

Parish Priest:	Fr Rico de la Torre	Ph: 021 205 6476
Assistant Priest:	Fr Marlon Tebelin	
Parish Secretary:	Jane Lee	Ph: 232 5611 169 Main Road, Tawa
	Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am-12 noon	
Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:	Marie Prescott	Ph: 232 7679
Marist Sisters:	Srs Francine McGovern & Margaret Vaney	Ph: 232 5151
St Francis Xavier School:	Joan Woods, Principal	Ph: 232 8927
St Pius X School:	Christine MacDonald, Principal	Ph: 236 7006
Bishop Viard College:	Chris Theobald, Principal	Ph: 237 5248



Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay
 OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH - 169 Main Road, TAWA
 ST PIUS X CHURCH - 64 Te Pene Avenue, TITAHI BAY

✉ mail: PO Box 51029, Tawa 5249 | ☎ phone: 04 232 5611

✉ email: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz | 🌐 website: www.ourladyofhope.org.nz

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 23 AUGUST 2020

ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 29 AUGUST AND SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2020

	St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa	
	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Music	Meli Meli & Samoan Choir	Chorum	Song of Mary
Reader Prayer Leader	Orsi Bacskai Mary Morley	Joy Chaplin Laura Sommer	Socorro Laureles Phil Blackford
Offertory	Alaimoana Family	Joseph Family	Bernadette Tait
Collector		Sophia Filemu	Michael Condron
Altar Servers	Emmanuel De Vera	Francis Arnold Joseph Arnold Thomas Newell	Fatima Thomas
Eucharistic Ministers	Tea Teofilo Rosa Simeona Arnila Pintor	Mary Fuimaono Chris Alip Regan Stallard	Rosemary King Kathleen Connolly Angela Chuah
Greeters	Kalameli Aiono	G & M Andrewartha	Patricia Budding
Counters		Stanley Stickney, Jerome King, Brian Lang	
Cup of Tea			
	Altar Care: Litea Meli	Flowers: Jing & Espie	Cleaning: J Infante, B Tait

DAILY READINGS

Mon 24/8	Apocalypse 21:9-14; Psalm 145; John 1:45-51	Tues 25/8	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17; Psalm 96; Matthew 23:23-26
Wed 26/8	2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18; Psalm 128; Matthew 23:27-32	Thurs 27/8	1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Psalm 145; Matthew 24:42-51
Fri 28/8	1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Psalm 33; Matthew 25:1-13	Sat 29/8	Jeremiah 1:17-19; Psalm 71; Mark 6:17-29

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

'THE LORD IS HIGH YET HE LOOKS ON THE LOWLY'

Today's readings give thanks to God who, though from on high, looks to the lowly. The Gospel reveals a God whose choice of the human Peter shows that the wisdom of God is indeed unfathomable. By reflecting on the way God builds on the faith of this ordinary man, whose name would be similar to 'Simon Johnson' in English ('bar Jonah'), our own faith can be deepened allowing us to proclaim, along with Peter, 'You are the Christ'!

The prophet Isaiah (**First Reading**) appears to foretell this choosing of Peter. The Lord will entrust a servant with authority, and this servant will become as a father to the nation and as a throne of glory for the kingdom.

The **Psalms** continues this theme of choice: through the Lord's faithful love for us, we are indeed chosen and our strength increased.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) speaks of love and wisdom, the motives behind God's choice, the depths of which are impossible to comprehend.

And our response to that? Simply to be grateful for that all is freely given and to trust God's choice of us. Let's do that this week, both in our prayer and in our joyful response.



DATE SAVER: Sunday 20 September
 Cardinal John will be visiting our Parish to celebrate 10.30am Mass. Please book this date in your diaries. More details to follow.



EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

"You are Peter; to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven." – Mt 16:19 [Gospel]



PETER WAS TO be entrusted with the keys of the Church, or rather, he was entrusted with the keys of heaven; to him would be committed the whole people of God. The Lord told him: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Now Peter was inclined to be severe, so if he had also been impeccable what forbearance would he have shown toward those he instructed? His falling into sin was thus a providential grace to teach him from experience to deal kindly with others. [...]

The reason God's plan permitted Peter to sin was because he was to be entrusted with the whole people of God, and sinlessness added to his severity might have made him unforgiving toward his brothers and sisters. He fell into sin so that remembering his own fault and the Lord's forgiveness, he also might forgive others out of love for them.

