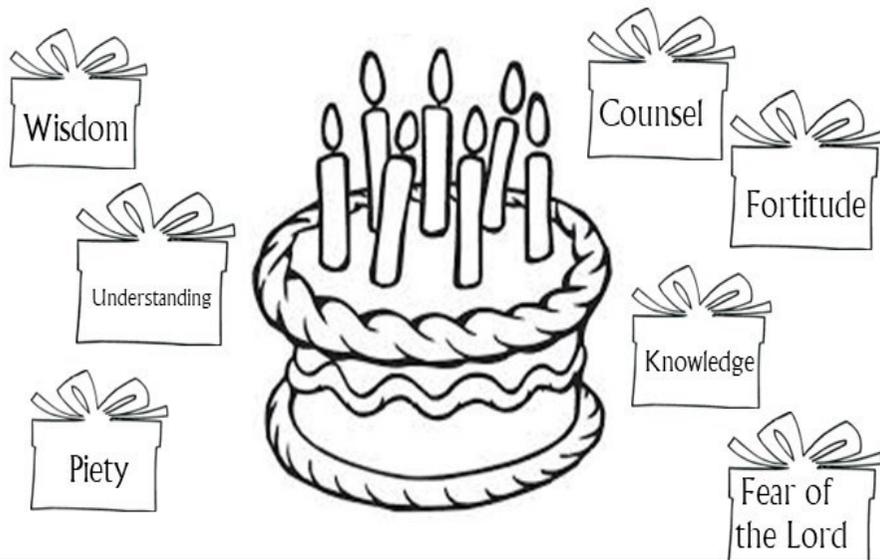


Feast of Pentecost "The Holy Spirit comes"



Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church!



Happenings

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PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR C - 5 JUNE 2022

'There's still room for more'

INSPIRED BY PSALM 104, Bob Hurd sings *Envía tu Espíritu, sea renovada la faz de la tierra* (Send forth your Spirit, renew the face of the earth). Our First Reading today (Acts 2:1-11) is about the apostles preaching in different tongues after they received the Holy Spirit, and their hearers understanding their message in their own language. What happened here was a complete reversal of the Tower of Babel in Gen 11:1-9 where different languages caused confusion and division among the people. Our Responsorial Psalm (Ps 104) is about God establishing order in the world. With the resurrection of Christ and the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, the world marred and disfigured by sin and evil is now taking a new turn for the better.

A bit of digression: Sunday was seen by Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch (deemed as the founder of modern Rabbinic Judaism) as "the eighth day" and thus, "the new day of creation"; and for St Augustine of Hippo, the baby's circumcision on the 8th day (cf Gen 17) the birth of his "new life" as member of God's diverse yet united covenant family, as described by the Second Reading (1 Cor 12).

We've come a long way since that Pentecost two millennia ago. Our Church have suffered and endured persecutions, heresies, and scandals. We have periods of folly and of glory. The Church continues to stand firm amidst the vicissitudes of human affairs. Napoleon once said to Cardinal Consalvi that he's going to destroy the Catholic Church. The cardinal replied, the clergy have been doing that for the past 1,800 years and they haven't even succeeded yet!

Indeed, God continues to renew the face of the earth. And it's amazing to contemplate how He does it through each one of us who are sinful and imperfect in many ways. Yes, the Church is teeming with sinners and hypocrites; but there's still room for more. See you around.

Blessings,
Rico Angelo



**PARKING AT
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
CHURCH**

Please see article inside newsletter



EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)



The Sending of the Holy Spirit

THE SPIRIT CAME DOWN on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well.
- **St Irenaeus, Against the Heresies**



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

NZCatholic **NZ CATHOLIC** (Issue 5-18 June)
 Now for sale in church foyers again. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for eight years). Some headlines for this issue: Bishop Michael Gielen appointed as Bishop of Christchurch. Catholic reaction to the Budget. Women who shook up philosophy at Oxford. Te Aroha parishioner knitted 3000 slippers.

6-12 June

Monday: Matthew 5:1-12; *Tuesday:* Matthew 5:13-16; *Wednesday:* Matt 5:17-19; *Thursday:* Matthew 5:20-26; *Friday:* Matthew 5:27-32; *Saturday:* Matthew 10:7-13;
Trinity Sunday, Year C: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15



ANNIVERSARIES: Bridget Hynes (6).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Jack O'Halloran, Sarah Murphy, Michael Gilligan, Stephen McErlain, Austin O'Carroll (6); Theresa Tohill, Michael Huggins (7); Thomas Elliot (8); Peter Shakesby, Ellen James, George Edwards, Frank Boyle (9); Francis West, Nora Petersen, Josephus van Schijndel (10); William Brown, Brian Bradshaw (11); Veronica Morley, Kathleen Comerford (12).

R.I.P

RECENTLY DECEASED: Gerard van der Kaa, RIP (who died in the Netherlands on 29 May - brother of Fr John)

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

6-12 JUNE: 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	

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

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

29 May 2022 - \$759.50

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

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



SUZANNE AUBERT'S 187TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Following the invitation to have "a heart as big as an artichoke, and so big that everyone can have a leaf of it", we will celebrate the 187th birthday of Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert, on *Sunday 19 June*, with a *Commemorative Mass at Our Lady's Home of Compassion at 11am*, featuring music by St Mary's College.

