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Bishop Viard College:	Chris Theobald, Principal	Ph: 237 5248

ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER AND SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020

	St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa	
	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
Music	Samoan Aulotu	Gracenotes	Samoan Choir
Reader Prayer Leader	Jane Bolton Jacinta Simeona	Andrew Oliver Ann Oliver	Phil Blackford Mariel Bocacao
Offertory	Launiuvao Family	Marie Nicol	Samoan Legion of Mary
Collector		Marie Prescott	Tom & Rosemary King
Altar Servers			
Eucharistic Ministers	Ian McClean Angela McFarlane Kalameli Aiono	Gary Smith Jocelyn Chua Elsie de Vera	Patricia Budding Vitolina Thomas Terry Hurlimann
Greeters	Joan Conroy	Jo Montague	M & M Condron
Counters		Graeme Hansen, Joy Chaplin, John Robinson	
Cup of Tea			
	Altar Care: Tala Fido	Flowers: Jing & Espie	Cleaning: Samoan Legion of Mary

DAILY READINGS

Mon 28/9	Job 1:6-22; Psalm 17; Luke 9:46-50	Tues 29/9	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; Psalm 118; John 1:47-51
Wed 30/9	Job 9:1-12,14-16; Psalm 88; Luke 9:57-62	Thurs 1/10	Job 19:21-27; Psalm 27; Luke 10:1-12
Fri 2/10	Exodus 23:20-23; Psalm 91; Matthew 18:1-5,10	Sat 3/10	Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17; Psalm 119A; Luke 10:17-24

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43



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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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

LIKE JESUS CHRIST, FORCED TO FLEE

AS WE GO through the Liturgical calendar, the Church teaches us not just to listen to God's word, but live our faith in concrete terms, as we hear in today's gospel-parable about the two brothers.

Today, **Migrants and Refugees Sunday**, the Church directs our attention to the plight of our fellow human beings with the theme set by Pope Francis: *Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee*.

We are all migrants and refugees, in one way or another. For thousands of years now humanity is always looking for better pasture, good hunting ground, and safer environment. And as long as there are evil and injustice, economic and ethical imbalance, conflicts and disasters (induced or natural), there will always be migrants and refugees in our midst. Human history, as Hegel observed, has to contend with the dialectic process of becoming.

In his **message** for this year 2020, Pope Francis exhorts us:

"Building the Kingdom of God is a duty common to all Christians [...] This is not a time for self-centredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without distinguishing between persons. To preserve our common home and make it conform more and more to God's original plan, we must commit ourselves to ensuring international co-operation, global solidarity and local commitment, leaving no one excluded."

Thinking of ways to help our new migrants and refugees? May I suggest one: donate some goods or money to our *St Vincent de Paul Society* or to any *ethnic chaplaincy* in our Church. Their apostolate puts them in direct contact with our sisters and brothers in need. May the Holy Family who were once refugees in Egypt, guide us and inspire us.

Blessings, Rico Angelo



EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

"He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God. – Mt 20:15 [Gospel]



GOD PARDONS WHAT was past, then, but for the future we are each responsible for ourselves. By repenting we condemn our past misdeeds and beg forgiveness of the Father, the only one who can in his mercy undo what has been done, and wipe away our past sins with the dew of his Spirit.

And so, if you are a thief and desire to be forgiven, steal no more. If you are a robber, return your gains with interest. If you have been a false witness, practice speaking the truth. If you are a perjurer, stop taking oaths. You must also curb all the other evil passions: anger, lust, grief, and fear. No doubt you will be unable all at once to root out passions habitually given way to, but this can be achieved by God's power, human prayers, the help of your brothers and sisters, sincere repentance, and constant practice. - **St Clement of Alexandria, Homily on the Salvation of the Rich**

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.

NZ CATHOLIC BISHOPS' 2020 ELECTION STATEMENT - Whakapuaki Poti



Printed copies of the above statement are now available in the Church foyers. 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/>



MASSES: Holy Souls & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (2).

ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Catherine Penman, Taupaopao Luapo, John Wilkins, Margaret Whelan (28); Isabel Rump, Margaret Smith (29); Teresa Alderton (30); John Cagney (1); Mary Smith, Colleen Spiller, Joyce Gunson (2); William Byrne (3); Thomas Ludwig, Dorothy Lockwood, Annie McNab, Helena Jackson, Michael O'Shaughnessy (4).

R.I.P

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

28 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER - MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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

Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass



Reconciliation is available:

Before 8.30am Mass and 10.30am Mass Sunday morning in the Crying Room, at Our Lady of Fatima Church,

or at any time by approaching a Priest or by appointment
ph (04) 232 5611 or text 021 205 6476.



The 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



Hans and Tineke Timmermans would like to thank all parishioners for their prayers and support while Hans was undergoing and recovering from a serious operation. It is much appreciated. Hans is now home and doing well. Again, thank you very much.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP CO-ORDINATORS

The Passionist Family Group Movement has been in the Parish for 22 years. This is a fantastic way to meet with other families in small groups within the Parish in a social environment. Our current co-ordinators are stepping down after many years service and we are looking for new co-ordinators. This can be shared between two couples if necessary.