This was God's providential dispensation. He to whom the Church was to be entrusted, he, the pillar of the churches, the harbour of faith, was allowed to sin; Peter, the teacher of the world, was permitted to sin, so that having been forgiven himself he would be merciful to others. - **St John Chrysostom, On Saints Peter and Elijah**

ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2021

Enrolments for St Francis Xavier School for 2021 are now open.

Please contact the school office to arrange a visit and to receive your Enrolment Pack. Enrolment documentation can also be downloaded from the school website.

If you know anyone considering sending their child to St Francis Xavier School please pass this information on to them.

Contact details

Phone: 232 8927; **Email:** office@sfxtawa.school.nz; **Website:** www.sfxtawa.school.nz



MASSSES: Special Intention: Rosario & Francisco Javier, RIP (20).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Thomas Dunne, June Jacobs, Edna Russell, Roy Walker, Jean Pike, Patricia Burke, Colleen Turner (24); Frank Robinson, John Trischler, Charlotte Rogers (25); Clara Kidson, Doris Gore, Marjorie Harding, Winifred Thomas (26); Keith Andrewartha (27); Anthony Aplin, Marguerite O'Halloran, Lillian Coster, Mary Hagger, James Wilson, Benjamin Caronongan (28); Kalimierz Lesicki (29); Daniel Crowley, Patricia Davy, Norman Pike (30);.

R.I.P

RECENTLY DECEASED: Annette Nelson, RIP 15 August 2020.

Her Requiem Mass was held at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Wednesday.

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

24-30 AUGUST - MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	9am Mass	
Thursday	9am Mass	10am Mass
Friday	9am Mass	
Saturday	9am Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass - CANCELLED
Sunday	8.30am, 10.30am Mass: CANCELLED	

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 23 August-5 September issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Seeing that we are again at Covid-19 alert Levels 2 or 3, there will be no deliveries of the current print issue of NZ Catholic to parishes. However, as we did last time at these alert levels, the latest version of NZ Catholic is being made available free of charge for distribution. The link to the free issue is: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/3c9e92b5-0dd7-45ad-b33f-286618e52857>

We hope you enjoy it. God bless, Michael Otto, Editor



ST MARY'S COLLEGE, WELLINGTON

St Mary's College has a small number of places available for PREFERENCE students in Years 9, 12 and 13 for 2021.

Please see our website for further information: <https://www.stmw.school.nz/SMC-Parents/Enrolments-Fees/Enrolments-Fees> or phone the school office (04) 473 5554.

WELLINGTON SINGLES FOR CHRIST (SFC)

Looking for a fun group of Young Adult single/unmarried Catholic men and women to live out your faith with? If so, Wellington Singles for Christ (SFC) will be holding their Christian Life Programme which consists of 12 talks over four weeks and a weekend retreat. The programme is open to all single men/women, 18-35 of all faiths. Talks will be held on *Saturday afternoons at 1pm in Sts Peter and Paul's Church Hall, Johnsonville beginning 29 August*. This is a free event, but koha is welcome. Please contact Liezel 022 628 7761 or Marc 021 109 5450 if you have any questions, or visit Singles for Christ Wellington facebook page.

I WANT TO SING WITH YOU!

Fr Chris Skinner sm with an interlude from Kapiti Senior Singers at *Our Lady of Kapiti Church, Sunday 20 September from 2-4pm*. Tickets \$25 each available from: OLOK Parish Office phone (04) 902 5815 or email: oloktickets@gmail.com



HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANTS

The Hospital Chaplaincy Department within Wellington Regional Hospital is enhanced by a team of volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants who give around 2 hours a week to visit all patients in a ward.

We are currently looking to add to our team, people with good pastoral skills and willing to work within

the terms of our contract with the Ministry of Health.

A ten-week training programme is planned, running each Tuesday 1-3pm, beginning Tuesday 1 September to 3 November.

Expressions of interest are invited by *Tuesday 25 August* to Mary Minson at: mary.minson@ccdhb.org.nz or: Mary Minson, Chaplains Office, Wellington Hospital, Private Bag 7902, Wellington.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS Level 2: 17 August inclusive

The following is an extract from Cardinal John Dew's announcement on 17 August 2020:

"After careful consideration and having taken advice I am now writing to say that while we are in Alert Level 2, it is **permissible to continue weekday Masses and Masses on Saturday morning from this Wednesday 19 August**. However, the following must be adhered to:

- **keep the social distance of 2 metres** in each direction, and if needed the number of people present must be restricted to allow this to happen.
- **the ability to track and trace MUST be available**, either electronically or manually.
- **hand sanitiser must be available**.
- **communion is to be the Body of Christ only** and it is **only to be received on the hand**.
- there is to be **NO sign of peace** and **NO holy water**.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be provided as long as social distancing or a physical barrier is in place.

