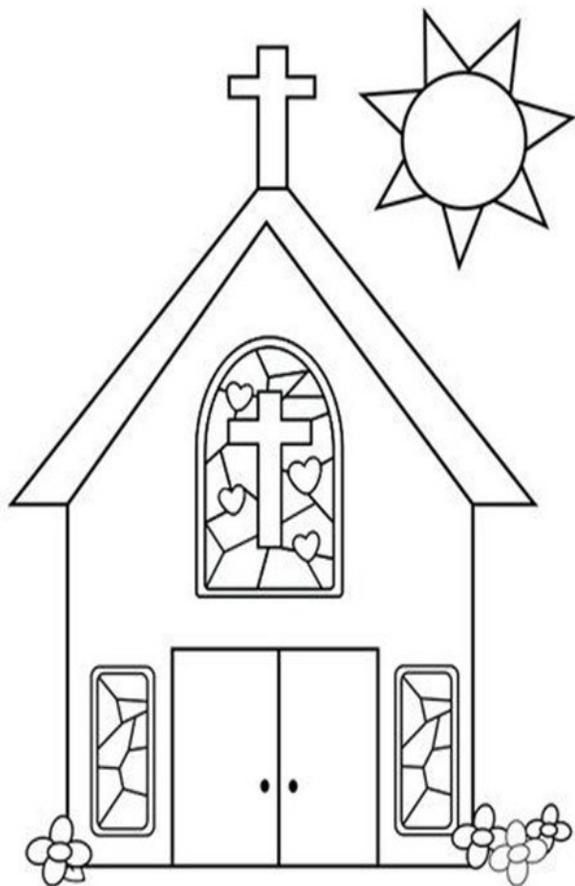


## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

"We belong to one body"

We are the body of Christ.



"Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it." 1Cor 12:12-30



## Happenings

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C - 23 JANUARY 2022

### SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

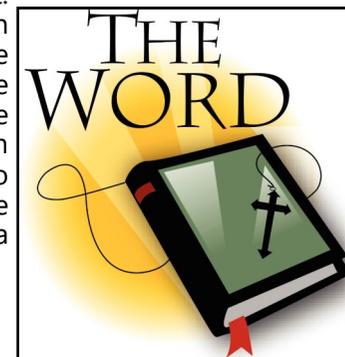
**P**OPE FRANCIS HAS designated the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** as an annual **Sunday of the Word of God**. In his Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*, he wanted that this day is "to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God" (*Aperuit Illis*, 3). The title of the Letter was taken from Luke 24:45, where the evangelist tells us that the Risen Lord appeared to the disciples on Easter Day and "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

The Pope said, "The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, St. Jerome could rightly claim: 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'" (*ibid.*, 1).

The Pope Francis hoped that devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God "can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his Word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world" (*ibid.*, 2).

*Aperuit Illis* was published on 30 September 2019, on the memorial of the great Scripture scholar St. Jerome, in memory of the 1600th anniversary of his death. It's been three years; and it's been months since we started our new liturgical calendar where we can listen and read the Scriptures from the heart of the Church. It's not too late to continue our journey together, like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, towards a deeper love for the Word of God.

Blessings,  
Rico Angelo



## EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

*(Quotes from the past)*

**"Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone sang his praises. (Lk 4:14-15)**



**W**HEN YOU READ about Jesus teaching in the synagogues of Galilee and everyone there praising him, take care not to regard those people as uniquely privileged, and yourselves as deprived of his teaching.

If scripture is true, it was not only to the Jewish congregations of his own generation that our Lord spoke. He still speaks to us assembled here today - and not only to us, but to other congregations also.

Throughout the world Jesus looks for instruments through which he can continue his teaching. Pray that I may be one of them, and that he may find me ready and fit to sing his praises. -- **Origen, On Luke's Gospel**

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**Origen** (183-253), one of the greatest thinkers of ancient times, became head of the catechetical school of Alexandria at the age of eighteen. In 230 he was ordained priest by the bishop of Caesarea. His life was entirely devoted to the study of scripture and he was also a great master of the spiritual life. His book *On First Principles* was the first great theological synthesis. Many of his works are extant only in Latin as a result of his posthumous condemnation for heterodox teaching. Nevertheless, in intention he was always a loyal son of the Church.



