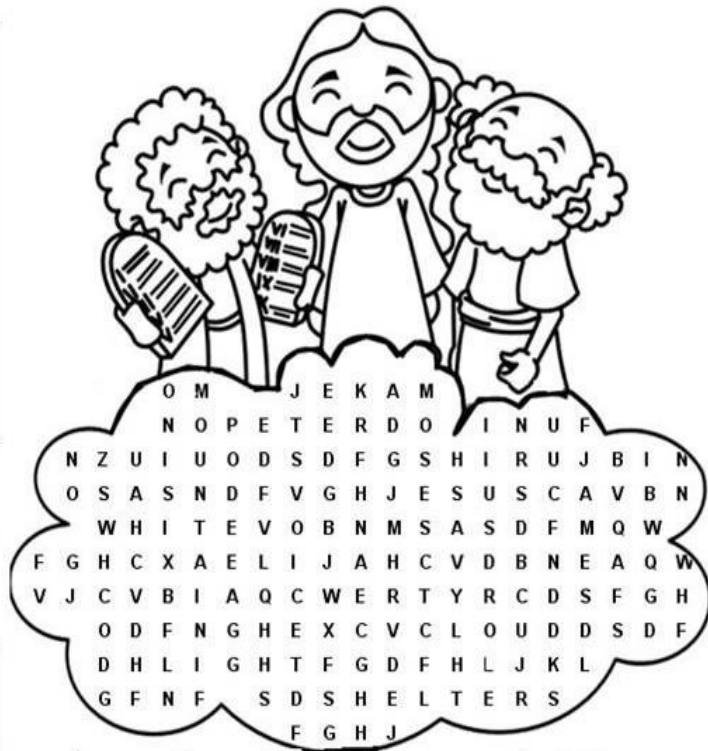


Second Sunday of Lent

“The Transfiguration of Our Lord”

- Peter
- James
- John
- Mountain
- Sun
- White
- Light
- Moses
- Elijah
- Shelters
- Voice
- Cloud
- Lord
- Jesus



Find the hidden words

This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.
Listen to him!



“Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Matthew 17:1-9



Happenings

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A - 5 MARCH 2023

The Ladder of Divine Ascent

ONE WAY OF getting the most out of the Lenten Season is to look at it from a pilgrim’s point of view. It’s like going up the ladder of divine ascent, as St John Climacus contemplated, that we may share in the glory of the Lord, which our **Gospel** today reminds us of.

In today’s **First Reading**, we have the beginning of the journey of Abram, whose name was later changed to Abraham, meaning, the father of multitude of nations. God tells him to go to the Land of Canaan; and associated with his journey, is a set of blessings: God will bless Abram; His name will become great; and other people will receive blessings through him. We learn from this that, in order to receive these promises, he must leave what is familiar and comfortable and go where God leads him. The same thing happens to us: when we obey God’s will, it would make us leave our comfort zones behind, and do things we haven’t done before.

If you haven’t been to Reconciliation in the last 10 years, or 20 years, the season of Lent is the time to do it. If in the past you were not actively involved in the Parish, now is the time to start anew. It might make you unpopular and uncomfortable in some social settings, but it could give you a clearer understanding of human dignity and relationship.

These are difficult things to do. No doubt. And so, let us consider what our **Responsorial Psalm** is asking us today: trust in the Lord’s mercy. Saint Paul reminds Timothy, and us, in our **Second Reading**, to bear our hardship with the strength that comes from God. In our struggle to be holy and in obeying God’s will, it will be God’s grace that will sustain us. As I said in my homily last Sunday, our Lenten efforts will be fruitful only when we unite them with Christ. But it always begins by heeding the message of Lent: Repent and believe in the Gospel.



Blessings,
Rico Angelo

Act of Contrition

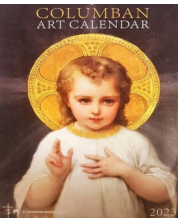
Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, Whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am sorry for my sins because I have offended you. I know I should love You above all things. Help me to do penance, to do better, and to avoid anything that might lead me to sin. Amen.



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
after 9am Mass on Saturday mornings (9.30-10am).

Daily Readings 6-12 March

Monday: Luke 6:36-38; Tuesday: Matthew 23:1-12; Wednesday: Matthew 20:17-28;
Thursday: Luke 16:19-31; Friday: Matthew 21:33-43,45-46; Saturday: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A: Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42



ANNIVERSARIES: Alain Leneferna de la Motte & Pieter Mulder (5); Randall Family (7); Anita Rubio (9); Frank Prescott (12).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Martinus Janssen, William Baker (6); Fr Chris Penders (7); Bernard Brown, Rebecca Miller (8); Alice Davis, Catherine Blackbee, Stanley Bucknor, Nola Armstrong (9); William Costello, Patricia Morgan (10); Anthony Thurston, Raymond Young, Bernard Quinn (11); Patrick Byrne, Richard McCarthy, Mark Stempa (12).

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

6-12 MARCH: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

| | OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA | ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHU BAY |
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| Monday | 9am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion | |
| 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

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| Relieving Parish Priest: Fr Pene | Ph: 232 5611 | |
| 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: 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 | |

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

26 February 2023 - \$1,719.00


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




MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING FOR MARCH
 During the month of March, we will be looking at the topic "Permanence in a Time of Change". We will meet on *Monday, 13 March from 10am.*
 If there are any new mothers or expectant mothers we would love to see you. Rides are also given if you don't have transport.
 We look forward to seeing you.
 Please contact Mary Rayner - 021 120 4717




WANTED - 12 FEET
 At the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday (7.30pm on 6 April at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay) we will re-enact the washing of the disciples feet.
 Would you like to be one of the 12?
 If so, please contact Marie Prescott - the.mothership@xtra.co.nz; 027 2000 737; 232 7679




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




VOLUNTEER REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT CO-ORDINATOR
This volunteer role requires a commitment of up to 8 hours per week.
 Catholic Social Services (CSS) are looking for someone who is passionate about enabling former Refugees to get a great start in their new life in Aotearoa NZ. CSS collaborates with Red Cross, Catholic, other parishes and community groups in the Wellington area providing household goods to assist in the resettlement of people arriving into NZ via refugee pathways. The co-ordinator role is to ensure the smooth running of the resettlement project. It is anticipated that there will be 7-10 intakes across a year. For more info, please contact Wellington Catholic Social Services on (04) 385 8642 or email: reception@wn.catholic.org.nz




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.



JOSHUA WELLINGTON
 Invites men to join us on *Thursday, 16 March at 7.30pm at the Loaves and Fishes next to the Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets*, followed by supper. Topic: "Return to God - listen to His voice"
Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



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 or SBC Old Boys on Facebook. Can't wait to catch up with you all.



ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
 Engaged Encounter is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married.
 Weekends for 2023 are on: *18/19 March, 19/20 August, 25/26 November.*
 The venue is Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori, Wellington.
 Registrations close two weeks before the weekend is held.
 For more details, go to the website: www.cee-wellington.co.nz or phone Kate & Simon Olson on: 027 486 0700 or email: simonolsen@gmail.com