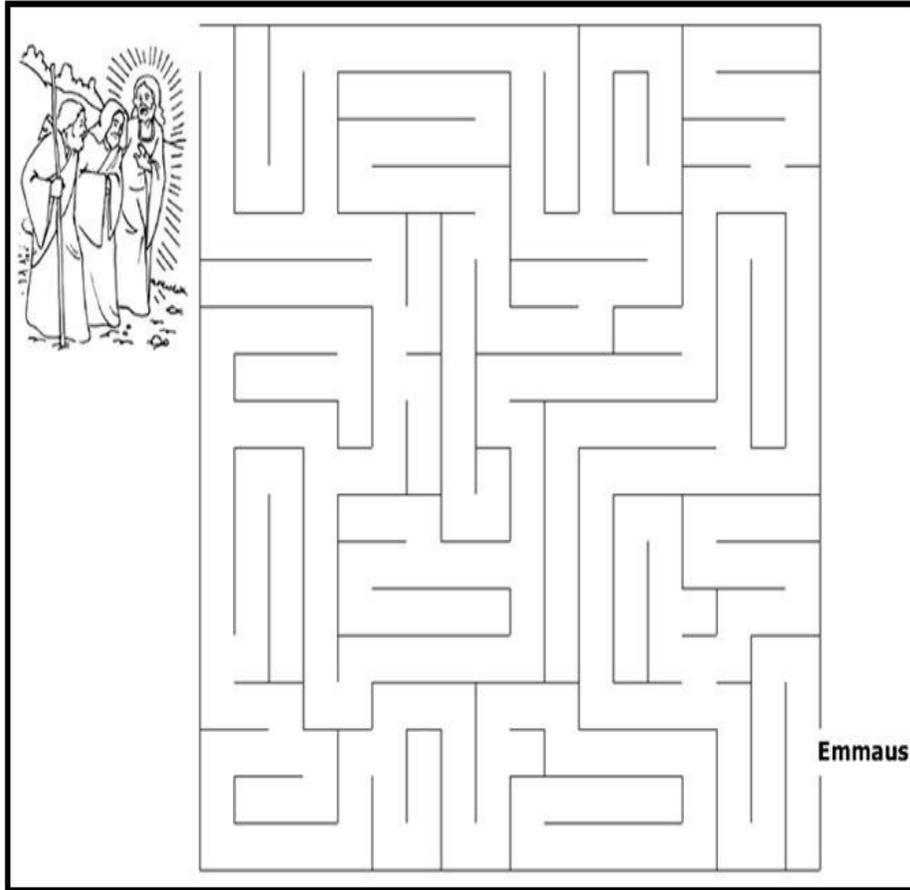


3rd Sunday of Easter

The road to Emmaus



“The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!”

Luke 24:13-35



Happenings

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A - 23 APRIL 2023

And their eyes were opened and they recognised Him

THE READINGS FOR this week are full of reminders of what Jesus's resurrection has brought for us. Joy, Glory, Praise, Hope and Faith are all woven through each reading, inviting us to share again in the Eastertide celebration.

In the **First Reading**, Peter reminds the crowd that, in spite of the terrible injustice done to Jesus, God has shown victory over death and raised Jesus to glory. With this comes the power of the Holy Spirit, now outpoured for us all.

The **Psalmist** rejoices in the God who stands by and protects us from all dangers, and will show us the path to everlasting happiness. In the **Second Reading** we hear Peter again, speaking of how Jesus gave his life as a 'ransom' for our sins. Because of this, all who believe can have faith and hope in God.

We join two of Jesus's disciples in the Gospel on their journey to Emmaus, blind to the identity of the risen Lord as he walks with them. When Jesus reveals himself to them in the breaking of bread, they finally recognise him, just as he disappears from their sight.

Unlike the disciples, we have never seen Jesus himself - but because of the faith we have been given, we can see and recognize him in the people and situations around us. This week, let's pray for the wisdom and courage to respond wherever we see Jesus in the needs of others.



When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him...

-Luke 24:30-31



TAWA RETURNED AND SERVICES ASSOCIATION ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE Tuesday, 25 April 2023

This year's Tawa Community ANZAC Day observance will commence with a parade which will assemble at the New World carpark at 9.30am and march to the

Tawa Memorial at the north end of Oxford Street at 9.45am.

The Civic Service will commence at the Memorial at 10am.

This is a Tawa community commemoration, and the public are most welcome to march in the parade, attend the service and pay tribute on this special day of remembrance.



TUESDAY LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon is on *Tuesday, 2 May at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer*. Everyone 60 years and older is

invited.

For catering purposes, we like to know how many people are coming, so make a booking by phoning *Kate on 232 9754 or Peter on 232 8795*, no later than *Sunday evening 30 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!



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

Daily Readings 24-30 April

Monday: John 6:22-29; Tuesday: John 14:23-29; Wednesday: Mark 16:15-20;

Thursday: John 6:44-51; Friday: John 12:26; Saturday: John 6:60-69

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A: Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 23;

1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10



ANNIVERSARY: Patrick Highsted (29).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Dermot Wilson, Patrick Stephens, Florence Hoare, Raphael Smith (24); Magdalen Walters (25); Ita Kemsley (26); Evelyn Falvey (27); Cora Paddison, Emily Sutherland (28); Geoffrey Merson, Fr Krielen, Morton Wilson (29); Kevin O'Rourke, Ian Morley, Mary McKenna, Bebe Gallagher, Elizabeth Dorgan (30).

