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**ROSTER FOR SATURDAY 29 MAY AND SUNDAY 30 MAY 2021**

	St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa	
	Saturday 5.30pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am
<b>Music</b>	Meli Meli & Samoan Choir	Chorum	
<b>Reader Prayer Leader</b>	Val Launiuvao Angela McFarlane	Joy Chaplin Joelian Fudotan	<i>Volunteer please</i> Phil Blackford
<b>Offertory</b>	Alaimoana Family	Lisa Olney	Ramesh & Dolly Ganesan
<b>Collector</b>		Jo Montague & Family	Mike & Jing Moredo
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Matalena Iosefa Thomas Iosefa	Francis Arnold Joseph Arnold Julius Lopez	Philomena Paulo Luka Paulo
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Tea Teofilo Arnila Pintor Mary Morley	Jane Langham Gerad Chaplin Pim Jansen	Angela Wolstenholme Mark Wolstenholme Terry Hurlimann
<b>Greeters</b>	Kalameli Aiono	John Joseph	Luzviminda Rattee
<b>Counters</b>		Andrew Oliver, John Burke, Marie Prescott	
<b>Cup of Tea</b>			
	<b>Altar Care:</b> Litea Meli	<b>Flowers:</b> Angela Birch	<b>Cleaning:</b> M Nicol, D Jansen, M Baker

**DAILY READINGS**

Mon 24/5	Ecclesiasticus 17:24-29; Psalm 32; Mark 10:17-27	Tues 25/5	Ecclesiasticus 35:1-12; Ps 50; Mark 10:28-31
Wed 26/5	Ecclesiasticus 36:1,4-5,10-17; Ps 79; Mark 10:32-45	Thurs 27/5	Ecclesiasticus 42:15-25; Ps 33; Mark 10:46-52
Fri 28/5	Ecclesiasticus 44:1,9-13; Psalm 150; Mark 11:11-26	Sat 29/5	Ecclesiasticus 51:12-20; Ps 19B Mark 11:27-33

**Trinity Sunday, Year B:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40; Ps 33, Romans 8:14-17; Matt 28:16-20



# Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay  
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## PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR B - 23 MAY 2021

### THE LORD'S HARVEST

REMEMBER OUR ARTICLE about the "Feast of the First Fruits" that we published last Easter Sunday (4 Apr 2021)?

There is another feast that is strongly connected to it which they are to celebrate every year. In the ancient times, the Jews called it the Feast of Pentecost (<Gr, *he pentekoste*, "the fiftieth") since God commanded its celebration to fall fifty days from the Feast of First fruits, once they reached the Promised Land. But at the beginning, the Pentecost is linked to the giving of the Law as the Israelites arrived at Mt Sinai (see Ex 19:1 to 20:1ff; afterwards, as in chapters 24 to 31, Moses would spend 40 days on the mountain and return with the tablets of the Law). Ancient rabbinic traditions, even up to Maimonides in the Middle Ages, would connect Pentecost to this giving of the Law.

Going forward, in our Easter *Happenings* article, we learned that Jesus rose on the "first day of the week", which is equivalent to our "Sunday". We who use the English word "Sunday"—literally "day of the Sun," as the ancient Romans used to say "dies solis"—might see differently how central this is to our faith.

Sunday in some other non-english speaking places, is still literally called day "of the Lord"; in the two ancient languages of our Universal Church, latin and greek, it is still called *Dominica*; and *Kyriake*, respectively. (For our Tagalog readers, we got the *Linggo* via the spanish *domingo*.) Of course, we are not implying that English speakers are prone to forget the sacred character of "the Lord's Day" (about which many are guilty of, including me!).

Our Readings today—containing many imageries and allusions to the early days of the Israelites as God's people liberated from their Egyptian bondage—could lead us to the same realization: having been liberated from the bondage of sin and death, and sanctified and strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we belong now to God's people, the Church.

Let us celebrate to appreciate this harvest of souls!

Blessings,  
Rico Angelo



### PARKING AT ST PIUS SCHOOL FOR VIGIL MASS

During winter months, parking in St Pius School grounds may be risky for cars without alarm systems. Recently at least one car was broken into.

## EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

### The work of the Holy Spirit

THE TITLES GIVEN to the Holy Spirit must surely stir the soul of anyone who hears them, and make him realise that they speak of nothing less than the supreme Being. Is he not called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, the steadfast Spirit, the guiding Spirit? But his principal and most personal title is the Holy Spirit.

To the Spirit all creatures turn in their need for sanctification; all living things seek him according to their ability. His breath empowers each to achieve its own natural end.

The Spirit is the source of holiness, a spiritual light, and he offers his own light to every mind to help it in its search of truth. By nature the Spirit is beyond the reach of our mind, but we can know him by his goodness. The power of the Spirit fills the whole universe, but he gives himself only to those who are worthy, acting in each according to the measure of his faith. – *On the Holy Spirit* by **Saint Basil the Great, Bishop**



### PLANNED GIVING - USE OF CHEQUES

As of **1 July 2021**, BNZ (which is the parish bank) will no longer accept cheques. They have provided us with the following list of the last dates that we can accept cheques from the various banks for depositing into our account:

**ANZ and Citibank - 25 May**

**Westpac, HSBC - 21 June**

**BNZ, ASB and others - 28 June**

So if you currently give using cheques, can you please consider switching to automatic payments or using cash. Please contact the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone: 232 5611 for more information.

