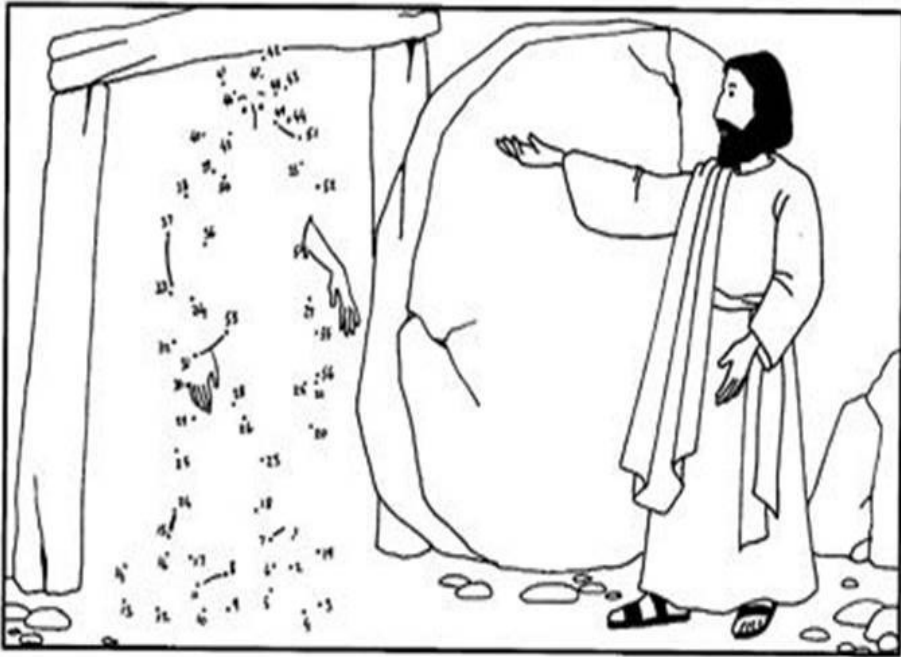


Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Lazarus comes back to life"



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Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay
 OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH - 169 Main Road, TAWA
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5th SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A - 26 MARCH 2023

Jesus, Resurrection and Life

TODAY'S READINGS ARE a reminder of how God wishes to release us from all that holds us back from him, whether it be sin, despair or the grave itself. God desires to carry us from the emptiness of death, in all its forms, to new life in the Spirit.

In the **First Reading**, the prophet Ezekiel tells how God will call us, even from the very grave, to offer us the Spirit of life. We will be brought back home to ourselves, and settled on our own soil. The **Psalm** shows this same upward movement, from the depths of despair and guilt, to the joy and the fullness of life brought about through redemption. The **Second Reading** reveals how this new life is possible - only by Christ living in us. We, ourselves, will be home to the Spirit of God.

The **Gospel** recalls the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus is Resurrection and life and we will see God's glory when we have faith in him. Perhaps, this week, I might feel called to renew my belief in the one who is Resurrection and fullness of life, and to ponder anew the gifts of life, freedom and joy which the Lord freely offers. What might life in his Spirit look like in the coming week?



The Holy Week timetable is in this newsletter



URGENT: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED NOW



1: Are you available on *Saturday, 1 April at 10am* to help cut the palms from the shrubs which will be blessed at all Palm Sunday Masses? *Several people are required to assist with this, as we need approximately 500 palms.*



2: We will re-enact the washing of the disciples feet at the *Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday (7.30pm on 6 April at St Pius X Church).* *We still require 7 feet to be washed.*

If you are able to help with any of the above, please email your name and contact details to the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone: (04) 232 5611 and leave a message.

Many thanks
Jane Lee, Parish Secretary



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.*



Reconciliation is available before Vigil and Sunday Masses or after 9am Mass on Saturday mornings (9.30-10am).

Daily Readings 27 March - 2 April

Monday: John 8:1-11; *Tuesday:* John 8:21-30; *Wednesday:* John 8:31-42;
Thursday: John 8:51-59; *Friday:* John 10:31-42; *Saturday:* John 11:45-57
Palm Sunday, Year A: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21:8-9,17-20;23-24;
Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27,66



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Daniel Collins, Ronald Blair, Edna Mattar (27); Mary Smith, Jane Alsford (28); Sydney Dennett, Allan McIntosh, Terence Campbell (29); Terrence Lloyd (30); Theresa Murphy, Minnie Lockhart (31); Michael Huddleston, Jaqueline Wilton (1); Teresa O'Hagan, Mary O'Hara, John (Jack) Sloan (2).

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Anne (Maggie) MacDougall, RIP 20 March (Requiem Mass will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 11am on 27 March)

R.I.P

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

27 MARCH - 2 APRIL: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	NO 9am Mass - Requiem 11am	
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


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


19 March 2023 - \$1,741.10

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


"Spend an hour with me."
-Jesus



HOLY HOUR
You are invited to a Holy Hour on *Tuesday 28 March* at the *Connolly Hall Chapel* beginning at *7.30pm* to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
A gentle reminder that Daylight saving ends at *2am next Sunday, 2 April (Palm Sunday)*. Please remember to put your watches, phones and clocks back so you aren't late for Mass on Palm Sunday!