The primary role of the co-ordinators is:

- to offer support and encouragement to the co-ordinators in each Family Group
- attend the annual Leader Refresher session with their group co-ordinators
- commit to visiting one function of each Family Group annually
- together with the Parish Priest, place new families into Groups
- Parish Co-ordinators are placed in a Family Group but are not asked to exercise leadership within the Group.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Marie Prescott on 232 7679 or 027 2000 737 or the. mothership@xtra.co.nz

ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL - PIE RUN

Back again for 2020 is our popular SFX Pie Run! The Parents and Friends Committee are selling a range of family sized pies to raise funds for school equipment, and would love your support.

Along with supporting the school, you'll also be supporting an amazing Wellington bakery. The pies will be delivered fresh and individually packaged—great for quick and easy meals or stocking up the freezer when you want a day off cooking. You can also donate pies to St Vincent de Paul to distribute to those in need.

The order form (available from the church foyer) has more info on costs and dates. If you have any questions, please email: SFXpierun@gmail.com
All orders must be in by *Thursday 22 October*.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS

These are available from the Parish Office; Ian 236 0275 or Marie 027 2000 737. The cost of the cards is \$3 for a pack of 5. *Thanks*

As we have now returned to Alert Level 1, all Masses have resumed. The following protocols must be adhered to for all Masses:



- 1) Although you are now not required to sign in or scan the QR code, it is wise to continue these tracing services.
- 2) Please ensure you sanitise your hands on entering.
- 3) Holy Water has been removed from the fonts.
- 4) NO physical contact at the Sign of Peace but an acknowledgment of some nature.
- 5) Holy Communion will be under one kind only, therefore no Precious Blood is to be distributed in the meantime.
- 6) Communion on the hand only. If you wish to receive Communion on the tongue, please come up last in the queue for Holy Communion.
- 7) Please note that there is dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass should you feel you have any health related concerns. **If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from getting to church.**

*Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.
We all need to do our bit so we can avoid the virus spreading.*



OUR LADY OF HOPE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SEPTEMBER UPDATE

This month has kept us busy again with both the assembly and delivery of more than 16 parcels feeding 83 people to date spread over our Tawa, Elsdon and Titahi Bay communities. 57 of these were children and teenagers.

As we return to Sunday masses again, could I please encourage everyone to remember to bring along either an item of food for the food basket or any loose change you may have for the poor box. Both of these are located in the church foyer.

The items we put into the food parcels that we are running low on are packets of plain biscuits and crackers, 1lt long-life milk and milk powder, tins and packets of ready meals, bags of pasta and rice, 2 minute noodles, tins of fish and corned beef and spaghetti and baked beans.

Many thanks must go to our Young Vinnies at St Pius school who have been busy this week baking cheese straws to go into the food parcels. These are greatly appreciated and if you have children or grandchildren over the school holidays to entertain on a wet day, we would greatly appreciate any baking of biscuits, slices, cakes or muffins to give out to our families in need. I am happy to collect any baking from you or it can be left in the food basket in the foyer.

Thank you very much. Marie Nicol ph: 027 215 1553.



HEALING SERVICE

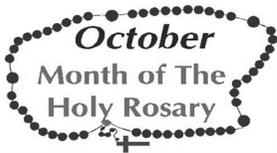
Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service on *Tuesday 29 September at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa beginning at 7.30pm.* All are invited and especially those who need Jesus' healing. Jesus still heals today. Phone (04) 819 8323.



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Baptism Preparation will be held on **Sunday 4 October at 1.30pm** in the *Our Lady of Fatima Church meeting Room.* It is a pre-baptism requirement that you attend a preparation course.

So if you're planning on having a baptism, please register your intention to attend the course by contacting the Parish Office 232 5611 or ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz. Please do not just turn up in case there has been a change in time or venue.



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

To celebrate this month's devotion to the Rosary, it will be prayed 20 minutes before the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses. Intention: Front liners and victims of Covid-19.



TAWA TUESDAY LUNCHEON

Now that we are back in Level 1, we will resume our Tawa Tuesday luncheons.

The luncheon will be on *Tuesday 6 October at 12pm in the foyer of Our Lady of Fatima church.* For everyone who is 60 years and over, this is a lovely opportunity to meet fellow parishioners.

We need to know how many people to cater for, so to book phone Kate on 232 9754 or Trish on 022 528 3071 no later than Sunday evening 4 October.

Late bookings can only be taken if there are cancellations. For a cancellation on the day of the luncheon, phone Jane on 232 5611.

We ask for \$5 to cover the cost. We are looking forward to seeing you there.



COVID-19 TRACING BOOKLET

If you don't have a smart phone that will scan QR codes, these booklets are free and available from the Church office for your personal use. Please see Jane in the office or email: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone: 232 5611 to request one.

BE INFORMED ABOUT THE END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT REFERENDUM:

- Approximately 10% of our elders are the victims of abuse, mostly from their own families. Elder abuse continues to rise in New Zealand. Our elder abuse laws are not able to protect our elders. It is naive to expect that the End of Life Choice Act can keep people safe. Medical groups have stated that it will be impossible for doctors to detect if people are being pressured or coerced, whether by others or by their own feelings of being a burden.

- The End of Life Choice Act is broader than similar laws passed overseas. Key medical groups, including the New Zealand Medical Association, Hospice New Zealand, Palliative Care Nurses and Palliative Medicine Doctors all oppose the EOLC Act as unsafe.

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.*