R.I.P

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

24-30 APRIL: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
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

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 Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-12 noon
Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson: Marie Prescott Ph: 232 7679
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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
Filipino Chaplaincy Web: www.filchap-adw.nz

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

16 April 2023 - \$1,934.10

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



JOIN THE CARITAS TEAM

We are looking to expand our team. This is an exciting opportunity to work within a Catholic organization, that's committed to the mission of the church. These roles will see you support our work advocating for human dignity, justice, peace and the needs of the most vulnerable.

Joining our team will see you connect our work with the world and provide you with the opportunity to practice your faith in a practical way.

At Caritas, it's our mission to be known as 'love in action'; if you want to join us in this mission, email us on caritas@caritas.org.nz or see the link below for more information.

www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us



ENROLMENT IS NOW OPEN

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College will be accepting enrolments for second semester Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology between 24 April—19 May. Full time or part time study, in-person or online learning available.

Email: admin@ctc.ac.nz or phone (09) 361 1053 or check the website: www.ctc.ac.nz for more information.

Alternatively you can follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/TeKupengaCTC and Instagram: www.instagram.com/tekupenga_ctc



XLT IS BACK IN 2023

Come and join us for a night of worship and adoration on **Friday 12 May at 7pm at St Anne's Newtown**. Open to all teenagers and young adults, so invite your friends or bring your whole youth group. Save the dates for 2023: 9 June, 7 July, 11 August, 8 September, 6 October, 10 November. Follow us on Instagram: [@xltwellington](https://www.instagram.com/xltwellington)



NZ CATHOLIC (23 April-6 May) Now for sale in church foyers. Price: \$4 (unchanged for eight years).

Some headlines for this issue: Three in national seminary first year. Oceania speaks on synod document. Abuse in Care Royal Commission report date extended by eight months. Challenges about Church property.

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 **NEXT 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



ANZAC DAY MASS

The annual ANZAC Day Mass will be celebrated this year by Archbishop Paul Martin on *Tuesday, 25 April, 9am at St Mary of the Angels Church*. We will remember all who have died as a consequence of war. We will also remember the Polish victims of the Katyn Massacre.



THE SADNESS OF WAR

by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ (Australia)

Anzac Day's importance lies in it being a day to meditate on the tragedy of conflict

At Anzac Day this year war is more than a distant memory. Each day the media carry stories of the war in Ukraine and speculation about the possibility of conflict with China. It has been a time for the laying in of weapons, the making of plans and the beating of drums.

The war in Ukraine has also brought home to us the costs of war on people whose lives were much like our own before war came to them. We hear of people killed daily in bombings and see pictures of refugees driven from their homes. A battle, relatively unimportant in strategic terms, continues to take thousands of lives, its value estimated by the relative number of soldiers killed and wounded on the other side. The people who are the counters in this calculus are young men on both sides, many conscripted, many longing for a peaceful life, with parents, brothers and sisters, wives and fiancées. This war, like most others, will end in a negotiated settlement, in a peace of sorts, with embitterment, with some pride, with towns and cities to be rebuilt, with much impoverishment and with much grief. The war may not be lost. But in human terms it is never won.

Anzac Day is rightly a day in which we remember the people who were affected by a battle in Turkey more than 100 years ago, and people who were affected by later wars in which Australians [and New Zealanders] took part. We rightly remember those who were killed in war. We remember those who fought and survived, burdened by the memories of war, of its horrors and its companionship. We also remember the people affected indirectly by war - the families whose son, father and brother died in the war, the wives who lost a husband and the young women a fiancé, the families to whom a father returned wounded in body or spirit, the young women who never married for lack of eligible men, the small communities that lost the young men who could have been their future. It is a time for compassion.

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On Anzac Day we remember the sadness of war. It is not a time for glorifying war, for celebrating the martial virtues, for stiffening the national backbone for future wars. We are beginning to recognize in domestic violence the poisoned fruit of the glorification of those virtues. So often the roots of violence lie in the brittle and repressive embodiment of what it means to be a man when that is identified with toughness and bellicosity.

Because Anzac Day is a day for meditating on the sadness of war it is distressing to be told that the War Memorial in Canberra has accepted donations from arms companies. Profit making from the sale of arms is a feature of every war. Its finger can be traced in the deaths and suffering of those we remember. The remembrance of war should not be associated with the enablers of war and its death making, especially at a time when enthusiasm for war is on the rise. Anzac Day is too important for that.



RETREAT FOR MOTHERS

A Retreat for Mothers - *"In the Potter's hands"*
- *As a mother, you always put the needs of your loved ones before your own.*

Today you are invited to come away, to rest and be blessed by the God who lovingly shaped you.

Join us on *Saturday, 6 May from 10am to 3.30pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion.*

Please register with Lucienne Hensel by **Friday, 28 April** - email: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone: (04) 496 1715 or 021 164 5800.



COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

Visit wellingtonpriests.org to find out more about the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The website features vocation stories of local

priests and seminarians, as well as helpful materials for anyone exploring their vocation.

For more info contact Fr Andrew Kim at wellingtonpriests@gmail.com or Lucienne Hensel at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz