He got all of that. And was pleased.

Now the magazine is entering a new era just as the parish itself is. Soon we will no longer be just the Tawa Parish. There's the merger with Titahi Bay Parish. A new way of thinking of ourselves. A new name for the merged parish to be selected. A new name for the magazine. A change in format perhaps but with the same ideals. Father Chris' ideals and his request, going back to when he was the Parish Priest. Now, after a re-energising recess, the magazine is back in business. More changes are to come but it is in good hands as it always has been. There's a good team behind the scenes, just as there always has been. We are lucky. These are exciting times with much to look forward to. The magazine will be a Tawa-Titahi Bay parish magazine. And as always it's successful development and evolution will depend importantly on the support of everyone in our new parish community.

Father Chris got what he wanted. It is good that this issue is dedicated to him. He was known and loved throughout both the Tawa and Titahi Bay communities alike.

The dream lives on.

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## GOOOD MOOORNING TAWA!

by Fr. John van der Kaa

You guessed it. I was impressed with the recent screening of the film ‘*Good Morning Vietnam*’. It was both funny and sad. Aren’t they the characteristics of the ‘Romantic Period’? I always remember that line from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe in *Egmont*: *Himmelhoch jauchzend, zum Tode betrübt*,

*Freudvoll und leidvoll, gedankenvoll sein;  
Langen und bangen in schwebender Pein;  
**Himmelhoch jauchzend, zum Tode betrübt;**  
Glücklich allein ist die Seele, die liebt.*

*In joy and in sorrow, be thoughtful;  
Long and fearful in suspended pain;  
**Rejoicing to heaven, grieving to death;**  
Blessed alone is the soul that loves.*

Robin Williams’ character was popular with the troops, but infuriated his superiors for his irreverent remarks. In our Church history classes – a few years ago now – we were told the Church and the Army were the most conservative institutions in the world. I have noticed also that they had more in common than their conservative structures. There is the hierarchy with the built-in temptation to “Lord it over them” (Mt 20:25). There is the uniform and various ways of saluting those of higher rank. I am still embarrassed when devout parishioners try to kiss my hand. We have a way of handing out rewards for many years of service. And there is a similarity between Church ceremonials and military rituals.

In the process of writing this I had to check my facts and I came across the term ‘*iconoclasm*’ which can be defined as ‘*the deliberate destruction of religious icons and other symbols or monuments of one’s own culture, usually for religious or political motives*’ (Wikipedia). In my country of birth there was a period following the Reformation when former Catholic churches were attacked by fanatics who removed all statues, replaced stained glass windows with plain glass, even tried to chisel away forbidden decorations on tombstones within church buildings. Now the interesting thing is that this period was followed by a time of Restoration. But then, following Vatican II a second iconoclasm came about. The sacrament of confession, the Eucharistic adoration and the Rosary were often considered redundant and omitted. The use of catechisms was stopped in many places. Popular devotions

were deemed insufficiently intellectual and therefore suppressed, and where they were controlled by the clergy, abolished. In many church buildings pious statues and pictures were removed. Some priests, monks and nuns began to wear civilian clothes and thus were unrecognizable. In some monastic communities the use of a religious name was discontinued. Processions were no more and the Gregorian chant, the distinctive hymns of the Latin Church, became in a short time almost completely out of favour. In its place came new hymns in the vernacular. Here and there churches experimented with so-called Beat-Masses. I came to New Zealand in 1968. I do not know whether something similar happened in Aotearoa NZ.

I can't help feeling a little guilty when I read all this. When we went into our novitiate at age 19 or so we carefully picked a suitable religious name. We had Andreas Corsini, Francesco, Bruno, Casimir, Henri, even Ludwig. The religious habit we so proudly wore gradually gave way to the ordinary suit and in due time we became unrecognizable... Not quite true. Most people could still pick us in a crowd because we had no sense of fashion.



**Frs Scholter, Korioms, Homan, visiting Provincial, Kropman, van Meels, de Kort and standing Frs Heijnen, Chris Penders, Luhe van der Pal, van Haaren and Jacques Noor.**



**Fr John, Fr Gregory, Fr Bleys, Fr Heijnen, Brother Paul, Frs Eidhof, van Haaren, Kriden, de Kort.**

The above paragraph is a rough translation from an article describing the *Beeldenstorm* (Iconoclasm) in the Netherlands. Here again a period of restoration followed, mainly initiated by a generation of younger priests. Listening to Fr Paul, I get the impression that we might soon go through a similar exercise in New Zealand where our younger clergy and seminarians seem to favour

stricter rules and uniformity in the liturgy as well as in theology in general.

## This brings us to an examination of our own parish family.

In our combined meeting in July with the faithful of St Pius X parish there was a genuine awareness that we were not reaching out to the school-leavers and young adults (20-50 year olds). We are currently looking for a suitable name for the new parish reflecting that 'dream' of keeping in the church the young people in their twenties and the young families with children. Apart from a suitable name we will probably need to re-organise and re-energise ourselves to deal with the challenges a new parish brings. I sincerely hope that those groups that are working well will be continued and strengthened with new members. I am thinking of SVDP, Catholic Women's League, Passionist Family Groups, Legion of Mary, Knights of the Southern Cross, our various Choirs, Youth Groups, Altar Servers, Mothers' Group. The Evangelisation Group might also expand.

