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Parish Finance Committee Chairperson:	Graeme Hansen	Ph: 232 4360
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ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER AND SUNDAY 29 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	Simon	Shali Silva
Reader Prayer Leader	Val Launiuvao Telesia Alaimoana	Sally Horan Joelian Fudotan	Patricia Budding Phil Blackford
Offertory	Maga Aiono and family	Jo Montague & Family	Rosemary & Tom King
Collector		Ray Lindsay	Nelson Laureles
Altar Servers	Annie Launiuvao Dawn Bermudez	Dwyane Salada Michael Newell Thomas Nicholls	Jack Hawinkels Jose Gabayeron Eashan Cimafranca
Eucharistic Ministers	Lagi Anamani Kalameli Aiono Litea Meli	Gary Smith Graeme Hansen Regan Stallard	Evelyn Lang Shirley Harding Selia Kitiona
Greeters	Ian McClean	Lisa Olney	Dianne & Louis van Son
Counters		Bernie O'Loughlin, John Robinson, Megan Rawiri	
Cup of Tea		Ortiz Family	
	Altar Care: No flowers in Advent	Flowers: No flowers in Advent	Cleaning: Samoan Legion of Mary

DAILY READINGS

Day	Readings	Day	Readings
Mon 23/11	Apocalypse 14:1-5; Psalm 24; Luke 21:1-4	Tues 24/11	Apocalypse 14:14-19; Psalm 96; Luke 21:5-11
Wed 25/11	Apocalypse 15:1-4; Psalm 98; Luke 21:12-19	Thurs 26/11	Apocalypse 18:1-2,21-23; Psalm 100; Luke 21:20-28
Fri 27/11	Apocalypse 20:1-4,11-21:2; Psalm 84; Luke 21:29-33	Sat 28/11	Apocalypse 22:1-7; Psalm 95; Luke 21:34-36

1st Sunday of Advent, Yr B: Isaiah 63:16,17:64:1,3-8; Ps 80; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37



Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay
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CHRIST THE KING, YEAR A - 22 NOVEMBER 2020

JUDGMENT NEAR AND FAR

WE GO THROUGH repetitions and cycles so that the divine lessons may ever sink deeper into our lives. The virtues (or vices) and values we hold dear and live for certainly impact our relationships with God and others.

The article in the Creed that we recite every Sunday—*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end*—conveys a message that we should never forget as we come to the end of our Liturgical Year this week. Our **Gospel** this Sunday reinforces it even more: He will judge us in the end.

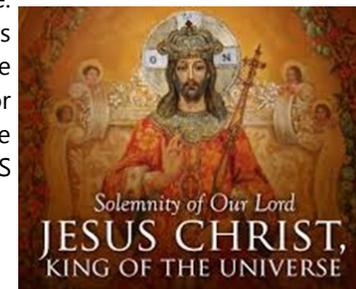
We need not wait for the end of time to peer into the verdict. The way we treat our sisters and brothers today says plenty about our soul's future.

The theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar once said, "Each person, whose life will someday be examined by the Judge, should ponder this constantly: in the most miserable of our fellow human beings we have already met our Judge."

As we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King** today, we are also confronted with the fundamentals of our faith: who or what dominates our life? Who or what demands our homage, loyalty, service, and sacrifice?

Last shot: "We sacrifice for what we love. And the passions and the people we are always willing to sacrifice for, no matter what? Those are our objects of worship. And, sooner or later, we as individuals and a society become what we worship" (from *It is Right and Just*, by S Hahn & McGinley, 2020).

Blessings,
Rico Angelo



STORIES OF HOPE

Please pick up your copy from the Church foyer TODAY.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." – 1 Corinthians 15:20



BUT NOW IS Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. (1) Christ was and is the first of those that rise again, both in order of dignity and of merit. (2) He was first in the Divine will and intention. (3) First causally, for by Him we shall all rise again. (4) Temporally, for Christ was the first in time to rise to everlasting life; for though some before Him were raised to life by Elijah and Elisha, yet they rose to this mortal life only, and again died; but Christ was the first to rise to the eternal life of bliss and glory. So explain Chrysostom, Anselm, Ambrose, Theophylact, Theodoret, and others. The word for first fruits properly signifies this, and implies others to follow. So is Christ called the "first-begotten of the dead," ie, rising before all others, and, as it were, being born again from the dead.

