

I am  
THE WAY  
the TRUTH,  
and the  
LIFE.  
No one comes to  
the FATHER  
except through  
ME. JOHN 14:6

Fifth Sunday of Easter



# 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 EASTER, YEAR A - 7 MAY 2023

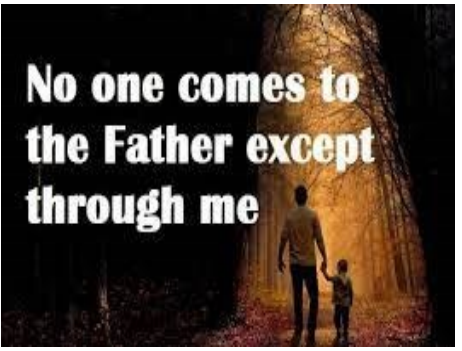
## Follow the way

IN OUR READINGS this week, we continue to follow the infant church, and with them ponder the words Jesus gave us at the Last Supper.

The **First Reading** shows how the disciples faced the growing tension between the Greek and Hebrew converts. After discernment and prayer, they delegate tasks. The **Psalm** is one of praise for God's word and his work. It is also a prayer of trust. For St Peter, it is clear that Christ is the foundation; the living cornerstone for all believers. We are to set ourselves close to him. (**Second Reading**)

The **Gospel** is from Jesus's discourse to his friends before he suffered and died. They are words of encouragement. In the light of the Resurrection, the disciples must have drawn strength from them. Jesus is with them: the Way, the Truth and the Life.

As we face this week, let us, too, keep our eyes on Jesus, even when we are concerned by all that is happening around us. May we strive to follow the Lord as the Way, in joy and hope.



## PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND TAX RECEIPTS

Many thanks to all those parishioners who have given so generously over the past financial year.

New sets of planned giving envelopes and tax receipts are available at the Vigil and Sunday Masses this weekend, then from the Parish Office during the week.

# PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

## ENROLMENT MASS



Today at 8.30 Mass we welcome the 28 children and their families who are part of this year's Sacramental Programme.

We pray for these children and their families as they continue their faith journey through the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.



Fr Paul and Fr John wish to express their gratitude to their current cook and housekeeper for many years of dedicated service. She is no longer able to do this work and the Fathers are looking for another housekeeper.

The job is for 5 days a week (*Monday to Friday*) from 10am to 1pm and involves cooking the midday meal and keeping the house (*which is in Tawa*) clean.

Please contact Fr John at (04) 232 3666 or email: [jvanderkaa@gmail.com](mailto:jvanderkaa@gmail.com) if you are interested in this job.



During the month of May, Rosary will be said starting 15 minutes before the Vigil Mass and at the end of Sunday Masses.



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

### Daily Readings 8-14 May

*Monday:* John 14:21-26; *Tuesday:* John 14:27-31; *Wednesday:* John 15:1-8; *Thursday:* John 15:9-11; *Friday:* John 15:12-17; *Saturday:* John 15:18-21; **6th Sunday of Easter, Year A:** Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21



**MASS:** Jacob Mora (8).

**ANNIVERSARY:** Marie Prescott (9).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Mary Greally, Thomas Keane, Dorothy McGuire (8); Margaret Fraser, Jimmy Lee, John Heeneey, Lourdes Watson, Carol Sinnott (9); Herbert Vaney, Winifred Wright, Ena Lawrie, Momotu Sefo (11); Julia Highet, Laszlo Polyansky, Michael Turner (12); Susan Davies, Gweneth Keating, Margaret Foley, Miti Maifala, Colin Reedy (13).

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian McKeown, RIP 25 April  
(His funeral service was held on 5 May)

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

### 8-14 MAY: 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	

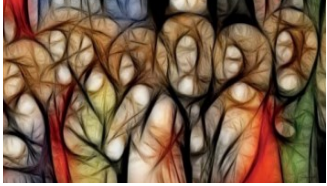
Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass

**Parish Priest:** Fr Rico de la Torre Ph: 021 205 6476  
**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  
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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](http://www.filchap-adw.nz)

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

**29 April 2023 - \$1,576.60**

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



**“LIVING LITURGICALLY - Bringing the Liturgical Year to life in the rhythm of the parish”**

This interactive workshop led by Fr Patrick Bridgman is for everyone involved or interested in Liturgy.

Venue: *St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville*

Date: *Saturday, 20 May 10am-12 noon*

Tea and coffee available from 9.30am.

To register, please email Christine at: [c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz)



**E-WASTE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY**

Back by popular demand. The Sacred Heart Cathedral Fundraising team have organised another e-waste recycling day at:

*Cardinal McKeefrey School, 66 Albermarle Road, Wilton from 12 noon to 4pm on Sunday 21 May.*

Have a big “spring” clean and drop off your e-waste for a minimal cost. Please also tell your friends. This is a great opportunity to responsibly dispose of your e-waste whilst supporting a very worthwhile cause - the refurbishment of Sacred Heart Cathedral.

