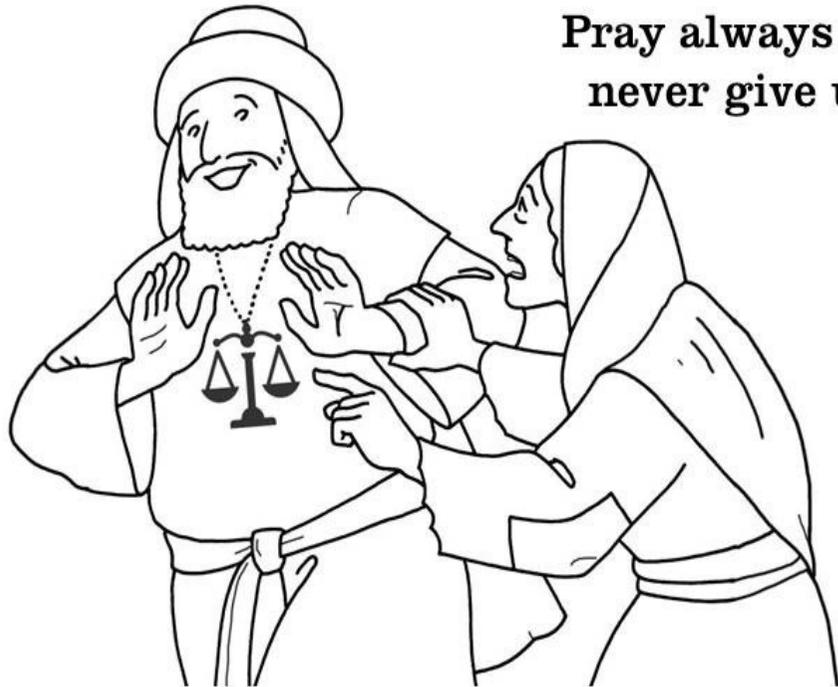


Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“The Parable of the Persistent Widow”

Pray always and never give up!



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parable	pray	judge
widow	decision	adversary
unwilling	respect	dishonest
justice	speedily	faith



Happenings

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C - 16 OCTOBER 2022

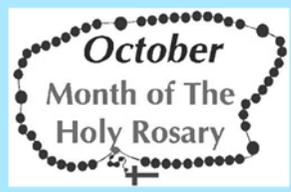
Pray at all times and trust in the Lord

THIS WEEK'S READINGS focus on the need for prayer and trust in the Lord, even when we feel isolated and despondent. To this end, the **First Reading** tells the story of Moses, who is helped by his friends to continue brandishing the 'staff of God' even when he is too tired to raise his arms. Together they help to contribute to the victory against Israel's enemies, the Amalekites. The **Psalmist** puts all his trust in God, knowing that the Lord will guard his going and coming at all times.

St Paul encourages Timothy to be faithful to the Scriptures, which are inspired by God and a source of wisdom (**Second Reading**). Timothy is to proclaim the word, and support and encourage others with great patience.

The **Gospel** passage, sometimes called the 'Parable of the Persistent Widow', or of the 'Unjust Judge', reflects on the need to pray continually. We are to persist in our petitions, even if at first the Lord appears deaf to our pleading.

So this week, as we continue to pray for justice and peace in the world, particularly in open conflicts, we might keep in mind the lessons of this week's texts. Let's try to persist in our entreaties, perhaps with the help of friends, trusting that the Lord will guard us from evil.



OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

To celebrate this month's devotion to the Rosary, Rosary will be said: 20 minutes before the Vigil Mass; at the end of 8.30 Sunday Mass and 20 minutes before 10.30 Sunday Mass.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

"Moses said to Joshua ... "I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight." (Exodus 17:9-11, **First Reading**)



FOR AGAINST HIM did they wreak their fury after they had slain His prophets, even by affixing Him with nails to the cross. Otherwise, it is an idle thing when, after slaying men, he inveighs against them for the torture of a bullock!

Again, in the case of Moses, wherefore did he at that moment particularly, when Joshua was fighting Amalek, pray in a sitting posture with outstretched hands, when in such a conflict it would surely have been more seemly to have bent the knee, and smitten the breast, and to have fallen on the face to the ground, and in such prostration to have offered prayer?

Wherefore, but because in a battle fought in the name of that Lord who was one day to fight against the devil, the shape was necessary of that very cross through which Jesus was to win the victory? Why, once more, did the same Moses, after prohibiting the likeness of everything, set up the golden serpent on the pole; and as it hung there, propose it as an object to be looked at for a cure?

Did he not here also intend to show the power of our Lord's cross, whereby that old serpent the devil was vanquished—whereby also to every man who was bitten by spiritual serpents, but who yet turned with an eye of faith to it, was proclaimed a cure from the bite of sin, and health for evermore? - **Tertullian, Against Marcion, Bk III, 18.**



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

17-23 October

Monday: Luke 12:13-21; Tuesday: Luke 10:1-9; Wednesday: Luke 12:39-48;
Thursday: Luke 12:49-53; Friday: Luke 12:54-59; Saturday: Luke 13:1-9;
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19; Psalm 34;
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

ANNIVERSARIES: Seraphine Braganza (15); Eric Rawson (16).



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Thomas Smith, Margaret McSweeney, Angus McDonald, Margaret Summers (17); Peter Booth, Albert Young, Henry Sharman, Dermot Greally (18); Christopher Aldridge, Mary Kelly, Honora Morrison (19); Paul Murray, Paul Vella (20); John Warren, John Smith, Mary Boderick, Anastasia Johnston, Patricia Williams (21); Stuart Thurston (22); Pamela Harcourt, Jane Wilkinson, Beryl Andrew, Mary Ross, James Drummond (23).