It seems from this to be a point *de fide* that no one rose before Christ to everlasting life. Those, therefore, who at the death of Christ are said to have arisen (S. Matthew 27:52), rose after Him in the way of nature, if not of time, for their resurrection depended on Christ's as its cause. Francis Suarez points out this (p3 qu53, art 3).

The earliest fruit of the earth, which under the Old Law was to be offered to God, was called the "first fruits;" so Christ, after His resurrection, was offered to God as the first fruits of the earth, into which He had been cast as a corn of wheat, and from which He sprang forth again in the new birth of the resurrection.- **Cornelius a Lapide**, *Commentary of 1 Corinthians*



NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD

In November, it is our custom to remember those God has called home. You can place the names of those family and friends whom you would like prayed for at each Mass celebrated during November in the box in front of the altar

If you are adding a Mass Stipend or donation in memory of the dead, please put it in an envelope with the name(s) on the front and hand it into the parish office.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

15 Nov 2020 - \$2,134.90

This amount does not include Bank Automatic payments or direct debit payments.



MASSES: Anthony Ugochukwu Okoye, RIP (25); Deceased parishioners (29).

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Cranney and John Caskey (29).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Eileen Hartigan, Leith Campbell, Wendy O'Daly, Michael Hall, Philip O'Donnell, Annie Clark, Moses Uiese (23); Jonathon Clarke, Lionel O'Grady, Reginald Keating (24); Carrie McNeil, Mary Smith, Here Ashwell, Vera Morris, Cornelis Faber, Millie Henderson (25); Mary Power, John McGoldrick, Bob Prior (26); Raymond Lenihan, Dorothy Hill, Marion Hughes (27); Laurie Dowd, Kathleen Koschak, Eric Butts, Edna Mahony (28); Thomas Cranney, Terence Childs, Ronald Wulff, John Meikle, John Caskey (29).

R.I.P

RECENTLY DECEASED:

June Laffan, RIP (former Librarian of Viard College) on 15 November 2020.

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

23-29 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 9.30am - 9pm Adoration	
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.



NZ Catholic has been named as Publication of the Year at the Australasian Religious Press Association 2020 Awards.

The 15-28 November issue of NZ Catholic is out now.

Some headlines are: Priests and bishop at pro-life street vigil. Nuncio speaks on youth, laity and Pope's vision. Memorial for young Christchurch priest killed in accident. Tauranga couple die on same day after 66 years married.

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on 29 November.

Thank you

Thank you to those that helped and supported our Mental Health community social. It went well and the people who attended enjoyed the day. *Ian McClean*



HEALING SERVICE

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service on *Wednesday 25 November* at *St Mary's Church, 4 Convent Road, Otaki* beginning at *7.30pm*. Come and receive the healing and peace that only Jesus can give. Contact: *therealjudybailey@gmail.com* or phone *021 083 2445*.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

You're invited to love them both by attending the fourth annual National March for Life. Gather at *Civic Square, Wellington* on *Saturday 5 December* from *1pm* for family-friendly entertainment. March to Parliament Grounds begins at *2pm* and concludes at *4pm*. For more info go to *marchforlife.nz*



MASS FOR LIFE

Friday 4 December, 7pm at *St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott Street*. You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families. For more info visit *fli.org.nz/prolifeevents* or phone *Clare: 021 231 7954*.

Dear God, we pray for all students who are preparing for exams. We ask your Holy Spirit to guide them and give them the understanding and knowledge that comes only from you. Grant them favour, and bring the information that they have studied to mind that is needed for each exam they take. Bless each student, in Jesus name, we pray. *Amen*

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.*



This will be celebrated next **SUNDAY, 29 November at 2pm** at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa.

