

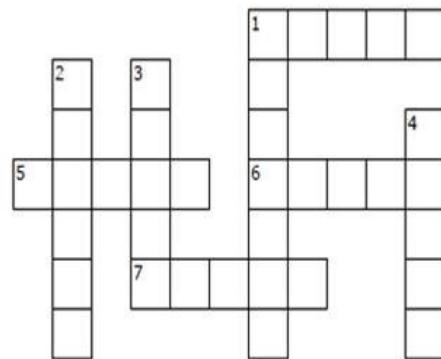
## First Sunday of Lent

"Temptation in the desert"

# The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

This puzzle is based on Matthew 4:1-11.



### ACROSS

1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
6. A small rock
7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

### DOWN

1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
2. To feel a need or desire for food
3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
4. To try to get someone to do wrong

hungry  
stone

bread  
tempt

worship  
angel

devil  
world



# Happenings

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1st SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A - 26 FEBRUARY 2023

### What are you gaining in Lent

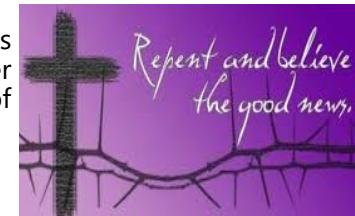
THE COMMON QUESTION floated around the season of Lent is "What are you giving up for Lent?" and rightly so, because Lent is marked, among other things, by mortification. It might not be properly called mortification at all if we are not giving up something of value to us (it is precisely what makes sacrifice a sacrifice; for, we do not sacrifice those that are rubbish).

The pain and discomfort can make us forget that beyond the wholesome discipline of Lent lies the harvest of holiness (cf. Heb 12:4-11).

And the seemingly monotonous and bland acts of fasting, almsgiving, and extra time for prayer and reflection? They will not turn into empty virtue-signaling gestures if they lead to a sincere conversion of heart. "Rend your heart and not your garments!" our First Reading (Joel 2:13) last Ash Wednesday reminded us.

To better navigate the 40 days of Lent perhaps it might help that instead of just asking "What am I giving up for Lent?", why don't we also ask "What are we *gaining* in Lent?" St John Climacus who wrote the spiritual classic *The Ladder of Divine Ascent* said, "To repent is not to look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God's love; it is not to look backwards with self-reproach but forward with trustfulness; it is to see not what I failed to be, but what by the grace of Christ I might yet become."

This season, we are given this opportunity to once again climb the ladder of divine ascent by heeding the message of Lent: *Repent and believe in the Gospel*.



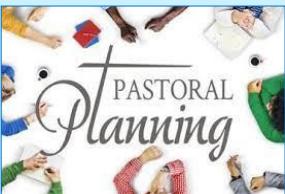
Blessings,  
Rico Angelo



Let us welcome once again Fr Pene as he stays with us this March and presides over our Masses.

*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 **THIS AFTERNOON, Sunday, 26 February from 1.30pm in the foyer of Our Lady of Fatima Church** to help with the planning.

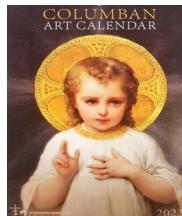


All parishioners are welcome to attend and help us in the formulation of the new plan.

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](mailto:the.mothership@xtra.co.nz); 027 2000 737; 232 7679)



### FOR SALE: COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2023

Did you miss out on getting a 2023 Columban Calendar?  
If so, we have TWO left for sale at the Parish office  
(Tuesday-Friday 9-noon)

Columban Calendars \$12 each (cash only)



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

### Daily Readings 27 February - 5 March

Monday: Matthew 25:31-46; Tuesday: Matthew 6:7-15; Wednesday: Luke 11:29-32;  
Thursday: Matthew 7:7-12; Friday: Matthew 5:20-26; Saturday: Matthew 5:43-48;  
**2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A:** Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 33;  
2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9



**MASSES:** Armando Mangat, RIP and Special Intention (26).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Kenneth Deacon (27); Irene Royal, William Smith (28); Teresa Thrall, Sheryl Huggins (29); Alfred Baker, Jane Irvine, Irene Prior, Bernadette Peters, Betty Berry (1); Dora Hurnan, Thomas Keogh (2); Edmond Sinclair, Johannes Veenswyk, Eileen Billing (3); William Paul, Margaret Gallen (4); Catherine Trask, Frederick Cunliffe, Robert Ward, Tony Shirnack (5).

**R.I.P**

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

### 27 FEBRUARY - 5 MARCH: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHIBAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Ash Wednesday	9am Mass 9am-9pm Adoration	
Thursday	9am Mass	10am Mass
Friday	9am Mass 7pm Stations of the Cross	6pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9am Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am 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

**Marist Sisters:** Srs Francine McGovern & Margaret Vaney

Ph: 232 5151

**St Francis Xavier School:** Joan Woods, Principal

Ph: 232 8927

**St Pius X School:** Nenah Kelemete, Principal

Ph: 236 7006

**Bishop Viard College:** Chris Theobald, Principal

Ph: 237 5248

**Samoan Chaplaincy** Mikaele Teofilo

Ph: 021 0818 5037

**Filipino Chaplaincy** Web: [www.filchap-adw.nz](http://www.filchap-adw.nz)

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

19 February 2023 - \$1,744.10

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

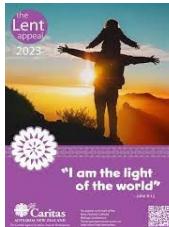


## STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

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*



## CARITAS LENTEN GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS

These are available from the Church foyer for the Bishops' 2023 Lenten appeal. You can either use weekly donation envelopes or a single donation envelope. You can return the envelopes during the parish offertory collection. Thank you for your generous support.