I am looking forward to the next combined Parish Council Meeting, where more concrete steps are being made to build and shape the new Parish. One thing is obvious to me: we have to rely on the talents and Spirit-filled cooperation of the parishioners themselves taking on roles that used to be assigned to clergy. It's already happening, it will become the norm.

Time now to come to a suitable 'last line'. Archbishop John has invited me to come and talk about next year. As Assumptionists we work in the diocese guided by a contract with the Bishop. Our contract needs to be re-written. There are a number of uncertainties that need to be clarified, problems that need to be solved. Pray that the needs of our faith community may be served in the best possible way.

-- "Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light."

("Pope Francis Lumen Fidei," June 29, 2013).



## Sacrament of Confirmation 2014 for Tawa and Titahi Bay Parishes

by Chantelle Anthony

### **Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in them the fire of your love”**

A group of our young parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 17th of August, 2014. The Confirmation Mass was celebrated by Archbishop John Dew, assisted by Father John van der Kaa. The altar servers that day were Simon and Rachel Holden, while the Filipino Choir provided the music ministry. The sacrament of Confirmation is the second of the three Sacraments of Initiation, with Baptism being the first and Communion being third. Confirmation is the ‘fulfilment’ of Baptism, because, as the introduction to the Rite of Confirmation states:

*“...by the sacrament of Confirmation, those baptised are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.”*

Let us, as a parish keep these newly confirmed parishioners in our prayers, so that they may use the **gifts of the Holy Spirit- wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord**, to make God known and loved through their example and actions as young Catholics.



#### **Candidates - Our Lady of Fatima Parish:**

Francis Arnold, Nikko Aragona, Naomi Cooper, Emily Carroll, Joshua Carroll, Anna Comeskey, Oliver Cuff, Matthew Cuff, Gabriel Daniels, Jamie-Ethan Daniels, Yuan Doronila, Anastasia Edwards, Daniel Feakin, Emma-Ann Feakin, Anoushka Ganesan, Hayley Graham, Benjamin Hernandez, Rachel Hewett, Maggie Houston, Elaina Lim, Olivia Lintern, Ryan Mallon, Riley McDonald, Juliette McGlone, India McKee, Kalani Mullipu, Emma Pegler, Alvien Salvador, Angelina Shlimon, Zaya Shlimon, Jean-Pahan Silva, Charlotte Sole, Daniel Whiting-Cuncannon

#### **Candidates - St Pius X Parish**

Malakai Brooky, Jess Elias, Tyler Naira, Ella Paul, Sonik Lia Russell, Zha'dynya Sutherland,

## From Lyndhurst Road to Ponsonby Road

by Fr. Paul O'Connor



Left:  
Our Lady of Fatima Tawa  
Below:  
St Patrick's Cathedral Auckland

In January 2012 Monsignor Brendan Daly, the principal of Good Shepherd College, called me asking if I would join the staff. Good Shepherd College is where all New Zealand seminarians and lay students study theology. My initial reaction was to say no but, the more I reflected, I knew that, despite my initial resistance and misgivings, I had to say yes. After all, the founder of the Assumptionists, Father Emmanuel d'Alzon, calls his followers to serve the Church of God.



I submitted my academic credentials: these were approved by the Good Shepherd Senate and by the Sydney College of Divinity. Good Shepherd College is presently affiliated to the Sydney College of Divinity. New Zealand Catholic students graduate with a Bachelor in Theology and/or a graduate Diploma in Theology through Good Shepherd College's Sydney affiliation.

And so, a year later – in January 2013 – I began working at Good Shepherd College. It is a modest building: in a prior incarnation it was a Salvation Army worship centre. And, while Ponsonby Road might be where Auckland's beautiful people are found, we are located closer to Karangahape Road.

I teach two courses in systematic theology: introduction to theology and the nature of the Church. My students are Kiwis, Vietnamese and Filipino: the balance of seminarians and lay students varies from class to class. While many already have a tertiary qualification, I cannot presume that all have a sound basic understanding of Catholic belief. They do have a deep desire to love the Lord and to serve his people.

And so my task is to start at the very beginning. What is theology? This is the systematic study of what Catholics believe. Our starting point is the Bible, the Word of God. Here we consider revelation – how God communicates with us. We look at how the Bible was written and how we as Catholics read and understand the Bible.

From there we move to the Creeds – the formal theological and liturgical statements of Catholic belief. Why were the Creeds written? How do these Creeds form our faith and faithfulness? And this leads us to the key Catholic category of tradition. Throughout history Catholics have reflected on the Bible, recited the Creeds and celebrated the sacraments. We have Church Councils, the authoritative teaching of popes and bishops, the witness of saints and scholars. How has this centuries-long process, guided by the Holy Spirit, formed and transformed Catholic faith and faithfulness?