21 candidates and their families and whanau will be attending.

Parishioners are welcome to attend.



TAWA TUESDAY LUNCHEON

The last Monthly Tuesday Luncheon of this year will be on *1 December at 12pm* in the foyer of *Our Lady of Fatima church*.



It will be a Christmas lunch with special Christmas food and entertainment. Because of this, it will finish a bit later than other months. Everyone who is 60 years and over is invited. Please do come, you will enjoy it!

As we need to know for how many people to cater for, please make a booking by phoning *Kate* on *232 9754* or *Trish* on *022 528 3071*, no later than *Sunday evening 29 November*.

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.



Greetings Our Lady of Hope family

We have a family in our parish who needs our support in the form of dinners next week (*23-30 November 2020*).



If you are in a position to help out fellow parishioners on this occasion, please click the link below to sign up and for the address, food needs and contact information:

<https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=HRCB1080&welcome=1>

Meals do not need to be fancy or expensive; just make something simple and delicious that you would usually have yourself.

Please feel free to forward this to others in our parish and (with their permission) let me know their details so that I can add their name to future emails about meal rosters.

Many thanks!

Blessings, *Rebekah Siave*, OLOH Meal roster Co-ordinator
021 073 6829



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HENRY SMITH

You are more than welcome to join us for a memorial celebration for Henry on *Saturday 28 November at 11am at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay*, followed by refreshments. Please bring a plate to share.

For more info and RSVP, please email: lily.smith@porirua.govt.nz



CHRISTMAS TREATS FOR SVDP FOOD PARCELS

During the month of December, we like to include a few treats like fancy biscuits and crackers, pickles and chutneys, tinned fruit, packets of jelly,

Christmas puddings, meringues, chocolate and sweets for the children in our St Vincent de Paul food parcels.

Super Sewers Community Sewing Group have been busy through the lockdown and recent months making sets of reusable mesh vegetable storage bags and pretty drawstring beauty pamper bags and hair towel turbans as gifts to include.

Over the next few Sundays please could you help us in spreading some Christmas joy by placing in our basket in the church foyer any of the above food items as well as any bottles of shampoo, hand cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes, fancy wrapped soaps etc.

Many thanks and May God Bless you all, Marie Nicol



ST PIUS X SCHOOL - Junior Block Redevelopment

Kia ora e te whanau

You may be aware that our junior block (Kiwi, Kea and Tui classrooms) is soon to undergo redevelopment. This starts on

Monday 23 November. Our junior classes will move into the school hall during the time of building and redevelopment. Therefore, that end of the school both inside and outside will no longer be able to be used by the school until the completion of the rebuild (March 2021).

That also means the school hall is not able to be used by the school or parish community until the rebuild is completed.

If you have any queries, please contact Angeline at the school office.

Blessings, Christine MacDonald, Principal



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*

TAWA COMBINED CHURCHES ADVENT SERVICE

next Sunday, 29 November at 7pm

at St Christopher's Anglican Church.



All parishioners are warmly invited to unite with our local Christian communities, to begin Advent and to prepare for Christmas.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held this coming *Tuesday, 24 November at 7.30pm in the Tawa Presbytery*. All welcome.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting on *Monday, 30 November, 7pm* at the Tawa Presbytery to arrange Christmas and New Year liturgies.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This programme, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with an Introductory/Welcome session. This is an opportunity for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find

out a little about the RCIA programme and to ask questions.

This session will be held on *Sunday 13 December at 4pm in the Foyer at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa*.

This programme is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this programme, please come along on the 13th or phone: Fr Rico 021 205 6476 or Jane at the Parish Office - (04) 232 5611 or email: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz

If you would like to assist Fr Rico and be a member of the team running the programme, please contact Fr Rico. Thanks

ST PIUS X SCHOOL, TITAHIBAY: 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.

