

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

“We are all children of God”

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Happenings

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C - 6 NOVEMBER 2022

***Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings***

AS WE MOVE towards the end of the liturgical year, the readings invite us to think about endings: not in a fearful way, but with an invitation to hope and trust in the God of resurrection and life.

The **First Reading** tells of a valiant mother who, strong in her hope of the resurrection, encourages her faith-filled sons to suffer martyrdom rather than prove unfaithful to God. Jesus, answering the sly question posed by the Saducees (**Gospel**), demonstrates that they have not even begun to understand the transformation of life that will take place after the resurrection. Heaven is about union with the God who is Lord of life and the living.

Paul prays that our Lord and Father may strengthen the young Christian community of Thessalonica with the grace of strength, comfort and hope (**Second Reading**). He also warns them to be alert to 'the interference of bigoted and evil people', who would prevent the Lord's message of love spreading quickly throughout the world. The **Psalms** is a prayer of trust in God and appeals for deliverance from enemies who have wrongfully accused the psalmist. The images used to describe God are both intimate and striking.

This week, we pray for all innocent people in our own times who suffer imprisonment, torture and death. We also pray that Christ Jesus' message of love and compassion for the whole of life may spread quickly throughout the world.



EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

(Quotes from the past)

Let us die with Christ, to live with Christ.

W E SEE THAT death is gain, life is loss. Paul says: *For me life is Christ, and death a gain.* What does "Christ" mean but to die in the body, and receive the breath of life? Let us then die with Christ, to live with Christ. We should have a daily familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment our soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body. It must soar above earthly lusts to a place where they cannot come near, to hold it fast. It must take on the likeness of death, to avoid the punishment of death.

The law of our fallen nature is at war with the law of our reason and subjects the law of reason to the law of error. What is the remedy? *Who will set me free from this body of death? The grace of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it. Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unremitting labour and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.

The soul has to turn away from the aimless paths of this life, from the defilement of an earthly body; it must reach out to those assemblies in heaven to sing the praises of God. - **St Ambrose, on the death of his brother Satyrus**



A B I G thank you to all the wonderful people who provided a plate for the All Souls Day morning tea and helped in the kitchen. It was greatly appreciated.



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

7-13 November

Monday: Luke 17:1-6; *Tuesday:* Luke 17:7-10; *Wednesday:* John 2:13-22;
Thursday: Luke 17:20-25; *Friday:* Luke 17:26-37; *Saturday:* Luke 18:1-8;
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 98;
 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

MASSES: Thanksgiving Mass (7).

ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Joseph Pilcher (7); Raymond Corley (8); Bernadette Wilson, Mary Fox, June Kerr, Kathleen Blacktop, Elinor Ward (9); Marcel St Merat (10); Donald Reid, John Duncan, Lois Samaranyake, Maureen Kerr (11); Irelene Elder (12); Godfrey Palmer, Eileen Fowler (13).



R.I.P

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

7-13 NOVEMBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHU BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Wednesday	9am Mass 9am-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
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Filipino Chaplaincy	Web: www.filipinochaplaincy-wellington.org.nz	

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

30 October 2022 - \$2,026.60

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

EVERYDAY MISSIONARY

(Check out <https://vocationvacationnz.squarespace.com/>)

Today I write from Wanaka, before making my way to Lake Tekapo, then Christchurch, and finally home to Wellington!

I have wrapped up all my Order Visits now - totaling 17 Religious Orders and 82 Sisters. There is A LOT to digest and I'm feeling a little overwhelmed by the sheer volume of information I've accumulated about Religious Life in NZ. But I feel very blessed to have been able to go on this adventure, as well as to have spent these past five months exploring more of our beautiful country. Thank you all for following along, and for your continued support.

I hope to have a more in-depth summary for you in the next edition of Stories of Hope.

(Images: *Doubtful Sound, Fiordland; with the Little Sisters of the Poor*)



TALL ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE WANTED

If you are downsizing your artificial Christmas tree, would you consider donating it to Our Lady of Fatima church. We need a Christmas tree for our Jesse tree.

