

Second Sunday of Lent

"The Transfiguration of Our Lord"

Peter
James
John
Mountain
Sun
White
Light
Moses
Elijah
Shelters
Voice
Cloud
Lord
Jesus

Find the hidden words

This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.
Listen to him!

"Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Luke 9:28-36



Happenings

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RELATIONSHIP GOALS

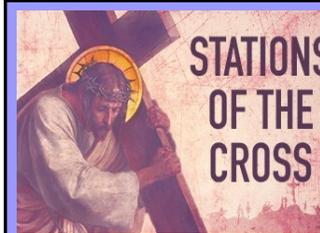
THE GOSPEL TODAY is what we meditate on whenever we pray the *Fourth Luminous Mystery* of the Holy Rosary: The **Transfiguration of Jesus**. This happened just before He entered Jerusalem to suffer and die.

As the *Eucharistic Prayer* today teaches, this is meant to strengthen the disciples and to teach them (and us) an important truth: Jesus is not just an ordinary rabbi whose earthly life will end in shameful defeat, but rather, in glory — of which they were given a glimpse.

Therefore, in sharp contrast to what our present age seems to teach about unbridled indulgence to pleasure, comfort, and fame, St Paul in our Second Reading urges us to cling to the Lord: for, our homeland is in heaven and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us, even as some are behaving as *"enemies of the cross ... whose god is their stomach [lit., ὦν ὁ θεός ἡ κοιλία], and are proud of something they ought to think shameful, who think earthly things are important"* (v. 19).

For sure, temptations and trials will not cease until we die. The Transfiguration of Jesus may help us re-think the direction our life is taking, that is, our relationship goals with God and fellow human beings. Abraham's example in our First Reading should also challenge us: are we doing our best to lead lives in accordance with God's covenant plan? We are now in our second week of spiritual boot camp. It's not too late to heed the message of Lent: "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Blessings,
Rico Angelo



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You are invited to come along to this Lenten prayer, every Friday of Lent.

St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay - 6pm

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa - 7pm.

All parishioners are welcome to attend as a way of preparing for Easter.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah. -

- (Lk 9:29-30)



WITH THREE CHOSEN disciples Jesus went up the mountain. Then he was transfigured by a wonderful light that made even his clothes seem to shine. Moses and Elijah stood by him and spoke with him of how he was going to complete his task on earth by dying in Jerusalem.

In other words, they spoke of the mystery of his incarnation, and of his saving passion upon the cross. For the law of Moses and the teaching of the holy prophets clearly foreshadowed the mystery of Christ. The law portrayed it by types and symbols inscribed on tablets. The prophets in many ways foretold that in his own time he would appear, clothed in human nature, and that for the salvation of all our race he would not refuse to suffer death upon the cross.

The presence of Moses and Elijah, and their speaking together, was meant to show unmistakably that the law and the prophets were the attendants of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was their master, whom they had themselves pointed out in advance in prophetic words that proved their perfect harmony with one another. The message of the prophets was in no way at variance with the precepts of the law. - **St Cyril of Alexandria, Homily 9 on the Transfiguration**



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: 14-20 March

Monday: Luke 6:36-38; *Tuesday:* Matthew 23:1-12; *Wednesday:* Matthew 20:17-28; *Thursday:* Luke 10:1-2,17-20; *Friday:* Matthew 21:33-43,45-46; *Saturday:* Matthew 1:16-21,24

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15; Psalm 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council will meet on *Thursday 17 March, 7.30pm* at the Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer. If you have any matters you would like discussed, please contact Marie Prescott: (04) 232 7679 or the.mothership@xtra.co.nz

MASSES: Socorro Tebelin, RIP (Grandmother of Fr Marlon) (14); Parishioners with family in the Ukraine, especially Kyiv (15); Healing for Arnel Galvan (16); Thanksgiving Mass for Alice McLaughlan (17).



R.I.P

ANNIVERSARIES: Caroline Farrales (18).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Joan Harding, Percy Walker, Patrick Murphy (14); Albert Anderson, Myrtle Maroc, Denis Parker, Marie McGahey (16); Valentino De Bernardo, Josephine Kay, Stanley Callahan (17); Jennie Swain, Hilda Ellis, Margaret Emms, Marie Ahern, Christine Belz-Ietri (18); Nina Gillon, Catherine Brockie, Josefa Salvador (19); Vera Fesleir, John Wanden (20).

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

14-20 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	
Wednesday	9am Mass 9.30am-12 noon Adoration	6pm Mass
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 March 2022)

Be honest; how much of your time with God is taken up by whining, questioning, petitioning, and/or asking for help for yourself or for those around you? ... Sometimes God must think we act like needy little children, demanding everything, asking millions of ‘but why’s?’ and throwing a little tantrum whenever we don’t get what we want. Often, instead of having a mindset of gratitude, and focusing on all the good God has done and all the prayers He has answered, we tend to get stuck focusing on the opposite — the unanswered prayers, the times He didn’t seem to help. This might not be the case for you, but it definitely has been for me!