A necessary – but difficult – question emerges here: how do we determine authentic and inauthentic Catholic belief? We look to the Bible as understood by our Catholic tradition; we look to our Catholic theological and liturgical traditions. Here I try to stress the dynamic of *affirmative orthodoxy*. We begin with the normative statements of Catholic belief and seek to understand how these can provide light for our minds, our hearts and our hands. Yes, there are times when it necessary to state that a certain statement or practice departs from Catholic orthodoxy. But we need to go further: what does our Catholic theological tradition actually say, how does it say this and how can this encourage our personal discipleship and the call to the new evangelization?

All of the students I teach both lay and seminarians live in a post-Christian Kiwi society. So many of our fellow citizens have either suspicious or distorted views of what we Catholics believe. My role is to outline and explain basic theological terms, to show how our theological tradition is intellectually coherent and to suggest how we can better engage with non-practicing Catholics, with non-believers, with the curious and with our sometimes relentless critics.

Please pray for the students and staff of Good Shepherd College. I have no doubt that the Lord is still calling young men to serve our Church as priests. There are seminarians from every diocese – except the Archdiocese of Wellington. Next year, God willing, we will have two young Vietnamese students from Wellington. May their faith and generosity encourage others. Not to put too fine a point on it: the future of our Archdiocese is at stake.

While I teach at Good Shepherd College I am in residence at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in central Auckland. This is another story for another issue.

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## Building A House In Port Vila, Vanuatu *by Wendy & Allan Holden*

**Knowing that the young teenage years are important formation times** and that we had given our older children short term mission opportunities, we prayed about an opportunity to give Simon and Rachel a taste of mission. The answer was a trip with **Break Free Expeditions** to Vanuatu to build a house for a widow, Monmon, and her daughter, Mary. Monmon had been praying for her roof to be fixed of its leaks and Mary's house had blown down in a storm in 2012.

The team consisted of Diana Judge (Break Free leader), Peter Scott (NZ builder), Frank Luita (Fijian builder) and 16 others ranging in age from 12 to 64; eleven of these were under 20. The New Zealanders flew from Auckland to Port Vila on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Frank had gone a week earlier and had cleared the site, laid the foundations and poured the floor.



The group in front of the house at the end of week one.

The first Sunday morning we went to the church of Pastor John who was our host. In the afternoon we drove around the coast and enjoyed relaxing in the water.

The build started on the Monday. A couple of boys were shown how to make mortar and the rest of us were shown how to lay blocks. Groups formed and the walls started rising. As more materials arrived some began to saw timber and window frames and roof trusses were made. By the end of Friday the block walls were laid and filled with concrete, the door and window frames installed and the roof trusses

completed. Over the weekend we enjoyed swimming among the colourful fish and coral in the warm water.

During the second week the roof went on, two bedrooms were framed and lined on one side, a shower and a toilet area were framed, lined and plumbed and a kitchen sink with a tap installed. Doors and locks were put in the outside door frames and the doors and linings painted. Finally lights were installed in the main room and each bedroom.

While the building was progressing a nurse ran a health clinic for children with septic sores and the young people played games with the local children. They showed us how to harvest coconuts and open them as well as how to make coconut oil.

On the final Friday some members went to some local schools and paid school fees for some children whose parents couldn't afford them. We also distributed jerseys to young children in the settlement.



The house ready to be dedicated to Jesus.

That evening the house was dedicated to Jesus and the keys of the house were handed over to Monmon and Mary. They then blessed us with a hangi type dinner. As soon as we left, Mary got the local children, who had been with us around the site, to sleep in the house with her for the first night. They were all at the airport at 6am the next morning to farewell us.

This was a great time of learning new skills, experiencing a different culture, serving Jesus and seeing God answering prayer.

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## Rediscovering the Catholic Faith

by Michelle Anthony



*“You shall not make for yourself a graven image”*

If any of you have had the opportunity to visit a traditional Catholic home, you will probably not miss the presence of a family altar, complete with statues of The Holy Family, patron saints, the Sacred Heart and crucifixes, Such a family altar would be the first thing you see as you enter my home.

*When we had a priest over for dinner one evening, he exclaimed that we had more statues than even a church.*

Well-meaning Protestant friends and family who are comfortable (or brave enough) to enter into a religious debate with us would often quote part of the first commandment “...you shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them (Ex. 20:2–5). While this is a true and integral part of our beliefs, a broader understanding is required as to what this commandment actually means.

In Israelite history, prior to the birth of Jesus, Jews were forbidden to create the likeness of God in form of drawings and images because God had not revealed himself to them. God later revealed himself in various forms. He revealed himself as God the Father, with “*the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire*” in the book of Daniel, then as God the Son, made incarnate as a baby born in a manger, later crucified and resurrected, and as

God the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove at the baptism of Jesus. Bear in mind that Protestants have pictures of Jesus and his apostles in illustrated Bibles, and they picture God as a king sitting on the throne. They do all this without being accused of worshipping or adoring these images. Why can't we? Yes, we Catholics on occasion kiss or bow down to these images as a form of reverence, but this does not equal adoration. Do we not bow down to the Queen if we are in her presence, or kiss her hand? Does this mean we adore and worship the Queen?

*People who accuse Catholics of idolatry forget the many passages in the Bible that depict the use of religious statues and images.*

In Exodus during the plague of serpents, God instructed Moses to make a bronze statue of a snake, to cure those bitten. Anyone struck by a snake only had to look at the statue to be saved. In several parts of the Old Testament, there has been mention of the religious use of statues and likeness of angels, especially in the building of the Ark of the Covenant.

