

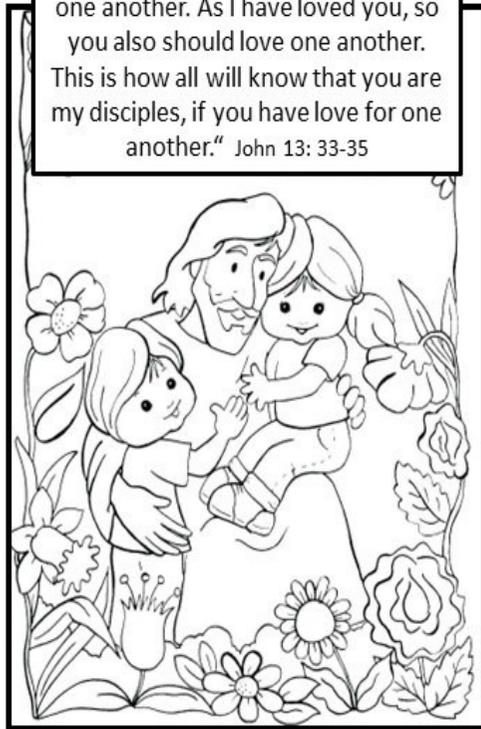
# Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Love one another”



♥ **Serve**  
one another  
through  
**love.** ♥

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13: 33-35



# Happenings

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C - 15 MAY 2022

## What's New?

TO THOSE WHO ASKED Him which was the greatest commandment of the Law, Jesus replied that the first was to love God with all your heart and the second, to love your neighbour as yourself (cf. Mt 22:38-39).

Our **Gospel** today takes us back to the Last Supper when Jesus gave his disciples a “new” commandment: “Love one another as I have loved you.” So, what’s new with this new commandment? This: we are to love according to the example Christ showed us. His is not an emotional, romantic, fleeting, feel-good kind of love. Jesus did not say, “love one another depending on how you feel at the moment.”

Christian love is sacrificial love; it is generous.

The activities and programmes of our Church as you might have noticed, always require certain amounts of sacrificial love and generosity. We sacrifice and offer an hour to attend Mass; we offer our hard-earned money in the collection basket; we sacrifice and forgo an hour of entertainment and personal enjoyment just to be present in our weekly fellowship.

Just a little digression... Truth be told: some Masses are entertaining while some are truly a “pain” to be in; but love God, we must. For people who find Mass a boring spectacle, St Josemaría Escrivá has some words: “You say Mass is long; I say, because your love is short”.

Going back... The Church also calls us to offer our talents by asking us to be part of the different ministries of service in our parish. For, a person who loves is a person who serves.

Some people don’t see the value in attending spiritual and liturgical gatherings because they see them as a waste of time. But when we love God and others, nothing is wasted; for people who love, nothing is a waste of time or resources. St Teresa of Avila would say, “The smallest thing, when done for the love of God is priceless.”

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)

**I give you a new commandment: love one another.  
(Jn 13:34)**



**D**O YOU NOT SEE what is new in Christ's love for us? The law commanded people to love their brothers and sisters as they love themselves, but our Lord Jesus Christ loved us more than himself.

He who was one in nature with God the Father and his equal would not have descended to our lowly estate, nor endured in his flesh such a better death for us, not submitted to the blows given him by his enemies, to the shame, the derision, and all the other sufferings that could not possibly be enumerated; nor, being rich, would he have become poor, had he not loved us far more than himself.

It was indeed something new for love to go as far as that!

Christ commands us to love as he did, putting neither reputation, nor wealth, not anything whatever before love of our brothers and sisters. If need be we must even be prepared to face death for our neighbour's salvation as did our Saviour's blessed disciples and those who followed in their footsteps.

To them the salvation of others mattered more than their own lives and they were ready to do anything or to suffer anything to save souls that were perishing. *I die daily*, said Paul. (1 Cor 15:31) "Who suffers weakness, without my suffering too? Who is made to stumble without my heart blazing with indignation?" (2 Cor 11:29)

The Saviour urged us to practice this love that transcends the law as the foundation of true devotion to God. He knew that only in this way could we become pleasing in God's eyes and that it was by seeking the beauty of the love implanted in us by himself that we should attain to the highest blessings. - **St Cyril of Alexandria, On John's Gospel**



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

### Daily Readings: 16-22 May

*Monday:* John 14:21-26; *Tuesday:* John 14:27-31; *Wednesday:* John 15:1-8;  
*Thursday:* John 15:9-11; *Friday:* John 15:12-17; *Saturday:* John 15:18-21;  
**6th Sunday of Easter, Year C:** Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Psalm 67; Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23; John 14:23-29

**MASSES:** Perlita Infante, RIP (17); Mass for the protection of children (19).



**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Enid Ford (16); Maurice Davidson, Norah Traill, Murray Telfer (17); Winifred Birt, Phyllis Houlihan, Mildred McKinley, Margaret Parker (18); Mary Rhodes, Athol Lepper (19); Roderick Chisholm, Daniel Cannell (21); Mamie Jones, Fr Luke van der Pal (22).