In her book ‘*Dream Wild*’, Jennifer Le Claire writes: “*You can’t just seek God for what He can do for you. You have to seek Him for who He is.*”

If we know that God is good (Psalm 107:1), He provides for our every need (Mt 6:26-34), and He loves us so much He was even willing to send His only son to suffer and die so we could live united with Him (Jn 3:16) - then where is our sense of trust and our unwavering faith in our Lord’s ability to provide?

There is absolutely no harm in asking God for help or support. ... But what if rather than asking in our whiniest, most desperate voice, we asked in a ‘tone’ totally convinced of God’s goodness and His ability to provide? St Paul put it best in Philippians 4:6, when he wrote; “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*” In short, present your requests to God WITH THANKSGIVING.

When you pray, do you truly believe that God is able and will give you what you seek? ...

Today, I challenge you to make your prayers and petitions known to God with thanksgiving. *Praying for safe travels?* Thank God for getting you to your destination safely. *Asking for healing?* Thank God, the miracle worker, for providing healing. *Need a new job?* Thank God for it! *Needing a breakthrough?* Thank God for giving you the answers you’re looking for. It also helps to back up your prayers with scripture, reminding yourself that our good God truly can and does provide. I found that when I prayed in this way, I was more receptive to the ways God was responding to my prayers because through faith I believed that He was good and He could.



NEW MEAL ROSTER: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 28 Feb-30 March 2022

Are you able to help out fellow parishioners by making a dinner? Please follow the link to sign up and for the address, food needs and contact information: [Take Them A Meal | Easy online meal sign ups to support your loved ones.](#)

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

Many thanks,

Rebekah Siave, OLOH Meal Roster Co-Ordinator - ph: 021 073 6829



FROM REDRESS TO PURETUMU TOROWHANUI

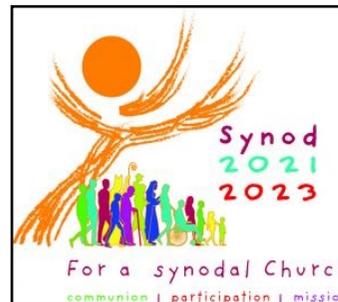
The Safeguarding Committee have obtained a hard copy of the interim report from Abuse in Care by Royal Commission of Inquiry from December 2021. It is entitled “He Purapura Ora, he Mara Tipu (from redress to Puretumu Torowhanui).

If anyone would like to look at them, please contact the Parish Office.

Fr Rico, Rupi Mapusua, Brigid Sharp, Your Safeguarding Committee



Reconciliation is available:
on Wednesdays during Lent from 7-8pm
in the Foyer, at Our Lady of Fatima Church,
or at any time by appointment - please phone
(04) 232 5611 or text 021 205 6476.



FA’ASILASILAGA

E fa’atalofa atu i le Aiga o le Atua i lenei aso malo le soifua manuia ia outou. O lea ua fa’asavali le polokalame o le mataupu e patino i le Sinoti o lo’o fuafuaina e Pope Faranisisi mo le tausaga 2023. O le fa’amoemoega a Pope Faranisisi ina ia faia se sao mai tagata uma. O lenei fa’amoemoe o le a fa’ataunu’uina i le Palisi a le “Tama’ta’i o le Fa’amoemoe – *Lady of Hope Parish* i le falesa i Tawa i le aso Sa 20 Mati i le

itula e 12.00 i le aoauli. O se avanoa tāua tele mo tagata Samoa uma e faia ai sou sao ma lagonaina ai lou leo mo lea fa’amoemoe.

Fa’amoemoe o le a atou feiloa’i ai i lea aso i le alofa o le Atua.

Komiti Fa’afōe a le Sinoti mo Tagata Samoa uma



SYNOD 2023

Pope Francis is calling everyone in the Church to actively participate in the future of the Church by voicing how we would like the Church to change. We will do this in small groups from Monday 21 March to Saturday 26 March at 9.40am after Mass at Our Lady of Fatima church.

You are invited to attend one meeting on a day of your choice. Registration forms will be in the foyer at each church from Saturday 12 March. There will be a presentation on Tuesday 15 March after 9am Mass.

For more information contact either by mobile or in person: Ian Hamilton 022 544 3872 or Sr Francine 021 0840 7587



ROYAL COMMISSION ON ABUSE IN CARE

The Commission began its specific Maori public hearing on Tuesday, 8 March at Orakei Marae in Tamaki Makaurau Auckland.

The Catholic Church in Aotearoa NZ made an opening statement at the hearing. Go here for details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/rc-maorihearing/>



VACANCIES FOR PRISON CHAPLAINS

Applications are sought from suitably qualified people for a number of Catholic chaplaincy positions in prisons in Hamilton and Dunedin diocese of New Zealand. The successful applicants will become a member of a chaplaincy team providing spiritual and religious support to all prisoners. Chaplains work with prisoners as they encounter the challenges of incarceration and separation from loved ones and whanau.

Go here for details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/vacancies-prisonchaplains/>



NZ CATHOLIC

We are providing, free of charge, a digital link to our latest issue (13-26 March) which has the following headlines in it: Lent leads to foot of cross preaches Anglican bishop. Dunedin rural roadshow gathers feedback. Young adults speak on faith in workplace. Pope's Lent message 2022.



<https://indd.adobe.com/view/e7fba446-52c8-4585-aa31-2a70f63285eb>

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

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.