Baptisms are to be delayed until we are at Alert Level 1.

Requiem Masses and funerals can take place under Alert Level 2, with up to 100 people present and all other MoH conditions met.

If we stay at Alert Level 2, Sunday Masses will NOT be celebrated in the Archdiocese."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council will NOW meet on *Tuesday 25 August, 7.30pm* at the Tawa Presbytery. If you have any matters you would like discussed, please contact Marie Prescott - phone (04) 232 7679 or email: the.mothership@xtra.co.nz



NEW MEAL ROSTER 19 August - 1 September

Are you able to help out fellow parishioners by making a dinner? Please follow the link to sign up and for the address, food needs and contact information. <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=EPUH1021&v=8e4027aabf> Meals do not need to be fancy or expensive, just make something simple and delicious that you would usually have yourself.

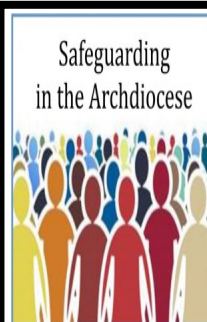
Many thanks Rebekah Siave, OLOH Meal Roster Co-ordinator



MARIST MESSENGER

Fr Kevin Head SM will be visiting *St Pius X and Our Lady of Fatima churches on the weekend of 29/30 August* to sell subscriptions to the Marist Messenger. It costs \$50 per year for 11 issues. Great value for money! No need to pay immediately. An account will be sent when new subscriptions are processed.

This visit will be POSTPONED if we are at Alert Level 2.



SAFEGUARDING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE - Safeguarding in Our Lady of Hope Parish

"Safeguarding is about the physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual safety of everyone."

"The Church loves all her children like a loving mother, and cares for all and protects with a special affection those who are smallest and defenseless. This is a duty that Christ himself entrusted to the entire Christian community as a whole. Aware of this, the Church is especially vigilant in protecting children and vulnerable adults." (Pope Francis, June 2016).

Focus Question: "What does a safe parish look like?"

As a parishioner of Our Lady of Hope, what are your expectations of safeguarding in our community? What do we already practice?

We would love to hear from you. If you have any questions or comments or you need support, please contact the Our Lady of Hope Safeguarding Team: Rupi Mapusua, Espie Hernandez and Fr Rico.

Email: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz and your contacts will be forwarded to us.

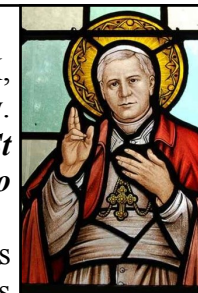
ST PIUS X FEAST DAY

On *21 August* we celebrated the feast day of St Pius X, patron saint of our church and school at Titahi Bay.

School liturgies and other activities were held at St Pius X School as no School Mass could be held due to Covid-19.

One of ten children, Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto was ordained to the priesthood at the age of 23. He was successively bishop of Mantua and of Venice, and was elected Pope in 1903 and took the name "Pius X". In his time as Pope, he sought to "restore all things in Christ." He insisted on the separation of Church and State, revised the code of Canon Law, founded an institute for scriptural studies, and initiated the revision of the Latin translation of the Bible - the Vulgate - and the reform of the liturgy.

He lived in great poverty even when he was Pope. In his simplicity and goodness of heart, he performed miracles even when he was alive, and the clamour for his canonisation started immediately after his death, on 20 August 1914, broken-hearted at the outbreak of the First World War. He was canonised in 1954.



ST PIUS X SCHOOL, TITAHY BAY: Enrolments for 2020 and 2021

If you have a child who is turning 5 soon, or you may know of someone who is looking for a Catholic school for their child this year or for 2021, we would be keen to hear from you!

St Pius X School is open for enrolments so please contact the Office Manager, Mrs Angeline O'Connor office@saintpius.school.nz or ring 04 236 7006 for more information.



JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WELLINGTON

Come and join other men on *Thursday 20 August*. A cuppa available from 7pm for a 7.30pm start in *Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon*. Speaker: Gerard Wickrema, a Joshua leader on "Many are called; few are chosen". **Want to know more?** Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com