Please ring Marie Andrewartha - 021 476 153.



REMEMBRANCE MASS

Please join us on *Thursday 10 November at 6.30pm in the Bishop Viard College chapel* to remember our loved ones who have gone before us.

To register to attend, please contact: office@viard.school.nz or phone: (04) 237 5248.

NZ Catholic NZ CATHOLIC (Issue 6-19 November)

Now for sale in church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for eight years).

Some headlines for this issue: Alan Duff speaks at De Paul House breakfast. African Christian faith and culture celebrated in NZ. Church leaders appear at Royal commission hearing. Church in Aotearoa strives to be bi-cultural.



NOVEMBER – REMEMBERING THE BELOVED DEAD



In November, it is our custom to remember those God has called home. You can place the names of those family and friends whom you would like prayed for at each Mass celebrated during November in the box in front of the altar.

If you are adding a Mass Stipend or donation in memory of the dead, please put it in an envelope with the name(s) on the front and hand it into the parish office.



COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL

Date: Saturday 12 November Time: 12pm (lunch time)

Place: St Pius X school hall, Te Pene Avenue

Parishioners, families and supporters very welcome.

If you are able to provide some entertainment, bring some finger food or help on the day, this will be much appreciated. This is an alcohol free event.

For more information, please ring Ian 027 924 429. Thank you



PLANNED GIVING

Thank you to all who contribute to the parish so generously and support our fundraising initiatives. Our parish relies on offertory collections to maintain and grow our mission. We are each responsible for the upkeep of our parish.

New sets of weekly planned giving envelopes and "Special" envelopes for those who give by Automatic Payment are available this weekend from the foyer, and Tuesday to Friday between 9.30-12 noon from the Parish Office.

Would you like to join Planned Giving?

If so, please contact Jane in the Parish Office - ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone 232 5611. You can give by either weekly envelopes or Automatic Payments with your bank.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Our next meeting is on *Tuesday 8 November at 10am at 66 Collins Avenue.*

We have a reflection for November on death and resurrection through the eyes of Mary of Magdala. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and friendship.

For more information or transport, please phone Jane, 232 7206.

RESPONSORY FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Leader: Lord, in your steadfast love, give them eternal rest.

All: *Lord, in your steadfast love, give them eternal rest.*

Leader: You will come again to judge the living and the dead.

All: *Give them eternal rest.*

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: *Lord, in your steadfast love, give them eternal rest.*

Intercessions

By your coming as a man ...

By your birth ...

By your baptism and fasting ...

By your suffering and cross ...

By your death and burial ...

By your rising to new life ...

By your return in glory to the Father ...

By your gift of the Holy Spirit ...

By your coming again in glory ...

Response: *Lord, save your people*



Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Let us pray. Father, source of forgiveness and salvation of all mankind, hear our prayers. Through the merits of the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the merits of the ever-Virgin Mary, and all your Saints, may our dear ones who have gone from this world, come to share eternal happiness with you, who live and reign with Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto your faithful, O Lord.

R. *And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

R. *Amen.*

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned, with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.



If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact Louise Kelleher or Teena George at the Tribunal on (04) 496 1727 or by email at: tribunal.wellington@catholic-tribunal.org.nz All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.



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.

Our Parish desperately needs more volunteers across all Ministries, but especially Eucharistic Ministers and Prayer Leaders.

Please consider ***“am I willing to step out of the comfort zone of the church pews and volunteer for something?”*** We cannot all be passengers on the boat or the audience at a concert; we need more crew members.

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**.



NOVEMBER MARIAN MOTHER'S GROUP MEETING

This month our topic is: “We don’t know where they have put Him; referring to Mary Magdalene and her encounter with Jesus’ empty tomb. It is a reflection on how we experience different faith journeys.

On *Monday 14 November from 10am*, we will be meeting. Any new or expectant mothers are welcome to come along.

Please contact Mary Rayner: 021 120 4717 if you want to know more or need transport. We look forward to seeing you all.



2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

These cost \$12 each (cash only) and are available from church foyers this weekend, then from the Parish Office. Please pick up a copy for yourself or a loved one.