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**ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER AND SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020**

	St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa	
	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Music			
Reader Prayer Leader			
Offertory			
Collector			
Altar Servers			
Eucharistic Ministers			
Greeters			
Counters			
Cup of Tea			
	<b>Altar Care:</b>	<b>Flowers:</b> Evelyn Lang	<b>Cleaning:</b> A Wolstenholme, L Mexted, M Weaver

**DAILY READINGS**

Mon 7/9	1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Psalm 5; Luke 6:6-11	Tues 8/9	Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 13; Matthew 1:1-16,18-23
Wed 9/9	1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Psalm 45B; Luke 6:20-26	Thurs 10/9	1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13; Psalm 139; Luke 6:27-38
Fri 11/9	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27; Psalm 84; Luke 6:39-42	Sat 12/9	1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Psalm 116B; Luke 6:43-49

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Eccles 27:30-28:7; Psalm 103; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35



# Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay  
 OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH - 169 Main Road, TAWA  
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**23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 6 SEPTEMBER 2020**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

### Easy as CST: Unlocking the Church's Potential

Our liturgical gathering each Sunday reminds us of Church as community and as a family united in prayer. The mercy and compassion we receive from God flows out into the rest of our week and into our relationships in our wider community.

**Catholic Social Teaching (CST)** provides a lens through which we can try to make sense of how our society is being changed, particularly by COVID-19 at this time.

Nine Catholic Social Teaching principles are summarised in this newsletter.

Pope Francis gave his Urbi et Orbi blessing on 27 March 2020 with this insight linked to the extraordinary situation we face as global citizens:

*"We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat ... are all of us."*

**The principles of solidarity and working for the common good** are valuable to keep in mind with the election imminent, and also from our shared experience of the New Zealand COVID-19 levels and our expected 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)

**"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother."** – Mt 16:19 [Gospel]



**T**HINK ABOUT WHAT high honour you raise yourself to when you regard someone else's salvation as a matter of extreme importance. As far as is humanly possible you imitate God himself, for listen to what he says through the prophet:

"Whoever leads another from wrong to right will be as my own mouth." (Pr 28:10)

In other words, "Whoever tries to save those that are negligent, and to snatch them from the jaws of the devil, is imitating me as far as a human being can." What other work could equal this? Of all good deeds this is the greatest: of all virtue this is the summit.

And this is perfectly reasonable. Christ shed his own blood for our salvation: and Paul, speaking of those who give scandal and wound the consciences of people seeing them, cried out: "Because of your knowledge a weak brother or sister is destroyed - someone for whom Christ died!" (1 Cor 8:11)

So if your Lord shed his blood for that person, surely it is right for each of us to offer at least some words of encouragement and to extend a helping hand to those who through laxity have fallen into the snares of the devil.

But I am quite certain that you will do this out of the tender love you bear your own members, and that you will make every effort to bring your neighbours back to our common Mother, because I know that through the grace of God you are able to admonish others with wisdom. - **St John Chrysostom, Homily 6**



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY TAWA-TITAHI BAY

The next meeting is on *Monday 14 September at 7pm in the Our Lady of Fatima Church meeting room.* You are most welcome to attend.

Please come along and see how we help those in need through the foodbank and other ways. It would be great to have some new and younger people to especially help us with food parcel delivery.

### MASS ONLINE

Don't forget that Shine TV broadcasts a Mass on Sunday at 2pm - Freeview channel 25 and Sky Channel 201.



**ANNIVERSARY:** Fr Des Moosman (10).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Rochelle Burke, John O'Flaherty, Bradley Inwood, Salvador Arroyo (7); Anneliese Resch, Nancy Hughes, Irene Wulff (8); Florence Bell, Peter Hurnen, Jack Critchley (9); Harold Morgan, Fr Des Moosman (10); Mary McCarthy, Margaret Gilroy, Michael Conroy, Frances King, Beryl Reynolds (11); Kathleen McGlone, Anastasia Hatchard, James Lally, Kolopa Uiese (12); Henry Clark, Genevieve Hanna, Cecilia Stirling, Tamati Lauulu (13).

R.I.P

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Watson, RIP - 2 September 2020. His Requiem Mass will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Tuesday at 1pm.

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

### 7-13 SEPTEMBER - MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass; Requiem 1pm	
Wednesday	9am Mass	
Thursday	9am Mass	10am Mass
Friday	9am Mass	
Saturday	9am Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass <b>- TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>
Sunday	8.30am/10.30am Mass - <b>TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>	

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.

**NZCatholic**

Ministry at work



The 6-19 September issue of NZ Catholic is available on-line. *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, 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/3d006405-1cb7-4d8a-9bf7-b0c140727602>*

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



Dear friends, whenever two or three gather in Jesus' name, he is there as he promised. Heartened by his presence, let us pray with hope and faith.

