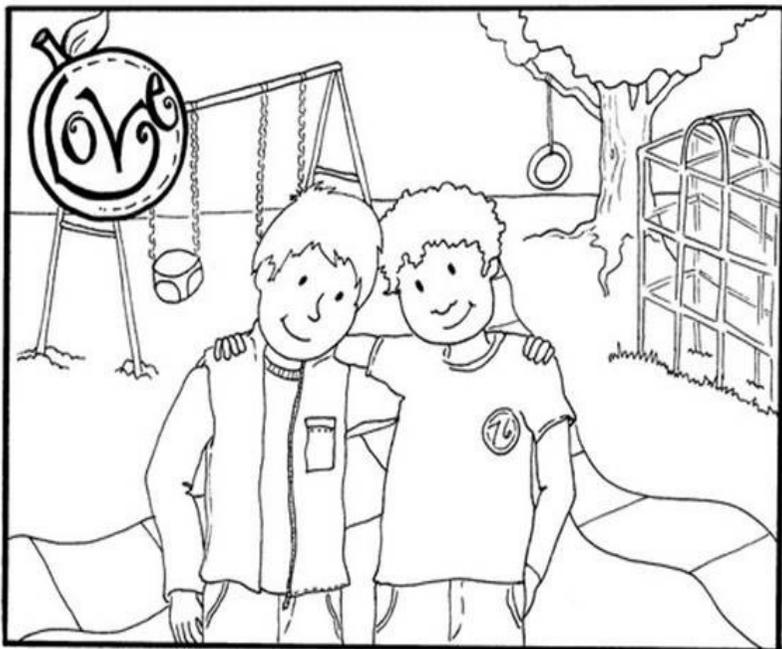


# Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Love your enemies”



Mandy Grace '11

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# Happenings

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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 19 FEBRUARY 2023

## The Lord is compassion and love

WE LIVE IN times when many of our conversations exaggerate difference and division. But the scripture for this Sunday proclaims a radical message of love that overcomes hatred, and a compassion that heals and unifies.

Paul’s letter to the Corinthians (**Second Reading**) teaches that the Spirit of God is within us. Together, we are a temple of God proclaiming God’s wisdom. This wisdom challenges human notions of tribalism that can ultimately lead to division and hatred, when we see ‘others’ as our enemies.

Moses (**First Reading**) is commanded to profess God’s wisdom by telling the people that holiness is based on love and forgiveness: ‘You must love your neighbour as yourself.’ In the **Gospel**, Jesus reveals the full expression of the wisdom of God’s Law of Love: ‘love your enemies’. We are called to respond with radical non-violence to all forms of hatred and division.

The **Psalms** that sits at the centre of this week’s scripture is a beautiful song of gratitude to a God full of forgiveness, who is slow to anger and abounding in compassion and love. This week, may the words of this song of love sing out through all that we do and say. Let us pray that we will have the grace to move beyond divisive ‘them-and-us’ ways of thinking and relating. In God we are all One, bound together with compassion and love.





### SALE OF TITAHI BAY PRESBYTERY

The former Titahi Bay Presbytery at 63 Te Pene Avenue, is now for sale by tender (**closes on 24 Feb**). The following link will take you to the website which contains details of the property, photos, open home times and the agent.

[www.trademe.co.nz/a/property/residential/sale/wellington/porirua/titahi-bay/listing/3978372503](http://www.trademe.co.nz/a/property/residential/sale/wellington/porirua/titahi-bay/listing/3978372503)

*Dear Fellow Parishioners*

*The Parish Pastoral Council is updating the Parish Pastoral Plan and your input is requested. The Archdiocesan Church Mission Team will be meeting with us on the afternoon of **Sunday, 26 February from 1.30pm in the foyer of Our Lady of Fatima Church** to help with the planning.*

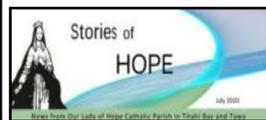
*All parishioners are welcome to attend and help us in the formulation of the new plan.*

*There is some material to be read prior to the meeting. If you would like to attend, I can arrange for you to receive the material either electronically or a print version.*

*This is a plan for the whole parish and all contributions are welcome.*

*God Bless,  
Marie Prescott*

*(the.mothership@xtra.co.nz; 027 2000 737; 232 7679)*



**STORIES OF HOPE**

The first edition for 2023 will be published in March. If you have any special family news item (photos of baptisms, weddings, special anniversaries etc) that you would like to share, poems, reflections, Lent/Easter art work, news from your parish group/activity, then please send to: [magazine@ourladyofhope.org.nz](mailto:magazine@ourladyofhope.org.nz) Or a hard copy can be left at the parish office. The deadline for all submissions is *Friday, 24 February*.

