

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The Good Shepherd"

Sheepfold  
Gate  
Robber  
Sheep  
Shepherd  
Voice  
Stranger  
Life  
Wolf  
Father  
Flock  
Hired

Make all words fit into this crossword

Read John 10:27-28 as a family and fill in the crossword puzzle. Learn how Jesus is the Good Shepherd and how he cares for us.



# Happenings

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C - 8 MAY 2022

## Honouring our Mother

CATHOLICS AROUND THE world dedicate the month of May to our Lady. In the northern hemisphere, the beautiful spring flowers remind us of the beauty of our Lady, "our tainted nature's solitary boast", as William Wordsworth (a non-Catholic Christian) would describe her. Here's his sonnet, *The Virgin*:

Mother! whose virgin bosom was uncroft  
With the least shade of thought to sin allied.  
Woman! above all women glorified,  
Our tainted nature's solitary boast;  
Purer than foam on central ocean tost;  
Brighter than eastern skies at daybreak strewn  
With fancied roses, than the unblemished moon  
Before her wane begins on heaven's blue coast;  
Thy image falls to earth. Yet some, I ween,  
Not forgiven the suppliant knee might bend,  
As to a visible Power, in which did blend  
All that was mixed and reconciled in thee  
Of mother's love with maiden purity,  
Of high and low, celestial with terrene!



We may not be as gifted as Wordsworth, but we certainly can honour our Lady this May: visit a church dedicated to her honour and pray for peace; pray the Rosary in your earphone on your way to work or school; set up a special place for our Lady in your home and in your room; place some flowers before her image ... What other creative ways can you do to honour Mary?

When we honour our Lady we also honour Jesus our Lord who, on the cross, gave us his Mother to be our Mother too. We cannot say "I love you, Jesus but I hate your mum." And of course, this Sunday we honour and greet Her with all the mothers around the world: **Happy Mother's Day!**

Blessings,  
Rico Angelo



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

## EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)



### My sheep hear my voice (Jn 10:27)

**T**HE LORD SAYS: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast.

Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveller who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going. - **Pope St Gregory the Great**, Homily 14



**Reconciliation** is available  
at any time by appointment - please phone  
(04) 232 5611 or text 021 205 6476.



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council will meet on *Thursday 12 May, 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

### Daily Readings: 9-15 May

*Monday:* John 10:1-10; *Tuesday:* John 10:22-30; *Wednesday:* John 12:44-50;  
*Thursday:* John 13:16-20; *Friday:* John 14:1-6; *Saturday:* John 15:9-17;  
**5th Sunday of Easter, Year C:** Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145; Apocalypse 21:1-5;  
John 13:31-35

**MASSES:** For the protection of children (12).



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marie Winifred Prescott (8); Althea Galicia (8).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Margaret Fraser, Jimmy Lee, John Heeneey, Lourdes Watson, Carol Sinnott (9); Herbert Vaney, Winifred Wright, Ena Lawrie, Momotu Sefo (11); Julia Highet, Laszlo Polyansky, Michael Turner (12); Susan Davies, Gweneth Keating, Margaret Foley, Miti Maifala, Colin Reedy (13).

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

### 9-15 MAY: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Registration and Vaccination Passes no longer required

	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	8.30 and 10.30am Mass	7pm Mass discontinued
Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass		

<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Fr Rico de la Torre	Ph: 021 205 6476
<b>Parish Secretary:</b>	Jane Lee	Ph: 232 5611
	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 Vaney	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

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

**1 May 2022 - \$1,213.70**

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

## MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*I said a Mother's day prayer for you  
to thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tenderhearted love.*



*I thanked God for the caring  
you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed  
in time of laughter and of tears.*



*So I thank you from the heart  
for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving me  
the best mother there could be!*



### COULD SOMEONE YOU KNOW BECOME TOMORROW'S PRIEST?

Pray for this person. Invite him to consider priesthood. Affirm his gifts and qualities. Encourage him to be open to the possibility of priesthood.

Contact: Fr Andrew Kim, Vocations Director of Archdiocese of Wellington - email:

andlekis@hotmail.com or phone: 022 102 2011 or visit: www.wellingtonpriests.org



### WOMEN OF FAITH GROUP

This month, we have a reflection presented by Chris Skinner SM - "Breathing in Graces given ... Breathing out Spirit to Share". We will be meeting on Tuesday 10 May at 131 Woodman Drive. All women welcome.

