

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

"Father, may your name be held holy." (Lk 11:3)



THE PRAYER BEGINS WITH a testimony to God, and with the reward of faith, when we say, Our Father who art in the heavens; for (in so saying), we at once pray to God, and commend faith, whose reward this appellation is. It is written, To them who believed in Him He gave power to be called sons of God (Jn 1:12).

However, our Lord very frequently proclaimed God as a Father to us; nay, even gave a precept that we call no one on earth father, but the Father whom we have in the heavens: Matthew 23:9 and so, in thus praying, we are likewise obeying the precept.

Happy they who recognize their Father! This is the reproach that is brought against Israel, to which the Spirit attests heaven and earth, saying, I have begotten sons, and they have not recognized me. Isaiah 1:2 Moreover, in saying Father, we also call him God. That appellation is one both of filial duty and of power.

Again, in the Father the Son is invoked; for I, says He, and the Father are One. John 10:30 Nor is even our mother the Church passed by, if, that is, in the Father and the Son is recognized the mother, from whom arises the name both of Father and of Son. In one general term, then, or word, we both honour God, together with His own, and are mindful of the precept, and set a mark on such as have forgotten their Father. - **Tertullian, On the Lord's Prayer**



Reconciliation is available before Vigil and Sunday Masses or by appointment - please phone (04) 232 5611 or text 021 205 6476.

25-31 July

Monday: Matthew 20:20-28; Tuesday: Matt 13:16-17; Wednesday: Matt 13:44-46; Thursday: Matthew 13:47-53; Friday: Matthew 13:54-58; Saturday: Matt 14:1-12; **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C:** Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23; Psalm 90; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21



MASSES:

ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: John Slattery, Rose Reid, Anne McFayden, Selina Valu, Lesely Lang (25); Mutu Keepa, Joanna Poutawa, Murray Rose, Logan Gilbert (26); Peter Devlin, Kathryn Balemi (27); Ann Hill (28); Glen Julius, Arthur Savery, Valmai Parker, William Harbidge, Apolonia Cabrera, Theresa Martin (29); Irene Mouat, Agnes Regan, Cornelius McGrath, Carol O'Neill (30); Ivy Herriot, James Roberts, Russell Snell, Margaret Brooky, Murray Dick (31).

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

25-31 JULY: 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	
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

17 July 2022 - \$1,496.90

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

EVERYDAY MISSIONARY

(Excerpts from concerningdiscerning.blogspot.com - 25 July 2020)

At a youth ministers retreat [in 2020] Fr James Lyons gave a session titled 'Mountains'. He spoke about how our lives are like an iceberg - the living is done on the 'part' of ourself that is visible to the whole world. But there is so much more to us than that! ... And the hardest mountain we have to climb during our lifetime is the climb we take to bring the truest, deepest version of ourself to the surface.

As we reflected on this session, I journaled:

"Lord, I'm slowly conquering the mountain of myself.

But the climb is downwards instead of up. I'm climbing down into the deepest parts of myself, the hidden parts, the parts I'm ashamed of and the parts I never let anyone else see. But also the parts the world has suppressed, the parts busyness overwhelm, expectations squash and reality shatters. And then there are the beautifully broken parts, the parts of the master-piece of me, the parts where you reside most closely. I'm climbing down into the deepest parts of me - a journey of loss, loneliness and pain, but also a journey of love, restoration and hope. I am slowly conquering the mountain of myself.

And one day, You'll come and flip it upside down, and I'll find that I was really climbing upward all along - and I've finally reached the top."



KPF LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PROGRAMME (KLSP)

"Come to me all of you who are tired and weary, and I will give you rest. (Matt 11:28)" This is the promise of Jesus to us who wants to experience His love and peace.

Come and experience His life-changing love every Saturday from 6 August to 26 November, 1pm at St Bernadette's Church Hall, 194 Naenae Road, Lower Hutt.

For registration and details, contact Joel 029 576 4713 or Adam 021 198 7685 or email at klsp.wn@kpfellowship.org.nz

This programme is a Catholic faith-sharing experience consisting of 16 sessions covering topics on The Basic Truths about Christianity, the Authentic Christian and Living a Spirit-filled Christian life.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERS

The second World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elders is an opportunity to convey the closeness of the Church in celebrating with joy those who have been gifted with a life 'filled with days' as the Bible says. We are all invited to visit the elderly who are most alone at home or in rest homes where they are guests. Let us make sure that no one lives this day in loneliness.

Francis writes:

"In old age they will still bear fruit." (Ps 92:15). These words of the Psalmist are glad tidings, a true "gospel" that we can proclaim to all on this second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. They run counter to what the world thinks about this stage of life, but also to the attitude of grim resignation shown by some of us elderly people, who harbour few expectations for the future.

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The fast pace of the world - with which we struggle to keep up - seems to leave us no alternative but to implicitly accept the idea that we are useless. We can resonate with the heartfelt prayer of the Psalmist: *"Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent"* (71:9).

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Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. "Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God."



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2022