Apologies that I cannot currently acknowledge your emails, as my computer is at the repair shop but should be back soon.



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

**Daily Readings 20-26 February**

*Monday: Mark 9:14-29; Tuesday: Mark 9:30-37; Wednesday: Matthew 6:1-6,16-18; Thursday: Luke 9:22-25; Friday: Matthew 9:14-15; Saturday: Luke 5:27-32; 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7; Psalm 51; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11*



**MASSES:** ?? Va'a, RIP (mother of Rose Newell) (19).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Vera Fesleir, John Wanden (20); Stefan Pruss, Brian le Champion (21); Rhoda Entwistle, Raymond Polaschek, Susanna Brown (22); Roy Penman, Myrtle McGill, Franz Pignet, Edward Healy, Garth Ward (23); Brian Butler, Peter Cusick, Karen Martin (24); Joan Ross, James Lavin, Maria Webster (25); Jillian Miller, Matthew Griffin, Michael Redden, Robert Stewart, Maurice Lang, Marget Cater, Ivy Fernando, Paul Mears (26).

**R.I.P**

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

**20-26 FEBRUARY: MASS & SERVICE TIMES**

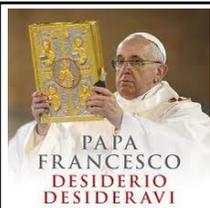
	<b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA</b>	<b>ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY</b>
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Ash Wednesday	9am and 7.30pm Mass 9am-7pm Adoration	10am Mass
Thursday	9am Mass	10am Mass
Friday	9am Mass	
Saturday	9am Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am and 10.30am Mass	
Weekday Masses may 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 169 Main Road, Tawa
	Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-12 noon	
<b>Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:</b>	Marie Prescott	Ph: 232 7679
<b>Parish Finance Committee Chairperson:</b>	Graeme Hansen	Ph: 232 4360
<b>Marist Sisters:</b>	Srs Francine McGovern & Margaret Vaney	Ph: 232 5151
<b>St Francis Xavier School:</b>	Joan Woods, Principal	Ph: 232 8927
<b>St Pius X School:</b>	Nenah Kelemete, Principal	Ph: 236 7006
<b>Bishop Viard College:</b>	Chris Theobald, Principal	Ph: 237 5248
<b>Samoan Chaplaincy</b>	Mikaele Teofilo	Ph: 021 0818 5037
<b>Filipino Chaplaincy</b>	Web: <a href="http://www.filchap-adw.nz">www.filchap-adw.nz</a>	

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**12 February 2023 - \$1,818.80**

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



### LITURGY WORKSHOP BASED ON DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI

The National Liturgy Office are running a workshop based on Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Letter, *Desiderio Desideravi*.

**VENUE:** *Sts Peter and Paul Church, Lower Hutt*

**DATE:** *Saturday, 25 February*

**TIME:** *10am to 3pm*

**ATTENDEES:** Anyone involved in liturgies or interested in learning about key liturgy components.

For more info and to register, please contact Christine on 496 1706 or email: [c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz) Please see poster on church noticeboard



### ST MARY OF THE ANGELS YOUNG ADULTS

*Sunday 26 February: Youth Mass + dinner*

Please join us at the end of the month to get together for mass and a meal. If you would like to be involved in the mass, please reach out to us.

*Friday 17-19 March: Cycling the Ohakune Old Coach Road*

Conquer this legendary road on a weekend away with us. Only the first 12 people to sign up will be able to join this unforgettable journey.

Email: [smayacs@gmail.com](mailto:smayacs@gmail.com)



### TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Caritas Aotearoa NZ is accepting donations to help the people of south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, seriously affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks of Monday, 6 February which toppled hundreds of buildings and killed many thousands of people.

If you would like to donate, you can do so online through the Caritas Emergency Donation tab at: [www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) (please specify that your donation is for Turkey Earthquake.)

Or donate via the Caritas bank account: 03 0518 0211216 00 (please include your first and last name and put Turkey as the code.)



**NZ CATHOLIC** (Issue 12-25 Feb) Now for sale in church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for eight years).

Some headlines for this issue: Auckland Bishop starts appeal to help flood victims. Replica of Fatima chapel planned for Samoa. Crisis of love is crisis of vision. The importance of the sacrament of Penance.



