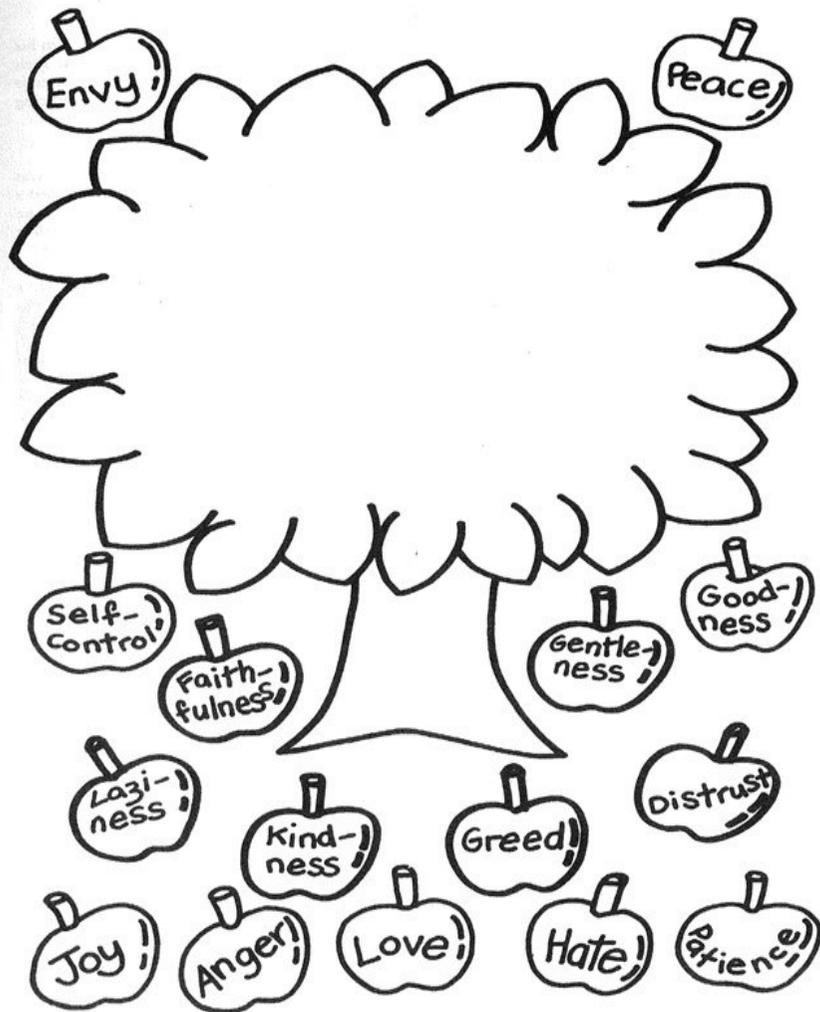


Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

"The fruits of goodness"



Cut out the fruits that should be found on the good and healthy tree. Read Luke 6: 39-45 as a family and discuss ways you can produce good fruit.



Happenings

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8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C - 27 FEBRUARY 2022

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM CARDINAL JOHN'S LETTER OF 25 FEBRUARY

... the purpose of this communication is to advise you that Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine to be observed next Wednesday, 2 March (Ash Wednesday). Pope Francis spoke of the threat of war looming over the world and asked us to pray and fast for peace in Ukraine on Ash Wednesday.

Before concluding his general audience last Wednesday (23 February) Pope Francis called on believers and non-believers to combat the **"diabolical insistence, the diabolical senselessness of violence"** with prayer and fasting and said **"I invite everyone to make March 2, Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting for peace, and I encourage believers in a special way to devote themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace, protect the world from the folly of war."**

At the same time Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church said **"Today, all of humanity has been placed in danger, because Mr Putin's action asserts that 'the powerful have a right to impose themselves on whomever they wish, with no regard for the rule of law'."**

Therefore, as we prepare for the Lenten Season, I ask you to share this information with parishioners this Sunday and invite them as they prepare for Lent to join in prayer as the Holy Father has asked us to do as we pray for peace in Ukraine.



PRAYER

FASTING

+John Cardinal Dew

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? --
(Lk 6:41)



WITH COMPELLING ARGUMENTS Jesus persuades us that we should not want to judge others, but should rather examine our own hearts, and strive to expel the passions seated in them, asking this grace from God. He it is who heals the contrite of heart and frees us from our spiritual disorders. If your own sins are greater and worse than other people's, why do you censure them, and neglect what concerns yourself?