### SIMBANG GABI

Thank you to those who gave so very generously at the Masses before Christmas. \$1,073.40 cash, plus several food items were received which will be given to the local St Vincent de Paul Society to help their charitable works.

### VACCINE PASS MASSES

It is now the norm to show Vaccine Passes when entering Masses.

*Please remember to bring a mask, your Vaccine Pass and scan/sign in on arrival.*

### MUSIC AT MASSES

There will be NO congregational singing at this stage. The Archdiocese will review this at the end of January.

**MASSES:** Healing for Arnel Galvan (26).



**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Leonard Maynard (24); Peter Tait, Edward Schultz (25); Brendon Hall, George Reynolds, Harry Craig (28); John O'Driscoll, Cornelia Mey-Tielen (29); Agnes Murray (30); Rosina Snow, Eldon Armstrong, Fantino De Souza (31).

R.I.P

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

## 24-30 JANUARY - MASS & SERVICE TIMES

for Vaccination Pass Required Masses  
(apart from Sunday 7pm Mass)

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHU BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Wednesday	9am Mass; 9.30am-12 noon Adoration	
Thursday	9am Mass	10am Mass
Friday	9am Mass	
Saturday	9am Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30 and 10.30am Mass	7pm Mass <b>Booking required</b>
Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass		

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Fr Rico de la Torre	Ph: 021 205 6476
<b>Assistant Priest:</b>	Fr Marlon Tebelin	
<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Jane Lee	Ph: 232 5611 169 Main Road, Tawa
	Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-12 noon	
<b>Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:</b>	Marie Prescott	Ph: 232 7679
<b>Parish Finance Committee Chairperson:</b>	Graeme Hansen	Ph: 232 4360
<b>Marist Sisters:</b>	Srs Francine McGovern & Margaret Vanev	Ph: 232 5151
<b>St Francis Xavier School:</b>	Joan Woods, Principal	Ph: 232 8927
<b>St Pius X School:</b>	Philippa Matla, Acting Principal	Ph: 236 7006
<b>Bishop Viard College:</b>	Chris Theobald, Principal	Ph: 237 5248

### Daily Readings: 24-30 Jan

*Monday:* Mark 3:22-30; *Tuesday:* Mark 16:15-18; *Wednesday:* Mark 4:1-20; *Thursday:* Mark 4:21-25; *Friday:* Mark 4:26-34; *Sat:* Mark 4:35-41  
**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C:** Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19; Psalm 70; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30



### World Day of the Sick

*Sunday 13 February 2022, 2pm, Our Lady's Home of Compassion*  
Join us at the Home of Compassion for an afternoon of pilgrimage and prayer led by Fr James Lyons, followed by a time of hospitality. The afternoon will begin in the Chapel at 2pm and we will then process to the Lourdes Grotto in the grounds of the Home. For more information phone (04) 383 7769 or email: [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

### South Coast Arts' Trail 19-20 February

#### Art Exhibition 19-27 February, every day 10am-4pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion

Artwork at the Home of Compassion, featuring John Drawbridge's stained glass art is on display as part of the inaugural South Coast

Arts' Trail on the weekend of 19-20 February.

An exhibition of art by local artists is on display for an extended showing with works available for purchase. The week will also feature a talk on John Drawbridge's work, a take home art activity for children and an art tour with Sr Sue Cosgrove. For more information contact: (04) 383 7769 or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

### Craft Gathering at the Home of Compassion

*Wednesdays 12 noon at Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay*

Join us for our weekly craft gathering. For more information, contact (04) 383 7769 or [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

### Taize and Quiet Days

Resume in March.

### All other regular events

Resume after Waitangi weekend.

### Opening hours

You are required to sign in and present your valid vaccination certificate at reception to enter our public spaces.



*Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, Chapel and Resting place of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa: 10am-3pm Tuesday to Sunday.*

*Cloister Café: Closed*

Everyone is welcome. Take time to pause in the Chapel and resting place of Suzanne Aubert and find new inspiration in the stories of Suzanne Aubert Meri Hohepa and Compassion told in the exhibition rooms.



### FR MARLON'S FAREWELL

All parishioners are invited to attend Fr Marlon's Farewell which will be held **NEXT SUNDAY, 30 January at 3pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer.**

People are asked to bring a plate of finger food.

To contribute to the farewell gift, please place an envelope marked "Fr Marlon's farewell" in the collection baskets at Mass; OR leave donations at the Parish Office OR make a direct credit payment with the reference: **Farewell** to the Parish account 02-0552 0033740 00. Donations need to be received by Wednesday 26 January.

We will require some help on the day, so please contact Marie Prescott 232 7679 if you are available to assist.

This is a **VACCINE PASS REQUIRED** event.



Adoration has now resumed on Wednesday following 9am Mass and concludes at 12 noon.

This is a **Vaccine Pass required** event. Please remember to social distance, scan or sign in, wear a mask and sanitise your hands on arrival.

***Due to Covid, we are unable to provide reflection books for your use during Adoration.***



Tawa Tuesday Luncheons will start the New Year with a **HIGH TEA** on *1 February at 2.30pm in the foyer of Our Lady of Fatima church.*

This is a **VACCINE PASS REQUIRED** event.

We are always happy to welcome new people to join us in meeting other parishioners in a

friendly atmosphere. So if you're 60 years and over, do come and enjoy. We need to know how many people are coming for catering purposes, so to make a booking please phone *Kate on 232 9754 or Trish on 022 5283 071* no later than *Sunday evening 30 January*. Late bookings can only be taken if there are cancellations. For a cancellation on the day of the High Tea, phone Jane on 232 5611.

We ask for \$5 to cover the cost, and look forward to seeing you there!



## ASSISTING OUR CHURCH FAMILY

As we start a new year, we ask parishioners to contemplate taking a more active role in the life of our parish.

As members of the Our Lady of Hope parish family, it would be wonderful if more parishioners would say, "Y E S" to our requests for help. Just as in our own families, members help each other, members of the parish family should come together to take active roles in the various ministries and committees which make up the Parish family.

Please keep your parish family on the radar - we would love to have you make a commitment to join us. Opportunities will be advertised in this and following week's newsletters. *Thanks*



Candlemas

**CANDLEMAS - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
*On Wednesday, 2 February, the Blessing of candles will take place at the start of Mass. Please bring along your candles for home use to be blessed.*

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the day we commemorate the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is widely regarded as the end of the Christmas Season. Though not widely celebrated, it preserves a rich tradition of the Church. If you count 40 days after the celebration of Christmas you reach 3 February.



## BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Baptism Preparation will resume on **Sunday 13 February at 2pm** 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](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz). Please do not just turn up in case there has been a change in time or venue.



## 2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

We still have some Columban Calendars for sale at a price of \$12 (cash only).

This is a great way to remember Feast Days plus support the Columban missionaries fund mission projects world-wide.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to buy one.



## NEW ROSTERS for OUR LADY OF FATIMA & ST PIUS X CHURCHES

covering **Vaccine Pass Checkers, Greeters, Readers, Musicians, Collectors, Offertory, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters, Flowers** from 5 February to 29 May are soon being prepared.

*We are in need of more people to become Readers, Prayer Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Vaccine Pass Checkers - if you are willing, please email the parish office asap.*

If you know you're going to be unavailable during this time, please let Jane in the office know by **26 January** - email: [ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz) or phone 232 5611 and leave a message. **Thanks**



## RECONCILIATION

If you would like the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please phone or text Fr Rico: 021 205 6476 to arrange a suitable time and avoid overcrowding. *You will also need to let Fr know your vaccination status, as Reconciliation will be held at a different location for unvaccinated people.*

## PARISH OFFICE

Normal hours will resume on Tuesday 1 February 2022. If you require anything over the holidays please either email the office - [ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz) or leave a message on the answer phone (04) 232 5611 as these will be checked regularly. *Thanks, Jane*



## SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

Catholic Social Services are seeking an experienced social worker to join their dynamic team in Wellington.

This full time role is 37.5 hours per week. For a copy of the job description or additional information, please contact Catholic Social Services on (04) 385 8642. Please email your CV and covering letter to [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz)

*Applications close at 3pm on Friday 4 February 2022.*



## APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR NZCBC MANAGER Wellington based

The closing date for applications for the new Manager role with the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference in Wellington has been extended to **5pm on Wednesday, 9 February.**

Full details about the role and how to apply are here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-manager-apply/>