### INDONESIAN COMMUNITY MASS

On *Saturday, 18 February at 5pm* a Vigil Mass with the Indonesian Community will be held at our Lady of Fatima church. (Mass is in English and Indonesian). All are welcome.



### UPCOMING MORNING TEA

On *Sunday 19 February* a cuppa and morning tea will be held **after the 8.30am Mass** in the church foyer. Fr Bernard Holzer and Brother Milad Yacoub who are congregational leaders for the Assumptionists in the Oceania region will be visiting Wellington.

It would be appreciated if parishioners could help at this event by providing a small plate of food, helping make the teas/coffees and washing up after. *Thanks*



### ASH WEDNESDAY TIMETABLE 22 February (Mass and distribution of ashes)

**Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa: 9am & 7.30pm Masses**

**St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay: 10am Mass**



### YOUTH LED MASSES

We are seeking more youth to be involved in our monthly youth led masses which happen on the 1st Sunday of each month at 8.30am. Youth from 10 years and up are invited to be involved. Roles include reading, collection, offertory, prayer leading, reading prayers of the faithful, data projector operation and assisting with morning tea. This is a great

way for our young people to become more involved in the mass and bless our community.

If you have young people who would like to be involved in reading, please speak to Kingsley Ihejirika (021 0859 0918). For the other ministries, please speak to Simon & Mary Rayner (021 120 4717). A roster will be prepared for the coming months, and we will provide them with any training or instructions that they may require.

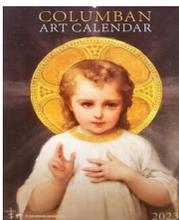
Parents, we may ask you for a little assistance with the morning tea.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**  
On Fridays during Lent, Stations of the Cross is held at 6pm at St Pius X Church and 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

**Would you like to lead the Stations on one of the Fridays?**

If so, can you please email the Parish Office which day you are available - 24 Feb, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Mar.  
Thanks



**FOR SALE: COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2023**

Did you miss out on getting a 2023 Columban Calendar?

If so, we have THREE left for sale at the Parish office  
(Tuesday-Friday 9-noon)

Columban Calendars \$12 each (cash only)



**VOICE FOR LIFE YOUTH - Abortion debunked seminar**

Come join Voice for Life Youth Wellington to connect with other 13-23 year olds, who are passionate about being a voice for the voiceless.

The event consists of two workshops debunking

New Zealand's abortion legislation and pro-abortion arguments with guest speaker Brendan Malone.

Saturday, 11 March 1-3pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish Church Hall (17 Boulcott Street). RSVP to Helena Nagrampa - 020 410 86611.



**EMAILS, NEWSLETTERS & PARISHIONER UPDATES**

Are you new to our parish?

Would you like to receive the email version of the Parish newsletter or other emails we occasionally send out?

This is a vital way to keep in contact, so we can update parishioners quickly about Mass times etc.

Please send your email details to the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz so you can be included in our emails and database. Also, if you have changed your email address, moved to a new address or have a new phone number, please let us know.

Thanks Jane Lee, Parish Secretary



**CLEANING ROSTERS: Our Lady of Fatima and St Pius X Churches**

A number of people are retiring/have retired from the cleaning rosters and we are in desperate need of replacements.

The job involves cleaning the church (usually with one or two other people) on a rostered basis once every nine weeks in Tawa and currently in Titahi Bay it is a roster of three weeks, which can be extended if more volunteers come forward. All cleaning equipment is stored at the churches.

We would love you to join us.

Please let me know if you are able to join these rosters. My email is: the.mothership@xtra.co.nz or phone: (04) 232 7679 or 027 200 0737.

God bless, Marie Prescott



**MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER - 2023 Mission Fair**

Come and support the Sisters of St Peter Claver raise funds for Catholic Missionary work around the world. The 2023 Mission Fair has something for everyone with a variety of stalls, raffles, food and entertainment.

**WHEN:** 10am to 1pm on Saturday, 25 February

**WHERE:** 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay

Donations of good quality items for sale at the Fair are greatly appreciated and can be delivered to the Sisters at 1 Mersey Street, Island Bay - phone: (04) 383 8401.

**CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND VACANCIES**

Executive Assistant

We are looking for an Executive Assistant/Office Manager who will be responsible for supporting our Chief Executive. This role will also provide support to other Senior Leaders as required and work collaboratively across the Organisation.



Advocacy Advisor

Caritas is on the look-out for an Advocacy Advisor to support the Engagement team in delivering high-quality research, analysis, and communications to advocate for justice, peace and development.

To find out more about these roles and details for applying, please visit the Caritas website: [www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us](http://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us)