This precept, then, is essential for all who wish to live a holy life, and particularly for those who have undertaken the instruction of others. If they are virtuous and self-restrained, giving an example of the gospel way of life by their own actions, they will rebuke those who do not choose to live as they do in a friendly way, so as not to break their own habit of gentleness. - **St Cyril of Alexandria, on Saint Luke 6**

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Cyril of Alexandria (d.444) succeeded his uncle Theophilus as patriarch in 412. Until 428 the pen of this brilliant theologian was employed in exegesis and polemics against the Arians; after that date it was devoted almost entirely to refuting the Nestorian heresy. The teaching of Nestorius was condemned in 431 by the Council of Ephesus at which Cyril presided, and Mary's title, Mother of God, was solemnly recognised.



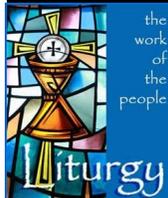
Adoration is held on Wednesday following 9am Mass and concludes at 12 noon.

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.

Daily Readings: 28 Feb - 6 March

Monday: Mark 10:17-27; *Tuesday:* Mark 10:28-31; *Wednesday:* Matt 6:1-6,16-18;
Thursday: Luke 9:22-25; *Friday:* Matt 9:14-15; *Saturday:* Luke 5:27-32
1st Sunday of Lent, Year C: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91; Romans 10:8-13;
Luke 4:1-13



LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee will meet on *Monday 28 February, 7.30pm* in the Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer, to prepare for our Easter services. Please contact Marie: (04) 232 7679 or the.mothership@xtra.co.nz for more info.

MASSES: Departed relatives and friends of the Palacio and Olofernes families (28); Thanksgiving & healing for successful surgery (27, 1, 4); Healing for Arnel Galvan (2).



ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Irene Royal, William Smith (28); Teresa Thrall, Sheryl Huggins (29); Alfred Baker, Jane Irvine, Irene Prior, Bernadette Peters, Betty Berry (1); Dora Hurnan, Thomas Keogh (2); Edmond Sinclair, Johannes Veenswyk, Eileen Billing (3); William Paul, Margaret Gallen (4); Catherine Trask, Frederick

R.I.P Cunliffe, Robert Ward, Tony Shirnack (5); Martinus Janssen, William Baker (6).

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

28 FEBRUARY - 6 MARCH: 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	
Ash Wednesday	9am Mass - Booking required at Parish Office 9.30am-12 noon Adoration	6pm Mass - Booking required at Parish Office
Thursday	9am Mass	10am Mass
Friday	9am Mass	
Saturday	9am Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass Booking required
Sunday	8.30 and 10.30am Mass Bookings required	7pm Mass Booking required

Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass

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

EVERYDAY MISSIONARY

(Excerpts from concerningdiscerning.blogspot.com
- 2 June 2020)

Someone running a retreat I was once on suggested writing down a Q&A with the Lord. You write down your question, addressing it toward Him, and then make space for an answer. If you're open, He will guide your thoughts and your pen as you write His response for You. Try it some time!

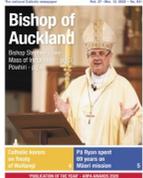


Today's excerpt is from a time when I was really struggling to see how God could be working through me in the everyday.

Q: I just want to live extra-ordinarily now! I don't want to be tied down to a job, to having to earn an income to live, to feeling like I'm living, but not to the full! ... This is a comfortable life. But I'm not comfortable with settling for this comfortableness. ... You know me best. So how can I live this year to the fullest Lord?

A: *Love. My life was lived to the full because I gave it fully out of love for every single person I encountered. You can make the most out of life now, by loving now. Love yourself, love how perfectly I created you. Love your flat mates and serve them as I did my followers and friends. Love your students and try to see in them what I see. Love your family and help them to see what it means to love me most. Love your life, even the mundane every day. Do you think I always enjoyed the task the Father had given me? Teaching those I knew would never listen. Being betrayed or doubted or denied by my closest friends. Living every moment knowing I was moving ever closer to my passion? Life isn't meant to be easy. If it were, no one would look forward to Heaven! But life isn't meant to be loveless. ... Help others come to grow in that knowledge as they see my love in you. As they see me in you, since I AM LOVE ... rest in the knowledge that I am always with you. I am love. And only my love can truly satisfy. Let me be enough for you.*

NZCatholic



NZ CATHOLIC

We are providing, free of charge, a digital link to our latest issue (27 February - 12 March) which has the following headlines in it: Bishop Stephen Lowe installed as Bishop of Auckland. Catholic korero on Treaty of Waitangi. Vocations talk at city pub. Seminary rector climbs mountains.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/e25bfeca-e399-42ba-9da3-2a0caa12f2ee>

Please enjoy reading New Zealand's only national Catholic newspaper.