Your financial contribution is very much appreciated.



During the month of May, Rosary will be said

- 15 minutes before the Vigil Mass

- at the end of 8.30 Sunday Mass

- 15 minutes before 10.30 Sunday Mass

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

16 May 2021 - \$1,777.50

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



**MASSES:** Mary Mallon, RIP & Eteise Fuimaono, RIP (16).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maureen Cresswell (26).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Donald Lawrie, Garth Taylor-Edwards, Beverley Swinerd, Jane Ginn (24); Harry Morrison (25); Estelle Wilson, Vincent Bevan, Edith Lang (26); Margaret MacDonald, Rosaleen Davin (27); Mary Mason, Nadia Wilson, Theo Chinna, Kathleen Flavelle, Margaret O'Connell (28); Mary Widdop, Eileen Churchill, Dominic Durr (29); Richard Phelan, Miimetua Misitea, Lexi Parker-  
**R.I.P** Arthurs, Christopher de Veld, Robert Costa (30).

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

### 24-30 MAY - 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.



The 16-29 May issue of NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Auckland diocese on track despite Covid. New church dedicated at Flat Bush. Priest preserves traditions of Solomon Islands people. Architects appointed for new Christchurch cathedral..

The next issue of NZ Catholic will be published on 30 May.

**On sale in the foyer TODAY \$4.**



## HEADSTONE BLESSING

The headstone blessing for Arthur Tait's grave will be held at 2pm on Sunday 30 May at Whenua Tapu. All are welcome to attend.

Peggy Tait recently moved to live in Karori and would enjoy seeing some parishioners. If you would like to visit Peggy, please ask Jane in the office for her contact details. *Thanks*



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021 - Time to Enrol Your child

Each year, our children are invited to continue their faith journey through joining the Parish Sacramental programme, which includes making their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

For each sacrament, children and their parents or guardians join others for learning sessions which begin in **June**. You are warmly invited to register your child/children. There will be sign up forms in both our churches and also at St Francis Xavier and St Pius X Catholic schools.

Please enrol your child/children as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are also available from the Parish Office.

You can also email Marie Andrewartha and include

- your child's name and age
- your name
- your contact phone number

Children must be 8 years of age or over and have been baptized.

Sessions will be on Sundays at 4pm, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa. The programme begins with ...

- **Family Afternoon: Sunday 13 June 12pm-4.30pm at St Francis Xavier School Hall.** This is for all the family, a crèche will be available for under 6s. *Bring food for a shared lunch and some photos or special things from your child's Baptism eg. candle, gown etc* (This day is a special part of the programme and it is important that you and your child attend). Please let Marie Andrewartha know if you will have children using the crèche.

- **Enrolment Mass:** Sunday 20 June 8.30am, Our Lady of Fatima Church

- **First Reconciliation:** Saturday 3 July, 3pm at St Pius X Church

- **Combined Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion Mass:** Sunday 7 November, 2pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa.

Please contact me if you have any questions: 021 476 153 or [m.g.andrewartha@gmail.com](mailto:m.g.andrewartha@gmail.com) *Thanks, Marie Andrewartha*

## Sacramental Preparation



## PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT CONFERENCE

The NZ Catholic Medical Assn is holding a Pastoral Care and Support Conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at *Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay* from 3pm Friday 28 May to 3pm Saturday 29 May. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event.

Registration & info: [www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz](http://www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz)

## LITURGY WORKSHOPS

ADW are offering two liturgy workshops: "Proclaimers of the Word" - Saturday 29 May, 2pm at Sts Peter and Paul Church, Lower Hutt. Tea and coffee available from 1.45pm.

"Communion to the Sick" - Thursday 17 June, 7pm at St Joseph's Mt Victoria. Tea and coffee available from 6.45pm.

To register, contact Chris Walkerdine: (04) 496 1706 or email [c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz)

## AFTERNOON OF CHORAL, POP OPERA & CHOIR

Sunday 30 May, 2pm at St Mary's of the Angels Church



The Fundraising committee of St Mary of the Angels Parish Centre invites parishioners, family and friends to a musical afternoon of choral, pop opera, choir and a violinist. To commemorate the Year of St Joseph, we will hear for the first time a special song dedicated to St Joseph, Fr Chris Skinner will be releasing two singles on the day.

Entry is by donation/koha and afternoon tea will be served after the performance in the Parish Hall.



## ST MARY'S COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2021

All those interested in enrolling at St Mary's College in 2022 are invited to our Open Day on Tuesday 1 June 2021 from 9am-11am.

Please look at our website: [www.stmw.school.nz](http://www.stmw.school.nz) for more info.

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