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

### 16-22 MAY: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

**Registration and Vaccination Passes no longer required**

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHU 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	169 Main Road, Tawa
<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

**8 May 2022 - \$1,246.50**

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

## EVERYDAY MISSIONARY

(Excerpts from *concerningdiscerning.blogspot.com* - 22 March 2021)

Following on from my previous column, sometimes the journey to the 'tomb' can be challenging when we know there is Resurrection coming, and we just want to have that New Life now. This is a poem that came out of that space of wrestling.



You're digging deeper and deeper.  
You're revealing the innermost parts of me  
The parts I hide and squash  
The parts I can't even recall myself.

You're molding me into your original masterpiece  
Hammering and chiseling away  
Precise yet painful  
Meaningful yet hidden till the big reveal at the end.

You're bringing darkness to light  
Shame caught in the headlights  
Frozen  
Unable to run, unsure how to react.

You're burning the ships  
Removing security  
The things I escape to when it all gets too much  
The places I run to when the truth is almost up.

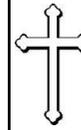
The end result is good;  
The well gushing life  
The stunning masterpiece  
The dazzling light without darkness  
The battle won.

But while I'm in the fight,  
Still being struck and dug  
Still art in progress  
Still caught in the headlights  
It just hurts.

The end result is good  
But right now I just ache.

I want to see the end so I know what you're working towards  
But that would spoil the surprise.

Help me be content with just living in the now.  
Help.



## MEMORIAL FOR LAFAELE PEATO MAPUSUA

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



## PLANNED GIVING: ENVELOPES, TAX RECEIPTS AND AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

Tax receipts and new sets of planned giving envelopes are now available from the Parish office.

Your financial support of our parish is really appreciated especially during these times which are difficult for some

families and individuals.

If you would like to help the Parish financially, please consider signing up to an Automatic Payment (on-line banking). As well as being a safe way to donate, this ensures a somewhat steady income to help keep the parish running.

Please contact the parish office - email: [ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz) OR phone: 232 5611. *Thanks*

## ARE YOU STUCK AT HOME AND MISSING THE SACRAMENTS?

Online Mass is a great help, but not the same as receiving the Eucharist, our food of life. Our parish has special ministers of the Eucharist who visit parishioners in their homes after Mass on Sundays to take communion and share a short liturgy with those who are unable to come to the church.



This can be for a short-time following an accident or hospitalisation, or long-term because of chronic illness, frailty, or significant immune-compromised situations (*Covid protection*). It is **NOT** for those who would just prefer to stay safe at home, but are well/safe enough to attend Mass in the church.

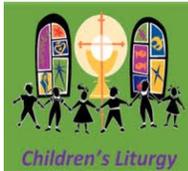
All those who visit are fully vaccinated and wear a mask when visiting.

In Tawa, visits are after 8.30 mass (*between 9.30 and 11am*) or after 10.30 mass (*between 11.30 and 1pm*). Patricia Budding arranges these visiting rosters. Phone 232 6388 or 021 100 4516.

Titahi Bay parishioners can phone the parish office: 232 5611 to request visits.

If you would like to receive these visits, or to talk about the options, please do phone.

If you are in the same situation and would like to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation at home**, please phone Fr Rico to organize this. Ph: 021 205 6476.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy has resumed during 8.30am Sunday Mass (term-time only). Children gather in the side chapel area and read the Gospel and do an activity at a level which is more suitable to them. All children are welcome.



### NOTE OF APPRECIATION AND THANKS

The purpose of this note is to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to you, the community of faith, for all the mass offerings, prayers etc which were made for the successful treatment of my prostate cancer. While it will be some weeks before the results of the treatment will be known

with some certainty the initial indications are positive. The hospital staff administering the treatment were amazed that I did not experience any of the various side effects normally associated with radiation treatment. I attribute this outcome to your prayers for which I am very grateful.

I thank you and ask God to bless you for your thoughts and kindness in praying for me.

*Kevin Mackey*



### "THE ONLY CONSANT IN LIFE IS CHANGE" SEASONS FOR GROWTH SMALL GROUP PROGRAMME FOR ADULTS

For people who have been touched by change, loss, separation, divorce, illness, this provides an opportunity to process and gain skills to respond well to such experiences.

*We may not choose the changes in our lives, but we can choose how we meet them.*

Catholic Social Services is offering a weekend programme to adults with companion Bridgett Parkin on six consecutive Sundays, starting 5 June from 2-4.30pm (participants to attend all six). The venue will be in Wilton (venue on application) and costs \$40. Registration by email closes on Monday, 23 May: [seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz)

*"It didn't just help me with the past. It is helping me with the future as well ... I developed tools that have helped my recovery" - participant*

For more info, please contact Katrin Eickhorst, trainer/co-ordinator Seasons for Growth, Catholic Social Services: (04) 385 8642 or 021 374 405.

## 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.

### NATIONAL PRAYER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN AOTEAROA

A national prayer campaign for vulnerable children in Aotearoa called "Project Innocence" will begin on Sunday 15 May 2022 and end with a special National prayer event on 15 June (via zoom). People are encouraged to pray the following prayer daily

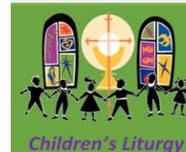


Dear Lord Jesus, we pray that a movement be raised up in this country, that will turn the tide of violence and abuse of children in Aotearoa.

Your heart burns for love for the little children, especially those most vulnerable.

We pray that this movement will bring healing and forgiveness to many.

We ask this prayer through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and our Patron, Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert. *Amen*



### 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.