### MAY MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING

This month we will continue meeting as it is the month of Mary. For more information please contact Mary Rayner 021 120 4717. Transport can be provided.



### MEMORIAL FOR LAFAELE PEATO MAPUSUA

This will be held on Sunday, 15 May at 12pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, followed by a lunch at Te Rauparaha Arena at 3pm.



### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts and new sets of planned giving envelopes will be available from the church foyer this weekend before and after all Masses.

If you would like to help the Parish financially, please consider signing up to an Automatic Payment or weekly envelopes. Please email, phone or visit the Parish Office or talk to Jane (Parish Secretary) in the foyer this weekend.

### EMPOWER YOUTH MINISTRY TRAINING

Life Teen Aotearoa and the ADW Young Church are working together to bring Empower Youth Ministry Training to Wellington.

The weekend training will be held from 10am-7pm on Saturday 14 May and 10am-5pm on Sunday 15 May.

If you're a youth minister, thinking about doing youth ministry, a chaplain, a priest who wants to engage young people, a youth leader or junior youth leader this is for you. Get excited, save the dates, invite your friends, priest, teens who you want to invite to leadership, and anyone else who might be interested and register by emailing: l.loyd@wn.catholic.org.nz We hope to see you there. Please see poster on foyer noticeboard.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND FAMILY MASSES WORKSHOP

St Joseph's, Mt Victoria - 9 June at 7pm.

Presented by Fr Patrick Bridgman. This workshop is aimed at everyone who is involved in Children's liturgy or organising Family Masses. Those people who are just curious are very welcome to attend as well. Please see poster on noticeboard for more details.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022 - 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 ...

- **Introduction to the Sacramental Programme:** (Sunday 12 June 2-4.30pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa). Please bring 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).

- **Enrolment Mass:** Sunday 19 June, 8.30am at Our Lady of Fatima Church

- **First Reconciliation:** Saturday 2 July, 3pm, St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay

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

## NZ Catholic NZ CATHOLIC



As we are now at the orange Covid level, our latest issue (8-21 May) will be the last issue provided free of charge via the digital link. Subsequent issues will be available for purchase from the church foyers.

This issue has the following headlines: NZ canon lawyer calls for more laity in Church governance. Dame Lyndsay Freer retires from Church media role. Cardinal Dew quizzed on radio at Easter. Northland author of book on priests suffers devastating property fire.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a7fa5f65-1699-44e7-9334-9dd35f940bc1>

## WE ARE IN THE **ORANGE** TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

As New Zealand moved to the **Orange** traffic light at 11.59pm on 13 April, it now means that gatherings can go ahead without any limits on the number of people allowed to attend. There is no requirement to scan/sign in (although people can, if they wish). Vaccine Passes are no longer required.

**The only current rule is:**

- **people aged over 12 years of age MUST continue to wear face masks in our churches (unless you have an exemption card).**

We ask your help in letting friends and family know that **there is no longer a registration system for attending Mass**. Everyone is welcome to attend and no one will be turned away due to numbers.



**Taize Prayer (monthly on 1st Friday) Friday 6 May 7-8pm \*\***

A reflective time with simple songs and scripture that brings us to stillness and silence. All are welcome.

**A Quiet Day with Suzanne Aubert (monthly on 2nd Thursday)**

Thursday 12 May, 10.30am-2.30pm \*\*

A time for gentle reflection on insights from the life and works of Venerable Suzanne Aubert. A simple lunch is provided (or bring your own). There is no fee, however a koha is greatly appreciated.

**Registration required** - email: sr.sue@compassion.org.nz or ph:

(04) 383 7769.

**Miha - Maori Mass - Every Sunday, 11am-12 noon \*\***

For more info, contact (04) 383 7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

**Meditation in the Christian Tradition**

Every Monday, 7pm AND Every Thursday 11am \*\*

An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christian desert fathers and mothers. All are welcome.

**Mass/Morning Prayer - Monday-Friday 8.30am and Saturday 9am \*\***

\*\* Venue: Chapel, Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay