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Happenings

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 25 OCTOBER 2020

POPE FRANCIS SUPPORTS SAME-SEX UNION?!

THIS WEEK THE internet was burning with news about Pope Francis' recent statement appearing, as it were, that he has just changed the Church's position on same-sex union. The Pope actually used the words "ley de convivencia civil" that, if taken in the context of his immediate words, could be translated as "law of civil coexistence" suggesting homosexuals be given legal security and protection against social rejection oftentimes done by their very own families.

Whatever it is, this is an opportunity to bring out the teachings of the Church. Let's start with some related questions: *has the Pope committed heresy with his statement?* Short answer: no. *What does the Church teach about same-sex union?* Two things to keep in mind. First, here is what the Catechism says:

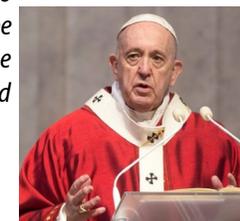
2358: [...] "They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. [...]"

2359: Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection."

Second, here's the concluding part of a document issued on 3 June 2002 by the *Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith* on giving legal recognition to same-sex unions, **par. 11:** "The Church teaches that respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behaviour or to legal recognition of homosexual unions" as this would lead to "obscure basic values which belong to the common inheritance of humanity. The Church cannot fail to defend these values, for the good of men and women and for the good of society itself."

These documents are available online and I urge you to read them. However, please be reminded of this: *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect* (1 Pet 3:15). Wise advice from St Peter, our first Pope.

Blessings,
 Rico Angelo



ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER AND SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 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 and Samoan Choir	Chorum	Samoan Choir
Reader Prayer Leader	Lagi Anamani Jacob Misitea	Ann Oliver Andrew Oliver	Mele Mapusua Veronica Paulo
Offertory	Ludeth Mariposa & Orsi Bacskai	Rayner Family	Ramesh & Dolly Ganesan
Collector		Murray Gallen	Mabel Cabrera
Altar Servers	Matalena Iosefa Thomas Iosefa	Veronica Rayner India McKee Lonasei Lolo	Fatima Thomas
Eucharistic Ministers	Ian McClean Kalameli Aiono Litea Meli	Gary Smith Gerad Chaplin Pim Jansen	Evelyn Lang Shirley Harding Terry Hurliman
Greeters	Aniseko Launiuvao	Jeanie Fyfe	Rosemary & Tom King
Counters		Brian Tohill, Ray Lindsay, Anthony Coorey	
Cup of Tea			
	Altar Care: Tala Fido	Flowers: Evelyn Lang	Cleaning: B Tait, M & P Fouhy

DAILY READINGS

Mon 26/10	Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Psalm 1; Luke 13:10-17	Tues 27/10	Ephesians 5:21-33; Psalm 128; Luke 13:18-21
Wed 27/10	Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 19A; Luke 6:12-16	Thurs 29/10	Ephesians 6:10-20; Psalm 144; Luke 13:31-35
Fri 30/10	Philippians 1:1-11; Psalm 111; Luke 14:1-6	Sat 31/10	Philippians 1:18-26; Psalm 42; Luke 14:1,7-11

All Saints Day, Year A: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14; Psalm 24; John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

"You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself. – Mt 22:37 [Gospel]"



WE KNOW THIS is so from the Lord himself, as the Gospel reminds us, for when asked what were the most important commandments of the law he answered: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbour as yourself."

And then, just in case you might be tempted to search further through the pages of Holy Scripture for some commandments other than these two, he added: "The entire law and the prophets also depend upon these two commandments." If the entire law and the prophets depend upon these two commandments, how much more must the gospel do so?

People are renewed by love. As sinful desire ages them, so love rejuvenates them. Enmeshed in the toils of his desires the psalmist laments: "I have grown old surrounded by my enemies." Love, on the other hand, is the sign of our renewal as we know from the Lord's own words: "I give you a new commandment—love one another."

Even in former times there were people who loved God without thought of reward, and whose hearts were purified by their chaste longing for him.

They drew back the veils obscuring the ancient promises, and caught a glimpse through these figures of a new covenant to come. They saw that all the precepts and promises of the old covenant, geared to the capacities of an unregenerate people, prefigured a new covenant which the Lord would bring to fulfilment in the last age. - **St Augustine, Sermon 350**



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.

DAILY MASS CALENDAR 2021

If you would like to order your own copy of the Daily Mass Calendar 2021, (Price: \$3), please contact Jane by email: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone 232 5611. **Closing date for orders is 9 November.**

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION - 18 Oct 2020

\$1,443.50



ANNIVERSARIES: Salustiana Velasco (26); Helen Rawson (27); Bill Mallon (28); Rosario & Francisco Javier (29); Eric Rawson (30).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Barbara McAlpine, John Nulty (26); Mervyn O'Brien, Charlotte Lordan (27); Thomas McGreevy, Francis Misitea, William Mallon, Ieti Leu'u (28); Mary Ross, Daniel McManus, James Gilligan, George Sammut, Alosio Logotuli (29); John MacDougall, Gisella Bernardo, Timothy Hurmen (30); Joseph Farrelly, John Waddell, Mary Morgan, John Bearsley, Rev Fr John Heijnen (31); Jane McLaughlin, Ian Kendrick, Saolele Simeona (1).

R.I.P

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dermot Patrick Greally, RIP 18 October 2020.

His Requiem was held at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Thursday.

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

26 OCTOBER - 1 NOVEMBER - MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Wednesday	9am Mass Please note Adoration will start at 2pm due to a funeral service	
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 18-31 October issue of NZ Catholic is out now - **our 600th issue!** Some headlines are: Pope issues new encyclical on fraternity and social friendship. Former NZ Seminary Rector farewell. Extraordinary form ordinations in Auckland. Christchurch ordination after many delays.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on 1 November.

WELLINGTON CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Sunday 1 November 7.30pm at Riddiford Street outside Wellington Hospital. We grieve for the thousands of babies who have lost their lives to abortion this year. Join us in a prayer of reparation for this grave injustice, for the babies, abortion-vulnerable women in our community, those who are wounded, and for an end to abortion in our land. This is a peaceful prayer vigil and not a protest. Organised by Family Life International 021 231 7954.



ABOUT TO GET MARRIED?

A wedding is a day, marriage is a lifetime.

Could you successfully run a marathon without preparing for it? Of course not!

So too marriage. The next opportunity to prepare for your lifetime together by attending an Engaged Encounter weekend marriage preparation course is 14-15 November. This is the final one for the year.

For more details go to the website: <http://www.cee-wellington.co.nz/>

Phone Kate and Simon Olson - 04 801 6192 or email: simonolsen@gmail.com

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

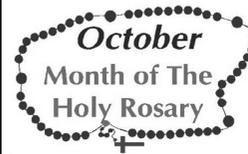
- 1) Although you are now not required to sign in or scan the QR code, it is wise to continue these tracing services.
- 2) Please ensure you sanitise your hands on entering.
- 3) Holy Water has been removed from the fonts.
- 4) NO physical contact at the Sign of Peace but an acknowledgment of some nature.
- 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.



FOUND: Gold watch at Our Lady of Fatima church. Please contact the Parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or ph: 232 5611.

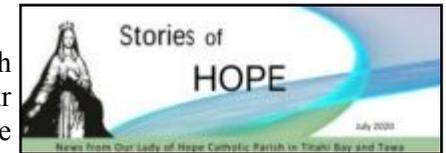


OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

To celebrate this month's devotion to the Rosary, it will be prayed 30 minutes before the Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses. Intention: Front liners and victims of Covid-19.

STORIES OF HOPE

Content for our much-appreciated parish magazine comes from **you**, our parishioners! The next edition will be the last for 2020 so it will be good to have anything relevant to the coming Advent and Christmas seasons. Also personal faith stories, family special occasion reports, parish group activities, poems, page-fillers etc along with photos to accompany content. Please send e-copy to magazine@ourladyofhope.org.nz Or hard copy can be left at the parish office.



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 MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER.



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Baptism Preparation will be held on **Sunday 8 November** 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.