*God forbade the worship of statues, but he did not forbid the religious use of statues.*

We bow down, kiss or sometimes offer flowers in front of these statues because we choose to honour and remember God and the great Catholic saints who lived and suffered for their faith. We do not actually worship or honour the clay the statues are made of. We honour and praise their memory. Just as we look fondly at photographs of our family that have passed on, we look fondly at the statues of all the holy people of God who have gone before us. [Back](#)

A young boy was talking to God and asked God the question,

**‘What is a million years like?’.**

God answers back and tells the boy, "A million years is like a second."

The boy then asks God, "What is a million dollars like?"

God replies, "A million dollars is like a penny".

So the little boy asks God, "Can I have one of your pennies?",  
to which God replies, "Just a second".

## Walking through life with Christ

by *Rebecca and Patrick Doohan*

My husband Patrick and I are both 25 years old, and have been living in Napier, coming up 3 years now. Patrick grew up on a farm in the outskirts of Napier, and is one of four children. I grew up in Tawa, and am the youngest of 4 siblings. My parents are Graeme and Marie Andrewartha. Patrick is a precision engineer and I am an Early Childhood teacher, and now a proud mother. We married in October 2010, and now have a beautiful daughter called Olivia.

The Catholic faith has always been a central part in of both our lives, as our parents took us to church every Sunday, and we were involved in many church activities. It wasn't until going to a Jesus 4 Real camp (J4R) that we took a hold of our own faith journey, and made Jesus a reality in our lives.

It was at this camp that we met at the age of 13. I fell for Patrick, unbeknownst to him at the time. We became friends, and met again at the Parachute Music Festival in 2008, where we spent a lot of time in each other's company. From then on Patrick and I kept in contact with each other and travelled to see each other. Once we decided to commit to a relationship, I knew within three months, that he would be the man I would marry.



Two and a half years after our wedding we have travelled overseas, purchased our own home and now we have our first child. Born at the end of May, beautiful Olivia brings joy to us and everyone she meets. My hope for Olivia is that she brings the peace of God to everyone she encounters.

It was not the practical advice given to me, as an expectant mum that was the most useful but the spiritual advice. That spiritual advice was that PRAYER is powerful. This is my advice, in turn to first time Catholic mothers. When I was preg-



## A Caring Contribution to our Parish

by Jane Langham

Over the last several years many of you will have been the recipients of assorted pies, quiches or other baked goods at times of personal or family need. This may have been at the time of a bereavement or following illness or hospitalisation.

This great ministry of visiting those in need was carried out by Dorothy Belz taking food gifted by long-time parishioners, the Thomas family from the Windmill Bakery in Porirua. Sadly, this all came to an end when the Windmill Bakery finally closed its doors some time ago. So a BIG THANKYOU to both Dorothy and the Thomas family for their generosity to Our Lady of Fatima parish for so many years for this service and in so many other ways.



At times of 'Sign-Up Sundays' there have always been many people willing to prepare occasional meals for times of emergency. It would be wonderful if there was now someone willing to take over the running of this MINISTRY OF COMPASSION for those in times of crisis. There is a freezer in the church kitchen dedicated to this work into which willing volunteers could contribute as they are able – but don't start this till a home visitor is found!

*If this is something you feel God is calling you to do, please contact the parish office or the editor and you will be given more information.* [Back](#)

-- "The perfect family doesn't exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, and let's not talk about the perfect mother-in-law! It's just us sinners." A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: "May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry" and "never, never, never end the day without making peace."

Pope Francis to engaged couples 14 Feb. 2014)

## The Eucharist - A Gift of Love

by Eileen Mackey

The Eucharist is the heart of God's love for his people, the heart of his Church and the heart of our Christian faith. In the celebration of this mystery of faith, Christ himself is present to his people. Not only is Christ really and truly present under the species of bread and wine but he also continues his saving work of our salvation.



When we speak of Eucharist we speak of the '**sacrament of sacraments**', **the source and summit of Christian life**.

In it we celebrate the mystery of God's love shown in Jesus' birth, life, ministry, suffering, death and resurrection. It is a multi-layered and multi-dimensional reality, a prayer, a statement of faith, a sacrificial act of pure love and a gathering of those who believe in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. Furthermore, it is a liturgy of praise, blessing and thanksgiving to God.

With great clarity the Second Vatican Council's 'Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy' teaches *"At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Saviour instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his body and blood. He did this to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the centuries until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is received, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future life is given to us"* (Constitution on Sacred Liturgy #473). So, when we gather for Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Sunday, the Lord's Day, we partake in the heavenly banquet, the eschatological banquet in heaven. When we consume the Eucharist we share in the 'bread of tomorrow' a literal foretaste of heaven. We gather as community in relationship with God and with each other. Our communion with each other has its foundation in our baptismal faith in Jesus Christ and is established with those who eat, and with him whose body is eaten. We are people made one with Christ, and made one with each other. We celebrate Eucharist as a faith family on Sunday because it is here that we find our identity, our unity and our very being as members of Christ's body, members of his Church. [Back](#)

*"At a time of great crisis for family life, the family remains the basic unit of society" and the "first school in which children learn the human, spiritual and moral values which enable them to be a beacon of goodness, integrity and justice in our communities."* Pope Francis 16 August 2014

## Communion to the Sick and Housebound



*Eucharist does not cease to exist after the Mass has finished.* The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsists in the form of bread and wine.

