



**MASSSES:** Major Seow, RIP (father & father-in-law of Dolly & Ramesh (28).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marie Highsted (1).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Agnes Murray (30); Rosina Snow, Eldon Armstrong, Fantino De Souza (31); Ivy Kershaw, Edward Hayes, Henry Kozinski, Irene Andrewartha (1); Elsie Shields, Mary Burke, Christopher Kenny (2); Eleanor Hynes, Jemal Higginson, Hilda Keating, Richard Murphy, John Gilhooly (3); Sa Ulu (4); Alan Willis, Mary Flynn, Kalala Moenoa, Matthew Ireland, Beryl Davidson, Raymond Hill (5).

**R.I.P**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Armando "Mandy" Mangat. RIP 17 January (Funeral service was held at Our Lady of Fatima church on 24 January)

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

### 30 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHIBAY
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	8.30am and 10.30am Mass	

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
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### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

22 January 2023 - \$1,631.10

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



# Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay

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4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 29 JANUARY 2023

## How happy are the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of heaven

TODAYS READINGS TELL us what we need to follow Christ and become more like him. Getting our priorities right in God's eyes may not be easy, nor is it always the way of the world, but it will bring happiness in God's kingdom.

At the beginning of his Sermon on the Mount (**Gospel**), Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, which focus on the qualities he expects his disciples to have. They are not 'rules' like the commandments, more a road map for discipleship, laying out the way to follow him. Jesus is calling us to learn what it really means to be 'glad and rejoice' - in him alone.

The Beatitudes are a restatement of the values mentioned in the **First Reading**. The Lord will protect those living honest and just lives: people of integrity and humility. The **Psalmist** sings of the Lord's faithfulness and kindness, praising God for his care of 'those who are oppressed': the hungry, the imprisoned, the blind and the stranger. St Paul reminds the Corinthians (**Second Reading**) why they have been chosen by God. Their gift of faith is entirely due to God's generosity: in God they have found wisdom, holiness and freedom.

This week, we may pray to recognize all the blessings the Lord has given us, so that we might walk more closely with Jesus in his work, just as he walks with us in our lives. We continue to remember those suffering in war and conflict in Ukraine and beyond.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



This weekend we say goodbye to Teresa Rayner who is moving to Canberra to join the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters. We wish her well as she answers God's call and ask parishioners to prayerfully support Teresa.  
*Arohanui*



**SIMBANG GABI**

Thank you to those who gave so very generously at the Masses before Christmas. \$2,082.90 cash, plus several food items were received which have been given to the local St Vincent de Paul Society to help their charitable works.



**CANDLEMAS - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

*On Thursday, 2 February, the Blessing of candles will take place at the start of Mass. Please bring along your candles for home use to be blessed.*

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is the day we commemorate the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is widely regarded as the end of the Christmas Season. Though not widely celebrated, it preserves a rich tradition of the Church. If you count 40 days after the celebration of Christmas you reach 3 February.



**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**

Baptism Preparation will resume on *Saturday 11 February at 10am* in the *Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer*. It is a pre-baptism requirement that you attend a preparation course.

So if you're planning on having a baptism, please register your intention to attend the course by contacting the Parish Office 232 5611 or [ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz). Please do not just turn up in case there has been a change in time or venue.



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

**Daily Readings 30 January - 5 February**

*Monday:* Mark 5:1-20; *Tuesday:* Mark 5:21-43; *Wednesday:* Mark 6:1-6; *Thursday:* Luke 2:22-40; *Friday:* Mark 6:14-29; *Saturday:* Mark 6:30-34; **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

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★ Tawa Tuesday Luncheons will start the New Year with a **HIGH TEA** on 7 February at 2.30pm in the foyer of Our Lady of Fatima church. We are always happy to welcome new people to join us in meeting other parishioners in a friendly atmosphere. So if you're 60 years and over, do come and enjoy. We need to know how many people are coming for catering purposes, so to make a booking please phone *Kate* on 232 9754 or *Trish* on 022 5283 071 no later than *Sunday evening 5 February*. Late bookings can only be taken if there are cancellations. For a cancellation on the day of the High Tea, phone *Jane* on 232 5611. We ask for \$5 to cover the cost, and look forward to seeing you there!  
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**BROTHER PETER BRAY FSC - Speaking Tour**

**Palestine is a Hot Topic!**

Come and hear about the reality of living there. Brother Peter Bray FSC, the Kiwi Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University, will be talking about the Holy Land, his work with his students, and the lives of other ordinary Palestinians.

**Wellington Venue:** *St Thomas More (Wilton) Monday 30 January 2023, 7pm start.* Tea and coffee available from 6.30pm. **Please register by 25 January** with *Christine* at [c.walkeridine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkeridine@wn.catholic.org.nz) or phone (04) 496 1706.

Check out his latest video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R17kia53-GY>



**WAITANGI DAY MASS** Nau mai, haere mai!

The customary Waitangi Day Mass to pray for this land and all who dwell here under the guardianship of the Treaty will be celebrated on *Monday, 6 February, 9am* at *St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott St, Wellington*.

This Mass combines the choirs of St Mary of the Angels and Te Ngakau Tapu parish for Maori in Porirua. Prayers will be primarily in Maori, English and Latin along with various other languages. Celebrant: Cardinal John Dew.

Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. Enquiries to [office.manager@smoa.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@smoa.org.nz) - (04) 473 8074. All welcome.



**VALENTINE'S DAY MASS**

*Tuesday 14 February at St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria.* Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal John Dew from 6.30pm, followed by refreshments.