### LENTEN PRAYER FOR LIFE

This Lent, join in prayer, fasting and reparation, especially for the 36 pre-born babies who lose their lives through abortion every single day of the year in New Zealand. If possible, please join the peaceful, prayerful witness outside Wellington Hospital every

Wednesday in Lent between 9am to 4pm. For all enquiries or to register for a vigil hour, call or txt 021 231 7954 (Family Life International)



## ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE, LOWER HUTT - REUNION

All old boys and their families are invited to a weekend of activities between *Friday 17 March and Sunday 19 March 2023*. To register, please visit: [www.sbob.org.nz](http://www.sbob.org.nz) or SBC Old Boys on Facebook. Can't wait to catch up with you all.



**NZ CATHOLIC** (Issue 26 Feb-11 Mar) Now for sale in church foyers. Price: \$4 (unchanged for eight years).

Some headlines for this issue: After cyclone, Auckland Bishop starts appeal for Hamilton and PN dioceses. Kiwi vice-chancellor speaks on Palestinian plight. Flooding survivor tells her family story. Daughter of saint coming to NZ.



## TUESDAY LUNCHEON

A new year has started for our Luncheons for those 60 years old and over. It will be held on *Tuesday, 7 March at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer*. Do join us in this parish gathering.

Sandwiches, savouries, slice is all there for you to enjoy and always with some entertainment. If you have not been before ... do come ... you will not be disappointed.

We like to know how many people to cater for, so do make a booking by phoning *Kate on 232 9754 or Peter on 232 8795*, no later than *Sunday evening 5 March*. Late bookings can only be taken if there are cancellations. For a cancellation on the day of the luncheon, phone Jane in the office on 232 5611.

We ask for **\$6** to cover the cost and look forward to seeing you there!



## 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.



Applications are **OPEN NOW**, until **28 FEBRUARY**, to join a shorter pilgrimage with the group from Aotearoa. **Fatima** (*days in the diocese*) **24-30 July (breakfast/dinner included)**. Transport from Fatima to Lisbon. **Lisbon** (*World Youth Day*) **31 July-7 August (all meals included)**. Accommodation will be in host homes and/or simple (marae style) sleeping bag/mat required.

Please arrange your own transport to (a): arrive in Fatima in the evening of 24 July; (b): depart from Lisbon on 7 August.

Cost: \$1,250 payable by 10 March.

Register online at [youngpeople.church/wyd](http://youngpeople.church/wyd)

# Lenten 2023 Challenge

## PRAYFASTSERVE

<b>26</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Attend Mass & offer it for the faithful	<b>27</b> Pray for a random person pray for his/her welfare	<b>28</b> Spend few minutes for Bible Reading pray for enlightenment	<b>22</b> Get marked with ASHES! ask for the grace to be faithful	<b>23</b> Spend less money pray for stability	<b>24</b> Abstain from eating meat pray for perseverance	<b>25</b> Fast from drinking alcohol/soda pray for your health
<b>5</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Attend Mass & offer it for your parents & siblings	<b>6</b> Pray for a relative pray for his/her guidance	<b>7</b> Help a stranger pray for understanding	<b>1 MARCH</b> Invite a friend to attend a Mass with you pray for him/her	<b>2</b> Pray for the victims of calamities pray for protection	<b>3</b> Abstain from gossiping pray for peace	<b>4</b> No swearing today pray for prudence
<b>12</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Attend Mass & offer it for our country	<b>13</b> Give food to the homeless pray for generosity	<b>14</b> Pray for your Parish Priest pray for vocations	<b>8</b> Pray the Holy Rosary w/ your family/friends pray for lasting relationship	<b>9</b> Spend a day away from social media pray for your friends	<b>10</b> Participate in the Stations of the Cross pray for the persecuted	<b>11</b> Spend time with nature pray for our common home
<b>19</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare) Attend Mass & offer it for those who are troubled	<b>20</b> Make someone smile pray for happiness	<b>21</b> Pray for those who asked your prayer pray for God's providence	<b>15</b> Forgive those who have wronged you pray for mercy	<b>16</b> Attend Adoration of the Eucharist pray for healing	<b>17</b> Abstain from bullying pray for kindness	<b>18</b> Stay at home and help out with chores pray for patience
<b>26</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Attend Mass & offer it for those who are in danger	<b>27</b> Do exercise pray for discipline	<b>28</b> Give someone encouragement pray for hope	<b>22</b> Give someone a compliment pray for gratitude	<b>23</b> Pray for our Church leaders pray for unity	<b>24</b> Abstain from online shopping pray to overcome temptations	<b>25</b> Extend help to your neighbor pray for humility
<b>2</b> Palm Sunday Attend Mass & offer it for those who are discriminated	<b>3</b> Remember and pray for the dead pray for their eternal repose	<b>4</b> Refrain from talking/fighting back pray for fortitude	<b>5</b> Invite others to go to confession pray for conversion	<b>6</b> Spend time for Visita Iglesia pray for the Universal Church	<b>7</b> Reflect on the Lord's Passion Venerate the Cross	<b>1 APRIL</b> Do not prank others pray for mutual respect
<b>9</b> EASTER SUNDAY Happy Easter! Thank God for everything	<b>Continue to be faithful and hopeful this Easter Season!</b>					



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