There are times when members of our community are unable to join us as we gather

for Mass on Sunday because they are housebound or sick. As the Eucharist is the source and summit of every Catholic's life of faith it is important that Catholics are not deprived of the opportunity to receive the Blessed Sacrament due to illness, age, or infirmity. Therefore, if such a person desires to receive Holy Communion they are invited to share and be bonded with the Eucharistic meal of the community.

Every Sunday, after the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday morning Masses, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are sent forth with a blessing taking the greeting and care of the community and the grace and blessings of God to those who are sick or housebound.

Holy Communion is then taken to them in their home where the Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist shares with them prayer and the word of God, as received at Mass. This act manifests the support and concern of the community for its members who are not present and gives them strength and comfort.

Holy Communion is also taken to the sick in hospital. In taking Communion to the sick and housebound we are following the tradition first established around the fourth century mainly for the sick and dying. It was for the reservation of the consecrated host that the tabernacle was introduced. However it was not then customary to pray before the reserved sacrament.

If you would like to receive communion at home, either short term following illness/hospitalisation or long term because of inability to leave home contact:

**Kevin Mackey: 232 5473 or the parish office: 232 5611,**  
**email: [ourladyoffatima@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyoffatima@xtra.co.nz)**

*If you are admitted to hospital at any time, you need to make sure your admission forms have 'Roman Catholic' put on them to ensure the hospital chaplain knows you are there and will visit with communion.*

## Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist

As faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist deepened, the Church became conscious of the meaning of silent adoration of the Lord under the Eucharistic species of bread. The forty hours of continual devotion before the Blessed Sacrament was established by Pope Clement VIII in 1592. The practice gradually spread throughout the Church. The devotion largely disappeared after the Second Vatican Council, but since the early 1990's it has gradually been reintroduced. Our own parish will celebrate 20 years of Eucharistic Adoration on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Adoration can occur while the Eucharist is in the tabernacle where the faithful may pray in the presence of the Sacrament, or when the reserved Sacrament serves as a focal point exposed in the monstrance on the altar. As the Eucharist is 'Jesus truly present – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity', then Adoration of the Eucharist is the adoring or honouring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense it involves the Mystery of Christ truly present before us.



*In our parish we have Adoration every Wednesday from after the 9:00 am Mass until 9pm.* The consecrated host is placed in the monstrance after Holy Communion has been distributed. After the final prayer, the Priest places the monstrance on the altar in the side chapel where all are invited to come and pray.

Adoration commences with communal praying of the rosary after which silent adoration continues until approx. 8:50pm when there is communal prayer to close.

We have faithful parishioners who are on an hourly roster to be present throughout that time so that Jesus is never alone. Others who are unable to commit to a regular hour each Wednesday can come to spend time with the Lord at any time during the day. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote: "Of all the devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us".

Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, another form of adoration, is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2pm. Benediction is a 15 minute service (approx.) involving the exposition and incensing of the Eucharistic bread, hymns, and the praying of the Divine Praises.

**Sources:** Catechism of the Catholic Church; Fr Merve Duffy sm – Marist Messenger, Feb. 2013. Wellington Catholic Education Centre – Understanding Sacraments module Book. 2009

## The Musical Island Boys - Tawa's own world champions.

*by Galu & William Hunkin*

Growing up in Tawa with my talented children Henrietta, William and Jeffrey, our Saturday mornings were often filled with music and song. It was a natural way for us to relax, with myself on the guitar and my children singing with me. It was something that they loved to do very early on in their lives. A natural extension of this fun part of our family life was the church community that we belonged to. Our family was part of the Samoan community that worships in the parish of Our Lady of Fatima. It was here that the children also sang, side by side with other Samoan youth. Singing was always part of their youth activities, and they enjoyed it immensely.



The Musical Island Boys 2002- Jeff Hunkin (Tenor) Marcellus Washburn (Lead)  
Matt Gifford (Bass) Will Hunkin (Baritone)

The following is William's account of their growing up musically, which eventually led them to becoming world champions in barbershop.

'Jeffrey, Henrietta and I grew up in Tawa, and had a variety of musical influences growing up. These experiences were the building blocks that have contributed towards who we are as musicians and performers today. Dad comes from a well-known family of composers and musicians back in Samoa. Our grandfather Tui-

letufuga Henry Hunkin was famous in his days for recording some famous 1950s Samoan bilingual songs in Australia with a friend as a duet. Dad can sing a bit too!

When I was in my teenage years, we sang in many different choirs, including a number of them at Tawa College, and also in the Tawa Samoan Church Choir. Just having these musical experiences were valuable in gaining experience in singing alongside friends, being part of a team, following directions & singing music from the heart.

