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ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER AND SUNDAY 27 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 | | | |
| | Altar Care: | Flowers: Jeanie Fyfe | Cleaning: M Nicol, D Jansen, M Baker |

DAILY READINGS

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| Mon 21/9 | Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13; Psalm 19A; Matthew 9:9-13 | Tues 22/9 | Proverbs 21:1-6,10-13; Psalm 119A; Luke 8:19-21 |
| Wed 23/9 | Proverbs 30:5-9; Psalm 119H; Luke 9:1-6 | Thurs 24/9 | Ecclesiasticus 1:2-11; Psalm 90; Luke 9:7-9 |
| Fri 25/9 | Ecclesiasticus 3:1-11; Psalm 144; Luke 9:18-22 | Sat 26/9 | Ecclesiasticus 11:9-12:8; Psalm 90; Luke 9:43-45 |

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32



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

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

SEEK THE LORD!

The justice and integrity of God flow throughout the whole of creation. God's generosity knows no bounds, and sometimes - as Jesus shows us in today's parable - it is too much for human minds to comprehend. Quite simply, God's ways are not our ways.

Isaiah, in the **First Reading**, calls us to turn back and seek out the Lord. The Lord is near to us, and full of mercy and forgiveness.

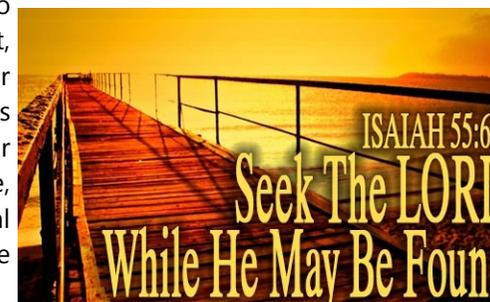
The response to the **Psalms** declares that the Lord is close to all who call him. Our Lord is kind, full of compassion, and his abounding love is for the whole of creation. Such wonderful greatness cannot be measured.

Paul declares that life itself is Christ, and his evident enthusiasm encourages us to fully embrace a life centred on Christ. (**Second Reading**)

In today's **Gospel** passage, Jesus uses a parable of workers in the vineyard to challenge and stretch our thinking about those who are called to live and work for the Kingdom of God. We are all equal in God's eyes, and there is no room for human ideas of hierarchy and self-importance. The first will be last and the last will be first.

As we come to pray together, with Christ at the centre of all that we are and do, how might we live out these radical Gospel values in a world that is in so much need of the kindness and compassion of God?

May we have the grace to listen to the cry of the prophet, and to seek the Lord with all our heart, mind and spirit. In this coming week, let us pray for each other with a generous love, recognising that we are all equal as we work together in the vineyard of the Lord.



EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

"Why are you jealous because I am generous?" – Mt 20:15
[Gospel]



ALL THE WORKMEN were paid at the same time, but because some were paid after an hour and others after twelve hours, the former, having had a shorter time to wait, may be said to have received their wages first.

The earliest righteous people like Abel and Noah, called as it were at the first hour, will receive the joy of resurrection at the same time as we do. So also will others who came later, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and those contemporary with them, called as we may say at the third hour; Moses and Aaron and those called with them at the sixth hour; and after them the holy prophets, called at the ninth hour.

At the end of the world all Christians, called at the eleventh hour, will receive the joy of resurrection together with those who went before them. All will be rewarded at the same time, but the first comers will have had the longest to wait. Therefore, if they receive their reward after a longer period and we after a shorter one, the fact that our reward is not delayed will make it seem as though we were receiving it first, even though we all receive it together [...]

In that great reward, then, we shall all be equal—the first to the last and the last to the first. For the denarius stands for eternal life, in which all will have the same share. Although through diversity of merit some will shine more brilliantly than others, in the possession of eternal life there will be equality. - **St Augustine, Sermon 87**

MASS ONLINE

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



2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2021 calendars are out now and available from the Parish Office for \$12 each (cash only). Please call in to pick up a copy for yourself or a loved one.

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Please pick up the September issue from our Church foyers.



MASSES: Ernesto Salvador, RIP (23).

ANNIVERSARIES: Nova Sare (22).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Richard Peckham (21); Owen McLuskie, Leslie Stapp, Barbara Hurley, Nova Sare (22); Mark Farmer, Thomas Woods, Shirley Holmes, Michael Rattigan, Paulo Kaio, Helen Galliven (23); Rangiwakaewa Floyd, William Dorman, Iosefo Nagatalevu, Robert (Bob) Cater (24); John Smythe, Brigitta Clark, Thelma Darragh, Rebecca Gilligan, Ross Holden, Mareta Ratieta (25); Michael O'Sullivan, Valerie Sharman (26); Marie Glocking, Thomas Wade, Ethel Roa (27).