1. We pray for the Church: that we may recognise in ourselves our constant need of God, and that we may open ourselves to the gifts that God has given us for our good and that of our brothers and sisters. Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for all leaders within Aotearoa that they will use their gifts to shape us as a community and uplift the dignity of all. Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for all who are suffering or being oppressed for their Christian faith, that God will comfort and strengthen them and bring them safely through their trial. Lord, hear us.
4. We pray for fathers, that they will grow in steadfastness and courage to accompany their families with a deepening love for Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers and all who have a fatherly role, that they will be blessed in loving those entrusted to their care. Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for all the sick, especially Keith McLean (father of Carmen Conijn) and housebound members of our parish community. May the Lord fill them with courage and give them strength. Lord, hear us.
7. We pray for the recently deceased, especially John Watson and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will know the fullness of God's love and mercy. Lord, hear us.

God of everlasting kindness, in your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled the world to yourself. Make us true apostles of your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



## WOMEN OF FAITH GROUP

Our September meeting will be on *Friday 11 September at 10am at 66 Collins Avenue* for a time of sharing friendship, reflection and prayer. Our reflection this month looks at the "Season of Creation" (1 Sept-4 Oct) initiated by Pope Francis and his urging us all to explore ways of caring for our common home. All women of the parish are welcome to attend, with no obligation to attend future meetings.

For more information phone Jane 232 7206.



## LOVING FOR LIFE SESSION

On Friday evening *11 September (5-9pm)*, April Williams from Loving for Life (<https://lovingforlife.org.nz/about/>) will run a session for secondary aged teenagers on Christian sexuality and relationships for us here in Tawa. She runs this programme in several Catholic Colleges across New Zealand. It is a good Christian alternative to the more secular relationship programmes run in many colleges. She will tailor the evening for those attending and, if required, may return for a second session in November. If you would be interested in your secondary aged child attending please contact Mary Rayner on 021 120 4717.

## E te Atua o te aroha, loving God

We pray for fathers-to-be about to embark on the journey of fatherhood,  
and for new fathers adjusting to life with a newborn.

We pray for fathers who juggle work and family life and worry  
about their need to provide and the future of their children.

We pray for grandfathers who treasure and support grandchildren,  
for uncles and father figures who care for and mentor young people;  
for spiritual fathers who guide our children on their faith journey.

We pray for lonely fathers who are separated from their children,  
and for foster fathers who open their hearts to the children of others.

We pray for struggling fathers whose family lives have been disrupted by the pandemic.

We pray for fathers who grieve the loss of their children,  
and for all men who long to be fathers.

## Loving God, we thank you for all our fathers

Bless them with your loving kindness as they patiently guide and nurture our children.

On this special day, help us to show them how much we love and value them.

May St Joseph, patron saint of fathers, be their helper and protector.

Amen

Safeguarding  
in the Archdiocese



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

*“Safeguarding is about the physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual safety of everyone.”*

“Safeguarding is making sure safety for everyone is paramount: children, young people and adults.”

### **Focus Question: “As a parish, how do we ensure the safety of everyone?”**

\*We are aware of the signs and impact of abuse. \*We talk about “what are safe and appropriate boundaries” for each role in the church. \*We are transparent in what we do. \*We respond well to concerns, complaints, and allegations when someone may be unsafe. \*Volunteers and leaders are clear about their roles and expectations and feel supported. \*Adults, children and young people are encouraged to speak up. \*Everyone is encouraged to consult if they are worried about someone’s safety. \*Every family teach children and young people about internet and social media safety. **With each point, do you agree or disagree?**

*“Lord Jesus, we praise you for calling us to the service of others. We pray for a generosity of spirit to ensure the vulnerable are protected. We pray for a compassionate heart so that we will reach out to those who are wounded by abuse. We pray for courage and determination as we seek the safety of everyone in our parish communities. We dedicate ourselves to this work of service and pray that you will help us to do your will at all times and in all places. Amen.” Many blessings. Stay well and safe.*

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.

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



### JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP

Come and join other men on *Thursday 17 September*. A cuppa available from 7pm for a 7.30pm start in the “Loaves and Fishes” next to the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, Cnr Hill and Molesworth Streets. **Speaker:** Jane Sutherland sharing an amazing story of forgiveness “Forgive a little/love a little; forgive a lot/love a lot” **Want to know more?** Ring Steve Reedy 027 356 9555 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



## Principles of Catholic Social Teaching



### Human Dignity • Te Mana i te Tangata

Each of us is made in God’s image. Every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away.



### Common Good • He Painga mā te Katoa

We respect the rights and responsibilities of all people, so that all can flourish.



### Participation • Nāu te Rourou, Nāku te Rourou

Each of us has something unique and important to contribute to society. Everyone has a part to play.



### Subsidiarity • Mana Whakahaere

Decision-making must happen at the most appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute.



### Stewardship • Kaitiakitanga

We are entrusted to care for the gifts that God has given, including the environment, our own talents and other resources.



### Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable • He Whakaaro Nui mō te Hunga Rawakore

We should think first of those who are most in need.



### Solidarity • Whakawhanaungatanga

We recognise others as our brothers and sisters and actively work for their good.



### Distributive Justice • Te Tika ka Tohaina

All should have the necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, and access to what is needed for full development.



### Promotion of Peace • Te Whakatairanga i te Rangimārie

All peace requires respect for human life, which in turn involves the safeguarding of the dignity and freedom of people.