When we look back, it was important to have these opportunities because it allowed us to do music the way it should be - as a shared experience. When the music sounds good, it has a positive impact on people, enhancing their day or week ahead. This was one of the aspects of singing that we love - being able to see the smiling faces of people who weren't part of the choirs, but really enjoy and take great pleasure in hearing us sing full and rich harmonies.



## The M. I. B. 2014

International Barbershop Quartet Gold Medal Champions in Las Vegas

*Note from the Editor - Tawa Catholic News congratulates the Musical Island Boys on their recent international success. It has often given me an opportunity to be genuinely 'star-struck' each time I see any one of the boys in our little suburb of Tawa, even in the earlier days of their singing. It has been a pleasure watching them grow up into such talented young men, while remaining humble and rooted to their beginnings. - Michelle Anthony*

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## Christians Under Fire

*by Michelle Anthony*



Map shows the countries of the world where Christians are persecuted.

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In his New Year message in 2011, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that Christians were the most persecuted religious group in the world today. Prominent figures such as Angela Merkel (German Chancellor) and Prince Charles have also agreed that Christians worldwide were subject to organised persecution. Entire Christian communities are being destroyed in the Middle East. Priests and nuns are raped and murdered in religious based violence. Churches are burnt to the ground. The most recent incidents in Iraq, where the Islamist Army called ISIS are killing and beheading Christians who will not convert to Islam is shockingly inhumane and barbaric. This happens not only in the Middle East, but in India, Pakistan and in North

Korea where 33 Baptist missionaries were sentenced to death. *Open Doors*, which is a non-denominational Christian group, have estimated the number of Christians persecuted around the world to be in excess of 100 million. They have listed North Korea, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan to be the three toughest countries for one to be a Christian in. Persecution of Christians is also on the rise in Africa and Asia.

On a personal note, I ask for your prayers for all Christians worldwide who are persecuted for their beliefs, especially in Malaysia, the country of my birth. Indigenous Catholics have always referred to God as 'Allah' in their Malay bibles and publications for the last couple of centuries. The word 'Allah' stems from the word 'Al Illahi', meaning 'The God'. It has been used by Christians, Sikhs and more importantly by Jews, centuries before the birth of Prophet Mohammed who brought about Islam. This year the Malaysian Supreme Court banned the Malaysian Catholic Herald from referring to God as Allah. Hundreds of Malay language bibles were seized from the Bible Society for using the word 'Allah'. Effigies of a Catholic priest were burnt in public, and the oppression of Christians is escalating. The judiciary team that supported the ban of usage of the word stated that if a Muslim reads a Catholic publication in the Malay language and sees the word 'Allah', he might mistake it as a reference to the Quran and become a Christian. Apostasy and Christian evangelisation are crimes in Muslim Malaysia. Muslims in Malaysia are prohibited to wish their Christian neighbours 'Merry Christmas' as this would mean that they acknowledge the importance of the birth of Christ. Malaysian Muslims are also forbidden to convey condolences of 'Rest in Peace' to the family of deceased Christians because they believe that Christians will not be saved.

Let us also keep in mind the innocent, who are victims of war and harsh regimes around the world, especially in Israel/Palestine. The defensive and offensive measures taken by both parties are resulting in death of civilians on both sides, and destruction of their homes. To think that this is happening in the land where our Lord once walked as man, where he grew up and preached about loving our neighbour! I am sure that when God created the world, he didn't think his children would create borders. I am sure he wanted the world to be an open field. The earth to be not yours, not mine, but his.

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## The Marriage of Samantha Wolstenholme and David Bryce

*by Angela and Mark Wolstenholme*



11<sup>th</sup> January 2014 was one out of the box, amidst a summer which was short of rainless days, let alone Saturdays, it was a beautiful sunny, warm windless day, perfect for a wedding. Samantha, daughter of Mark and Angela Wolstenholme, was united in marriage at a Nuptial Mass to David, youngest son of Maria and the late John Bryce.

The bridesmaids were Felicity Stickney, Michelle Carshalton (nee Hansen) and Romy Webster, and the groomsmen were Stefan Bryce, Charles Arrowsmith and Kevin Wolstenholme.

David and Samantha had gone to great lengths in organising various aspects of the service and Father Paul O'Connor, the Officiating Celebrant contributed greatly to the meaningful and memorable ceremony. The two Simons, Holden and Blackford, were the Altar Servers and the music and angelic vocals were provided by Carmen Conijn, Duncan Davidson, Angel Moore and Jonathan Lim. Samantha was especially pleased that her Granny Mila all the way from South Africa was able to witness their big day.

Refreshments after the ceremony were served by members of the CWL, Sally, Maureen, Helen, Jane and Vince. After some mingling and a few photos, the wedding party left in a flash limousine for their official photo shoot.

The reception was held at the Gear Homestead, a beautiful wedding venue. Guests were served with nibbles in the garden and proceeded later indoors for dinner, speeches, cutting of the delightful cake and a dance. David and Samantha enjoyed a restful week in Rarotonga and they are now living in Christchurch, working as teachers,



both in Catholic Schools.

We feel very blessed with all the help we had from family and friends including friends from Our Lady of Fatima Parish Community. The events of the day ran very smoothly from whoa to go and it exceeded David and Samantha's expectations of enjoyment.