R.I.P

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

21-27 SEPTEMBER - MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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

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 20 Sept-3 Oct issue of NZ Catholic is available on-line. Seeing that we are again at Covid-19 alert Level 2, 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/2a61ed4c-b19f-4f67-9d49-728df7acf784>

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



Dear friends, Jesus opens our eyes to the boundless generosity of God. With glad and grateful hearts let us pray for all our needs.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all spiritual leaders, that they will be sure guides for us to the wonderful mystery of God. Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for a world-wide conversion of heart, that human greed and selfishness be replaced by a joyful spirit of thankfulness. Lord, hear us.
3. We pray for all workers, that their work provides them with a living wage, sufficient for them and their family to live on. Lord, hear us.
4. We renew our prayer for front-line health and community workers, that they stay safe and strong as they devote themselves to the care of others. Lord, hear us.
5. We pray in this election year, that politicians elected act with wisdom, preserve the rights and dignity of society's most vulnerable and are attentive to practices which protect nature's biodiversity. Lord, hear us.
6. For all the sick and housebound members of our parish community; that God will open our eyes and hearts to recognise and respond to their needs. Lord, hear us.
7. We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will share in the glory of Christ for ever. Lord, hear us.

Holy God, you have revealed the mystery of your mercy in the Word-made-flesh. Help us to be put his teaching into practice. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



NEW ROSTERS for OUR LADY OF FATIMA & ST PIUS X CHURCHES
covering **Greeters, Readers, Musicians, Collectors, Offertory, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters, Flowers** from 3 October 2020 to 31 January are now being prepared. If you know you're going to be unavailable during this time, please let Jane in the office know by **21 September** - email ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone 232 5611 and leave a message. **Thanks**



PARISHIONER UPDATES AND NEWSLETTERS
Do you know someone who is not currently receiving the email version of the Parish Newsletter or the emails we occasionally send out, and would like to? Please ask them to email the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz to be added to our database. Thanks



LIVESTREAMED PRESENTATION:
The End of Life Choice Act: Are you ready to vote?
Join Care Alliance members Dr John Kleinsman, Ethicist, and Dr Sinead Donnelly, Palliative Care Specialist, as they unpack the details of the Act, and outline their concerns. Q and A to follow.
Tuesday 22 September, 7pm online
Watch at the Care Alliance Facebook page: www.facebook.com/carealliancenz/
Authorised by Sinead Donnelly, Care Alliance, 15 Guildford Tce, Wellington



HEALING SERVICE
Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service on *Tuesday 29 September at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa beginning at 7.30pm*. All are invited and especially those who need Jesus' healing. Jesus still heals today. Phone (04) 819 8323.

COMPASSION SOUP KITCHEN - ANNUAL APPEAL
Have you ever been really hungry?
The Compassion Soup Kitchen have been serving meals to Wellingtonians in need for 119 years. This year, due to Covid-19, our annual appeal is online. Please donate at: <https://soupkitchen.org.nz/donate/annual-appeal>



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Holy Hour on *Tuesday 22 September beginning at 7.30pm in Connolly Hall, Guildford Tee*, which is now set up as a chapel, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy Hour will include prayers, scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction followed by supper.



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.

DVDs WANTED

Please donate DVDs to young people living at Remutaka Prison, in the Youth Wing.

I need DVDs to give to the prison to provide film evenings. If you have any, please send them to Steve O'Connor, Challenge 2000, PO Box 13-059, Johnsonville OR drop them at our Centre at 1 Wanaka Street, Johnsonville. For more information, please phone Steve 021 192 7328.



NZ CATHOLIC BISHOPS' 2020 ELECTION STATEMENT - Whakapuaki Poti

The above statement has just been published and printed copies will be available soon in parishes.

You can also read the statement online via the following links:

www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf OR <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicNZ/>



Nāu Mai Hāere Mai - "COME AND SEE"

Come and explore a vocation with the Sisters of Mercy Saturday 10 Oct 2020 - 9.30am - 2.00pm at St Anne's Parish Hall, 22 Emmett Street, Newtown

RSVP for catering and for more information:

Sr Fatima - vocations@mercy.org.nz - Ph: 021 084 29440

St Linda - vocations@mercy.org.nz - Ph: 021 263 0439

BE INFORMED ABOUT THE END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT REFERENDUM:

- The End of Life Choice Act provides access to an assisted death for those with less than 6 months to live. Yet any prognosis, especially as long as 6 months, is a guess. Overseas research shows that the choice of euthanasia is not driven by pain but by a range of personal reasons, including the fear of being a burden to their families or society.

- The End of Life Choice Act has no mandatory stand-down or cooling off period (as in other countries) - under the End of Life Choice Act, a person could be dead less than 4 days after diagnosis, and be under no obligation to inform their families or carers of their decision. The process does not even require the presence of an independent witness.

The EOLC Act is badly drafted and seriously flawed. Whatever one's views about the idea of euthanasia, it is not 'compassion' to vote for a dangerous law.

See www.riskylaw.nz or www.votesafe.nz or www.carealliance.org.nz or www.nathaniel.org.nz

Authorised by John Kleinsman, 15 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington

BISHOPS' PRAYER FOR ELECTION 2020

God of Nations, bless our nation as we approach our election in these uncertain times.

As we discern our choices, guide us with your Spirit.

Grant us humble Parliamentarians of integrity who seek to serve for the common good.

E te Atua

Unite our nation in the desire to protect the sanctity and dignity of every human life in all its stages.

Help us recognise our families as a treasure and enable us to support those families that struggle.

Make us mindful of people in need in our communities and ready to work together for a just community.

May we always delight in the beauty of your creation and ensure this beauty is enshrined for our children's children.

We make our prayer though Christ our Lord. *Amen.*