HOME OF COMPASSION - MARCH APPEAL 2023
Please, donate now: <https://compassion.org.nz/appeal/>



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NZ CATHOLIC (26 Mar - 8 Apr) Now for sale in church foyers. Price: \$4 (unchanged for eight years).

Some headlines for this issue: Seminary buildings reopened. Youth evangelization team starts in Christchurch. Catholic school hosts state school hit by cyclone. Auckland priest 'patriarch' farewelled.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

TIME TO ENROL YOUR CHILD




Each year, our children are invited to continue their faith journey through joining the Parish Sacramental programme, which includes making their first Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. For each Sacrament, children and their parents or guardians join others for learning sessions which begin in **April**. You are warmly invited to register your child/children. There will be sign-up forms in both our churches and also at St Francis Xavier and St Pius X Catholic schools. Enrolment packs are also available from the Parish Office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz - phone: (04) 232 5611. You can also email or phone Marie Andrewartha to enrol or if you have any questions: Email: m.g.andrewartha@gmail.com - phone: 021 476 153.

Please enrol your child/children as soon as possible.

Please include:
a) your child's name and age;
b) your name, and
c) your contact phone number.


Children must be eight years of age or over and have been baptised. Sessions will be on Sundays at **4pm**, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa. The programme begins on **Sunday 30 April 1.30pm-4.30pm** with an **Introduction to the Sacramental Programme** at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa. Please bring *some photos or special things from your child's Baptism e.g. candle, gown etc. (This day is a special part of the programme and it is important that you and your child attend).*

ENROLMENT MASS - *Sunday 7 May, 8.30am*, Our Lady of Fatima Church
FIRST RECONCILIATION - *Saturday 20 May, 3pm*, Our Lady of Fatima Church



DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS

All are invited to join in the celebration of the Divine Mercy on **Sunday, 16 April after 10.30am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.**




PLANNED GIVING


A big thank you to all who give so generously each week. With the end of the financial year approaching on 31 March, this is a gentle reminder that if you've fallen behind in your giving, please place your envelopes in the baskets at Masses on the weekend or alternatively drop them off at the Parish Office (Tuesday-Friday between 9.30am-12 noon).

Tax receipts for the financial year (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023) will be available late April.

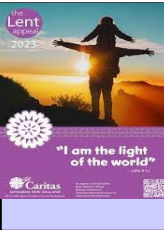
If you are not on planned giving and would like to help the Parish financially, please consider signing up to Automatic Payments or weekly envelopes. To do this please email, phone or visit the Parish Office.




TUESDAY LUNCHEON
 Our next luncheon is on Tuesday, 4 April at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer and has an Easter theme. Everyone 60 years and older is invited. Do join us in this enjoyable parish gathering.
 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 Eileen on 232 5473 or text 021 0869 1216 or Peter on 232 8795, no later than Sunday evening 2 April. 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!



MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING FOR APRIL
 This month we will meet on Wednesday, 5 April 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 Amie - 021 184 1870 for further information.

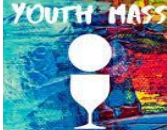


CARITAS LENTEN GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS
 These are available from the Church foyer for the Bishops' 2023 Lenten appeal. You can either use weekly donation envelopes or a single donation envelope. You can return the envelopes during the parish offertory collection. Thank you for your generous support.

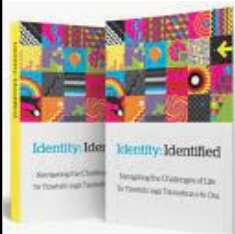


HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: 3-9 April

Monday: 9am Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church
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Wednesday: 9am Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church followed by Adoration to 9pm
Holy Thursday: NO MORNING MASS IN TAWA or TITAHI BAY
Holy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass, then Adoration to 11pm, St Pius X Church
Good Friday: 11.30am Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Fatima Church
Good Friday: 3pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion, Our Lady of Fatima Church. Young children are invited to watch an Easter DVD at a nearby venue during the 3pm service (Our Lady of Fatima Church will be open from 9am-6pm for visitations)
Easter Saturday: 8pm Easter Vigil Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church
Easter Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am Masses, Our Lady of Fatima Church
Easter Sunday: 9am Mass, St Pius X Church



WELLINGTON ARCHDIOCESE YOUTH MASS
 All youth and young adults are invited to attend the Youth Mass on Sunday, 26 March 5pm at St Mary of the Angels.



IDENTITY: IDENTIFIED
 The Bible Society's new youth New Testament Bible, entitled *Identity: Identified* will be launched at an event at 5pm on Sunday, 26 March at St Mary's of the Angels, Boulcott Street, Wellington.
 Cardinal John says "I am very conscious of the tough challenges that so many young people face today. The pressure on teenagers in particular seems relentless and it's tragic that so many lose the will to live when they think there is no way out. So often they are struggling to identify their calling in life and why God created them. ... This wonderful book will be a practical tool to help everyone but especially young people to follow Jesus as they navigate the challenges of life and trust him as a true friend and companion."