### **The Marriage of Sarah Davin and Hayden Saunders** *by Rosaleen Davin*

On 16th March 2013 Sarah Davin, only daughter of Rosaleen & Tim, from this parish and Hayden Saunders of Taradale were married at Te Awa Winery in the Hawke's Bay. Family and friends from NZ, Australia and the UK gathered to celebrate and to witness their love and commitment to each other. It was so special that Sarah's father and her twin brother Ben gave her away. The couple live in Auckland.



Pictured are: Ben, Tim, Rosaleen, Sarah, Hayden, Matthew and Dominic.

*Tawa Catholic News wishes our newlyweds the choicest of God's blessings as they embark on this exciting new journey of their lives. May they grow in love and faith as a couple, sharing Christ's love with those around them - Editor*

## Helping children understand and participate at Mass.

by Michelle Anthony

It is not unusual for couples with infants and toddlers to sit at the back of the church and at the end of the pew, so that they can leave if the child cries or becomes fidgety.

However, children who are old enough to pay some attention might be better off sitting at the front so that they can watch more closely what the priest and altar servers do. This will not only help them learn about the Mass, but will keep their attention occupied so they'll be more engaged with the service. Children who are old enough to read are encouraged to have children's missals so they can follow along. *(There a few available to borrow during the Mass on the shelves in the foyer.)*



Encourage your child's attention at the Mass by teaching them and by asking questions beforehand, and giving them suggestions on things to watch for. As an example, you could ask them: how many times the priest makes the Sign of the Cross during the Mass, and let them try to count them; at what times the bells ring; to discover what their favourite hymn is and what the words mean, etc. Ask them to look and listen for things that help us to know what liturgical season it is, for example the presence or absence of the Alleluia or Gloria, the liturgical colours used, etc. Have them listen to the priest's homily and to the Gospel readings, and then have them repeat it back to you at home. Ask them questions about what they heard during the sermon and Gospel readings, what it means, what they thought about what they heard, what questions they might have, to draw pictures that depict today's Gospel, etc.

For those at 8:30 mass, ask what was discussed in Children's Liturgy session – the take-home sheets the children are given are intended to encourage this discussion – the readings they use are always the same as the rest of the congregation have.

Make these exchanges fun and interesting, though; we don't want 'Church' to be seen as a chore or a bore.

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**Please Note:** These lists cover the whole of 2013 and 2014 - all those since the last edition of Tawa Catholic News

## Parish Notices - Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths

### Marriages

Sarah Davin & Hayden Saunders	16 March 2013
Samantha Wolstenholme & David Bryce	11 January 2014
Anet Jesuthasan & Antonranjith Anton	1 February 2014
Lyra Nordista & Simon Lang	28 February 2014

### Deaths

Emmett Desmond O’Gorman	6.2.13
Margaret Mary Barker	13.2.13
Alfred Hayden Levick	5.4.13
Denise Maria Karam	23.4.13
Roy Colin Reginald Reedy	13.5.13
William Austin O’Carroll	6.6.13
Silvia Patricia Rea	22.8.13
Nicola Mary McGill	15.9.13
Martin Francis Condon	12.10.13
John Murray Caskey	29.11.13
Sylvia Charlotte McGill	22.1.14
Crescente Gomez Abucay	13.2.14
Donald Lionel Turner	21.2.14
Fr Chris (Hendrikus Sophia) Penders	7.3.14
William Alfred Baker	6.3.14
Garrett Kenneth Glynn	23.5.14
Vaine Akatoka Heeney	30.6.14
Apolinario D’Souza	3.8.14
Pauline Ida (Pearl) Coneybear	10.8.14

## Baptisms

### CHILD

Zach Aiden Chavez  
Andrea Kamalraj  
Emma Brie Hocson  
Xavier Renie John Macatual Renau  
Griffin Stewart  
Maddox Mareko Lafaele  
Indira Avea Puna Lafaele  
Agesh Rameshkumar  
Zavier Christopher Joannes Green  
Ava-Rose Marie Patten  
Cody Christopher Patten  
Nahla Marie Taylor-Mallon  
Saskia Eve Moreton  
Mataniufea-Gaimaleata Lolo  
Harrison Jack Burke  
Thomas Patrick James Erickson  
Anastasia Velonika Rosa Edwards  
Isabelle Hine Ataahua Southon  
Zak Ramaekers  
Jacob Donald Henderson  
Sophie Mary Robertson  
Havana Mae Armstrong-Bleakley  
Ethan George Pigou-Williams  
Sofia Mae Pigou-Williams  
Ocean-Lee Anahera Feakin  
Grace Anna Louise Whyte  
Jacinta Melei  
Bronagh Claire Davidson  
Mia Karina Vreeburg