R.I.P

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Patrick Columba Whelan, RIP 9 October
(Requiem Mass will be at 10am at St Pius X church on 15 October)

Robert Ovini Aitcheson, RIP 8 October
(Funeral service will be at 1pm at Whenua Tapu Cemetery on 17 October)

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

17-23 OCTOBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	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	

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	169 Main Road, Tawa
	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

9 October 2022 - \$2,389.50

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

EVERYDAY MISSIONARY

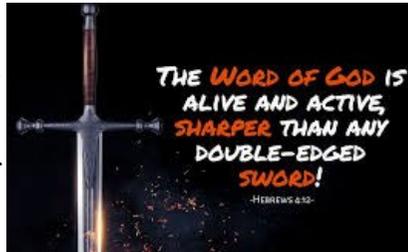
(Excerpts from concerningdiscerning.blogspot.com - 18 June 2020)

During prayer times when I reflect on the daily Scripture Readings, I often write down the verses that particularly stood out to me, and then turn them into my prayer for the day ahead.

For example, one day when the First Reading was from Acts 20:17-27, I was particularly struck by verses 22-24: *“And now, as captive to the Spirit, I am on my way ... not knowing what will happen to me ... But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Good News of God’s Grace.”*

The prayer it became - and which I have used often since - is: *“Come Holy Spirit, take me captive so I can’t help but follow where You lead and do what You ask of me today!”*

I encourage you to try this way of praying with Scripture - turning the powerful Word into prayer over your day.



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STORIES OF HOPE

The next magazine edition will be available in late November. We are now seeking material from parishioners: reports from special family or parish group events, personal faith stories, poems, book reviews or page-fillers. Please also let us know of any planned events for the Advent and Christmas period so that these can be advertised.

Deadline for submissions is Friday 4 November. Send to magazine@ourladyofhope.org.nz or hard copy can be left in the parish office.



MARIAN MOTHER'S GROUP OCTOBER MEETING

On the first day back of term we will be meeting, *Monday 17 October at 10am*. Any new mothers are welcome to attend, or soon to be mothers.

Our topic is “What’s in a Name?” Discussion points include the origin of bible names, eg Jacob changed to Israel, and confirmation names.

If anyone needs transport, please contact Mary: 021 120 4717.



All primary school-age children are invited to submit a Christmas art work with the theme of any event (from the Gospels or imagined) from the

Journey to Bethlehem to the Flight into Egypt. There will be two age groups: 7 and under, 8 and over. Please use an A4 page and any medium you like. Write your name, age and a contact phone number on the back.

Entries will be judged by an independent artist. You can leave entries at the parish office or in the box provided in the church foyer. **Entries must be submitted by Sunday 30 October at the latest.** The winning entry will be used as the cover for the November Stories of Hope.



ALL SOULS DAY MASS - MORNING TEA

Following 9am Mass on All Souls Day, a cuppa and morning tea will be held in the foyer at Our Lady of Fatima church.

If you are able to help either making the teas/coffees or providing a small plate of food, can you please contact

Jane in the office by email: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone: 232 5611 and leave a message.

TE ROPU TAUTOKO

The Royal Commission into Abuse in Care has been continuing with its work. Te Ropu Tautoko, the Church’s group co-ordinating Catholic engagement with the Royal Commission, has been contributing to this work and has released a roadmap of the changes the Church needs to make in anticipation of the Commission’s final recommendations. You can view Tautoko’s Roadmap on their website at www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz/roadmap.

The final Hearing of the Inquiry will be held from 13-20 October and involve witnesses representing Catholic entities. You can find out more at www.tautoko.catholic.org.nz/hearing





The figures on the following page paint a very grim picture and show that our Parish desperately needs more volunteers across all Ministries, but especially Eucharistic Ministers and Prayer Leaders.

All these roles play a vital part in each Mass and support Fr Rico in his job as Parish Priest and head of our Parish family.

Ideally it would be wonderful if we had at least 20 Eucharistic Ministers and 12-15 Readers, Prayer Leaders, Collectors and Offertory Procession people for each Mass time. Then, when people are on holiday, sick or unavailable, there are plenty of people to swap with. This would mean you would be rostered on less times than currently happens.

Therefore, we are asking people to volunteer for something and to step out of the comfort zone of the church pews. We cannot all be passengers on the boat or the audience at a concert; we need more crew members.

Are **Y O U** willing to become part of the crew and help your Parish family by taking an active part in a Ministry? Training and guidance will be provided.

Please sign up on the clipboards in the foyer or email the Parish Office your name, phone number and address and what Mass you would like to volunteer for.

We look forward to hearing from **Y O U**.

	NUMBER OF PEOPLE ASSISTING AT MASS		
	5.30pm	8.30am	10.30am
Eucharistic Ministers	9	8	9
<i>Number required each week</i>	3	3	3
Readers	12	9	12
<i>Number required each week</i>	2	1	1
Prayer Leaders		5	5
<i>Number required each week</i>		1	1
Offertory Procession (includes Collection at 5.30)	7	7	5
<i>Number required each week</i>	2	2	2
Collectors		6	7
<i>Number required each week</i>		2	2
Current number of volunteers	28	35	38
Average Mass Count November 2020**	123	183	248
% of volunteers based on Mass attendance	22%	19%	15%
**most recent figure as Nov 2021 Mass Count had Covid Mass restrictions			