ASH WEDNESDAY TIMETABLE: 2 March (Mass and distribution of ashes)

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa: 9am Mass

St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay: 6pm Mass



These are **Vaccination Pass required Masses**, with a limited number of people permitted at each Mass. Once the number is reached we are sorry, you are unable to attend the Mass.

If you wish to attend, please register by emailing your name(s) and contact phone number to: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz OR phone the parish office (04) 232 5611 and leave a message with your name and phone number - Thanks

LENTEN GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS

These are included in this week's newsletter.

If you receive the newsletter by email and would like some Lenten giving envelopes, please pick these up from the church foyer or call into or email the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz

You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection (at the end of Mass), or drop them into the Parish Office or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. *NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.*

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2022 will be sent receipts for the 2021/2022 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after 1 April will be sent receipts for the 2022/2023 tax year.

Thank you for your generous support.

Called to Be Peacemakers: Building Dreams Together

Kua karangatia Tātou hei Kaihohou i te Rongō:
Te Tuitui Tahī i o Tātou Moemoeā

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If you have family members or know of parishioners admitted to hospital or a rest home, it is important that you let the Parish Office know so that we can arrange a visit by a priest or the Hospital Chaplain. Please contact the Parish Office - phone: (04) 232 5611 OR email: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz to arrange. *Thanks*



COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT, CARITAS AOTEAROA NZ

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the Catholic Bishops' agency for justice, peace and development. We are looking for a Communications Assistant to join our team here in the Caritas Office in Wellington. This role supports our communications with donors, parishes, schools and tangata whenua communities. For a copy of the role description, please contact Roger Ellis, Engagement Manager: rogere@caritas.org.nz or call: 021 526 264.

PAPAL LENTEN MESSAGE 2022

If you would like a copy, please contact the Parish Office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Be a sign of hope this Lent and help save lives!
2 March to 10 April (Monday to Friday) 7am-1pm and (Saturdays) 8am-noon.
Please protect mothers and babies through prayer, fasting and keeping vigil outside the local abortion facility, Te Mahoe, Newtown for one hour of prayer with two or three people needed to cover each hour. Be a positive, peaceful and fruitful witness to the precious gift of life. You may be her last sign of hope and her first sign of mercy. To find out more and to sign up for your prayer hour(s), please visit: 40daysforlife.com or email: wellington40daysforlife@gmail.com



EXPERIENCED 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
Applications close at 3pm on Wednesday 16 March 2022.

WE ARE IN THE RED TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

You must register for all weekend Masses as there is a limited number of people permitted at each Mass. Once the number is reached we are sorry, you are unable to attend the Mass. Please DO NOT register for more than one Saturday vigil or Sunday Mass

PLEASE DO NOT TURN UP TO WEEKEND MASSES UNLESS YOU HAVE REGISTERED.

REGISTRATION IS FROM WEDNESDAY 9am to FRIDAY 12 noon.

Weekday Masses:

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 9am

St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay: Thursday 10am.

You do not need to book for these Masses but you must wear a mask and scan in to the NZ Covid tracer app. These are **Vaccine Pass required Masses**. There is a limited number of people permitted at each Mass. Once we have reached our limit, you will not be permitted to enter.

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 7pm is a **Non Vaccine Pass required Mass** held at **St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay**. This is limited to 25 people permitted in the Church. You must book in to attend this Mass at: www.wn.catholic.org.nz - then click on Mass registrations, scroll down to Our Lady of Hope Parish, then click on the Mass you wish to attend.

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm (at **St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay**) and **Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Masses** (at **Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa**) are all **Vaccine Pass required Masses**. There is a limited number of people permitted to attend at each Mass. You must book into these Masses at www.wn.catholic.org.nz - then click on Mass registrations, scroll down to Our Lady of Hope Parish then click on the Mass you wish to attend.

If you DO NOT have access to a computer to register, please phone or email the parish office with the Mass time you want to attend, the names of all those people you wish to register and your phone number.

At all Masses you must sign in using the QR code or the paper system, sanitise your hands, wear face masks during the Mass and keep a 1 metre distance from anyone not in your bubble. If you are attending the Vaccine Pass Masses, you must show proof of your vaccination.

Please treat volunteers at the Masses with kindness and respect.