### PARENTS

Thaddeus & Rhodda Chavez  
Kamalraj Gnanamani & James Neetha  
Benedict & Regena Hocson  
Te-Karauna Renau & Denise Macatual  
Robin Stewart & Cushla Devenish-Meaers  
Viliamu & Janina Lafaele  
Viliamu & Janina Lafaele  
Rameshkumar Pathmanathan & Henrita  
James Green & Julia Timmermans  
Christopher Scott & Fiona Patten  
Christopher Scott & Fiona Patten  
Robert Mallon & Rebecca Taylor-Mallon  
Daniel Moreton & Aleida van Son  
Lawrence & Maria Lolo  
Karl & Carole Burke  
Daniel Erickson & Kirsty Singleton  
David & Veronica Edwards  
Joseph & Anna-Marie Southon  
Michael & Shivann Ramaekers  
Kenneth & Caroline Henderson  
Matthew & Susan Robertson  
Simon & Cassandra Bleakley  
Royce Williams & Eloise Pigou-Williams  
Royce Williams & Eloise Pigou-Williams  
Ashlee-Rose Feakin  
Matthew Whyte & Karen O'Rourke  
Live & Anastasia Melei  
Duncan & Frances Davidson  
Richard Vreeburg & Olivia Wallace

**Baptisms .... continued**

Elizabeth Dawn Salvador	Mark Salvador & Jesusa Tuazon
Ronald Christoff Pasaol	Ronald & Christine Pasaol
Madison Olive Tither	Richard Tither & Victoria Phillips
Stephen Joseph Newell	John & Losa Newell
Maxwell Peter Tohill	Liam Tohill & Kirsty Green
Lucy Rose Tohill	Michael & Yvette Tohill (adult candidate)
William Alfred Baker	Anthony Vinluan & Rhonnalita Vinluan
William Zane Anthony Vinluan	Daniel & Rachel Hughes
Charlotte Victoria Hughes	Joseph Muliipu & Rachael Norris
Roman Muliipu	Jeremy & Zoe Rillstone
Greta Alice Rillstone	Nicholas & Shelley Emmerson
Savannah Mary Paige Emmerson	Cory Sharland & Catherine Heeney
Georgia Toka Maureen Sharland	Simon & Karen Mallon
Caleb Alfie Mallon	Dennis & Anabel Bermillo
Bella Denize Bermillo	Mark & Joanne Dowle
Isaac James Dowle	Cayne & Nicola Wright
Isla Malia Wright	Cayne & Nicola Wright
Evie Alexandra Wright	Michael & Shivann Ramaekers
Lola Anne Ramaekers	Ceferino & Esmeralda Abrogar
Elisha Dianne Abrogar	Jeffer & Hazel Deiparine
Dane Joseph Deiparine	Michael Field & Juliette Montague
Elizabeth Zoe Montague Field	

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## We need men!

If you are between 20 and 80, male, and looking for something to do within the Church then think about joining the **Knights of the Southern Cross**.



The Knights are an organisation of Catholic men that work within the Church to support our Bishops, priests and laity in promoting Christian values and spiritual growth.

See details on <http://tawacatholic.org.nz/knights-of-the-southern-cross>

While we endeavour to do good works the sad fact is that our membership has declined over recent years, most of our members are now over 60 years of age. We need younger men with fresh ideas to help us do God's work.

On the positive side we do have financial resources so if we could attract young men with great ideas for helping to achieve our goals the likelihood is that funding would be available. For example, in 2013 we donated over \$14,000 to help groups in the Archdiocese like Joshua, Dove, Passionist Family groups, etc.

So, if you are male and between 20 and 80 and you want to help the Church please call Patrick Horan (232 6006) or Alan Twohill (232 7256) to find out more about the Knights.

### Current Parish Pastoral Council Members

Fr John van der Kaa - parish priest Andrew Oliver - chair  
Chantelle Anthony, Gerad Chaplin, Peter Gordon,  
Jane Langham, Rupi Mapusua, Jane Norman,  
Ray Lindsay - St Francis Xavier representative,  
Ginny Gordon - minutes secretary.

### Coming events

- Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, Third Sat. 1:30 pm, at Connolly Hall, Next to Cathedral, Wellington.
- Monthly luncheons in church foyer, First Tuesday of each month.
- Time together, weekly games, Church meeting room, Thurs 1:30 pm,
- Youth Group, College Years 9 to 13, Fridays, 8:00 - 9:30pm  
Leo Connor Hall, during school term;
- Girls' Group Year 3 - 9 students, Fridays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm,  
Church meeting room during term time.
- Other events, check website calendar: [www.tawacatholic.org.nz](http://www.tawacatholic.org.nz)

## New Parishioners

If you are new to the parish, Welcome!  
Please introduce yourself to the celebrant, another parishioner, or call the parish office  
9am-12noon weekdays . 04 232 5611

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## Regular worship:

**Mass times:** Sat 6:00 pm, Sun 8:30 am & 10:30 am, Mon-Fri. 9:00 am;  
(Tues. liturgy of the Word with communion)

- Children's worship 8:30 am Sun mass during term time,
  - Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, chapel Weds 9:30 am - 9:00 pm;
  - Monthly rosary & benediction, 2:00 pm third Sun;
  - Prayer ministry teams, after 8:30 am mass, Sun;
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## .Other English language masses in our pastoral area

- St Teresa, Plimmerton, Sat 6:00 pm, Sun 9:30 am
- Holy Family, Porirua E. Sat 6:00 pm, Sun 9:30 am (*incl Pacific content*)
- Te Ngakau Tapu, Porirua, Sun 5:15 pm (*may include Te Reo Maori*)
- St Pius X, Titahi Bay, Sun 9:30 am

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