Afterward, attendees will enjoy refreshments in the Heritage Centre.

The invitation is open to all who wish to attend one of the most significant events in the Compassion calendar and a time to reflect on the life and legacy of our founder, Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert.

UPDATE FROM CARDINAL JOHN ON LITURGICAL PRACTICES IN ORANGE SETTING

These changes can take effect from 28-29 May:

- Parishes may reintroduce singing. This should be in moderation as it remains an activity which can potentially spread the virus, especially if people are not wearing masks properly.
- Other practices suspended for Covid 19 such as children's liturgy, offertory procession, passing the collection basket, cup of tea after Mass can resume.
- Communion can be taken to the sick ... Masks are to be worn.
- Mask-wearing at Mass is to be strongly encouraged and is even more important when there is singing.
- Normal cleaning practices can be resumed in the church and gathering spaces.
- Social distancing is not required but people should be sensitive to those around them.

These restrictions remain in place:

- **Communion under one kind and in the hand only;**
- **contactless Sign of Peace;**
- **no holy water in fonts;**
- **masks must be worn by priest and ministers distributing communion.**

We must also think about the elderly and immune-compromised who may feel unable to come to Mass if they feel it is not safe. **Last week the Bishops decided to retain the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation as there is still a lot of Covid-19 in the community."**

NEW MEAL ROSTER: 2-15 June 2022

Are you able to help out fellow parishioners by making a dinner? *This is a parish family with a new born baby.* 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



PARKING AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

The following is an email and photo received on Sunday afternoon -

"I'd like to bring to your attention the inconsiderate parking that is regularly occurring at your Tawa church on a Sunday. To be honest, it's always been an issue, but I'm tired of watching kids, families, pushchairs, scooters etc having to go out on a busy road because attendees at your church have parked on the footpath. Parking on yellow 'no parking' lines is a very regular occurrence which is selfish and inconsiderate. Can you talk to parishioners to ask them to park more considerately."



Therefore, can you please be considerate of other footpath users - if there is no parking available at the church, please find a legal park elsewhere. *Thanks*



★ TUESDAY LUNCHEON ★

★ Once again we are very happy to invite you to our Tuesday luncheon. It ★
★ will be held on *Tuesday, 7 June at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima* ★
★ *church foyer.* ★

★ If you have not been with us before and are 60 years and over, do come ★
★ - you will enjoy it. The winter months are upon us, so we will serve ★
★ you a lovely soup. We have sandwiches, cake and slices. And there is, ★
★ as always, some entertainment. All this for you for \$5 as a donation to ★
★ cover the cost. ★

★ For catering purposes we need to know how many people are attending, ★
★ so please make a booking with *Kate on 232 9754 or Peter on 232 8795* ★
★ no later than *Sunday evening 5 June*. Late bookings can only be taken if ★
★ there are cancellations. ★

★ For a cancellation on the day of the luncheon, phone Jane in the office ★
★ on 232 5611. ★

★ We look forward to seeing you there! ★



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The Lamb of God Christian Community will be holding a Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) on *23 July (9.30am-4.30pm) and 24 July (1.30pm-4.30pm)* at *St John's Anglican Church, 18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville*. This is open to anyone who is interested.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/SvcjFkBPg7E8TiCb6>

For further info please contact: lifethespirit.log@gmail.com

UPDATE FROM THE PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

Te Ropu Tautoko

have this week released a second statement and documents on the gathering project of abuse that has happened in New Zealand in the Catholic Church. Here is the link: <https://tautoko.catholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/20220601-Statement-re-IGP-on-reports-of-abuse.pdf>

The document is also available on the Safeguarding noticeboard in the Church foyers.

Royal Commission of Inquiry into historical abuse in State and Faith Based Institutions

There is still time to take part if you or family members have been abused. Open until the beginning of next year. Contact number: 0800 222 727 weekdays 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday. Next hearing coming up 13-17 June into Abuse in Foster care.

More details are on their website: <https://www.abuseincare.org.nz/>

*Nga mihi,
Safeguarding Team*



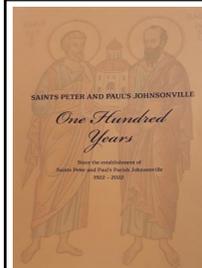
JUNE MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING

This month we have some material about praying.

We are a group of mother's who get together to share our experiences and discuss what's happening in our lives and to support each other.

Any new or expectant mothers are welcome to attend. Transport can be provided.

Please contact Mary Rayner 021 120 4717 or 232 2088.



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH, JOHNSONVILLE - 100 Year Celebration: 1922-2022

2pm, Sunday, 26 June at Sts Peter and Pauls Church, Dr Taylor Tce, Johnsonville.

Mass with Cardinal Dew presiding, followed by afternoon tea in the church hall.

We have produced a book to commemorate this occasion.

Cost: \$20. You may pre-order it at: bookings@stfrancisohariu.nz

The book may be picked up on the day or posted, please include extra \$5 for postage and handling. We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you there.