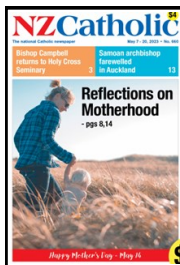


**YOUNG CHURCH MASS**

We would like to invite all teenagers and young adults to our second Young Church Mass of 2023, hosted by Lifeteen Hutt Valley.

This is an occasion for all teenagers and young adults to come together as young Catholics, to have fun, share in fellowship and celebrate Mass.

Join us at *5.30pm on Sunday 21 May at Sacred Heart Church, Petone*. For more info, check out our social media [@adwyoungchurch](https://www.instagram.com/adwyoungchurch)



**NZ CATHOLIC (7-20 May)** Now for sale in church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for eight years).

Some headlines for this issue: Bishop Campbell returns to Holy Cross Seminary. Reflections on motherhood by four Catholic women. Exorcism a hot topic for films and books. Priest ordained in south.



**WORKING BEE: St Pius X Church**

Beginning on *Saturday, 6 May between 10am to 12 noon*, (and monthly thereafter on the 1st Saturday) a Working Bee will be held at St Pius Church.

The church is in need of a thorough **C L E A N**. So please make time to come and help - as the saying goes “*Many hands make light work*”.

For more info, please contact Pete Smith on 027 822 9634.



**NOTICE REGARDING PARKING AT ST CHRISTOPHER’S ANGLICAN CHURCH, TAWA**

On Saturday, 6 May an Anglican Diocese Training Day is being held at St Christopher’s Church. If you are attending 9am Mass that day, please **DO NOT** use the parking in front of the Anglican hall and Annex. *Thanks*



**WOMEN OF FAITH**

All women are invited to join us for friendship and fellowship on *Tuesday 9 May at 10am* at 131 Woodman Drive.

Fr David Kennerley SM presents the reflection this month, entitled “*Mary, Our Help*”.

Transport is available from Our Lady of Fatima church after the 9am Mass or contact 021 189 5953.



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Council will meet on *Thursday 11 May, 7.30pm* at the Tawa Presbytery. If you have any matters you would like discussed, please contact Marie Prescott: (04) 232 7679 or [the.mothership@xtra.co.nz](mailto:the.mothership@xtra.co.nz)



**MALTESE MASS**

The Maltese community are holding a Mass on *Sunday 14 May (Mother’s Day) at 12 noon* at *Our Lady of Fatima church, Tawa* to remember members of their community who have passed away in New Zealand.

The celebrant will be Fr Michael Bellizzi.

For further info, please contact Tony - Email: [malta\\_assn@hotmail.com](mailto:malta_assn@hotmail.com)

Planned  
Giving

## PLANNED GIVING

A big thank you to all who give so generously each week.

If you are not on planned giving and would like to help the Parish financially, please consider signing up to an Automatic Payment or weekly envelopes.

To do this, please see Jane the Parish Secretary in the foyer at Masses this weekend, or email ([ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz)), phone (04) 232 5611 or visit the Parish Office. *Thanks*



## QUIET DAYS, WITH SISTER SUE COSGROVE

Join us for next week's Quiet Day - with a focus on contemplation and reflection. Sister Sue guides participants through meditative activities and guided discussions. This year's theme is kaitiakitanga, manaakitanga, and exploring the seeds of compassion that Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert scattered.

Next week's Quiet Day is at *Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay on Thursday 11 May from 10.30am-2.30pm*. To register, please email: [sr.sue@compassion.org.nz](mailto:sr.sue@compassion.org.nz)

Refreshments are provided. There is no fee, however a koha is greatly appreciated.



## 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)



## JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Joshua Wellington invites men to come and worship our mighty God in word and song on *Thursday 18 May at 7.30pm at the Loaves and Fishes next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth*

*Streets*, followed by supper.

**Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA Saturday, 13 May 2023

### FAMILY PILGRIMAGE WITH MARY

*Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon  
(adjacent to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill St)*  
Pilgrimage starts with 8.30am Mass followed by  
the Rosary.

*Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa*  
Guided Reflection.

*Holy Family Parish, 169 Mungavin Ave, Porirua*  
Time of Adoration.

*Our Lady of Kapiti, Paraparaumu*  
Stations of the Cross.

*St Mary's Convent, Otaki*

Pilgrimage ends with a trip to the oldest, continuously used Catholic church in New Zealand and a family picnic at about 1pm.

Join us to pray for the needs of families. For more info or to register, contact Stephen: 027 243 5119 or email: [info@marriageandfamily.org.nz](mailto:info@marriageandfamily.org.nz)

[www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.org.nz)



## COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

Visit [wellingtonpriests.org](http://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](mailto:wellingtonpriests@gmail.com) or Lucienne Hensel at [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz)