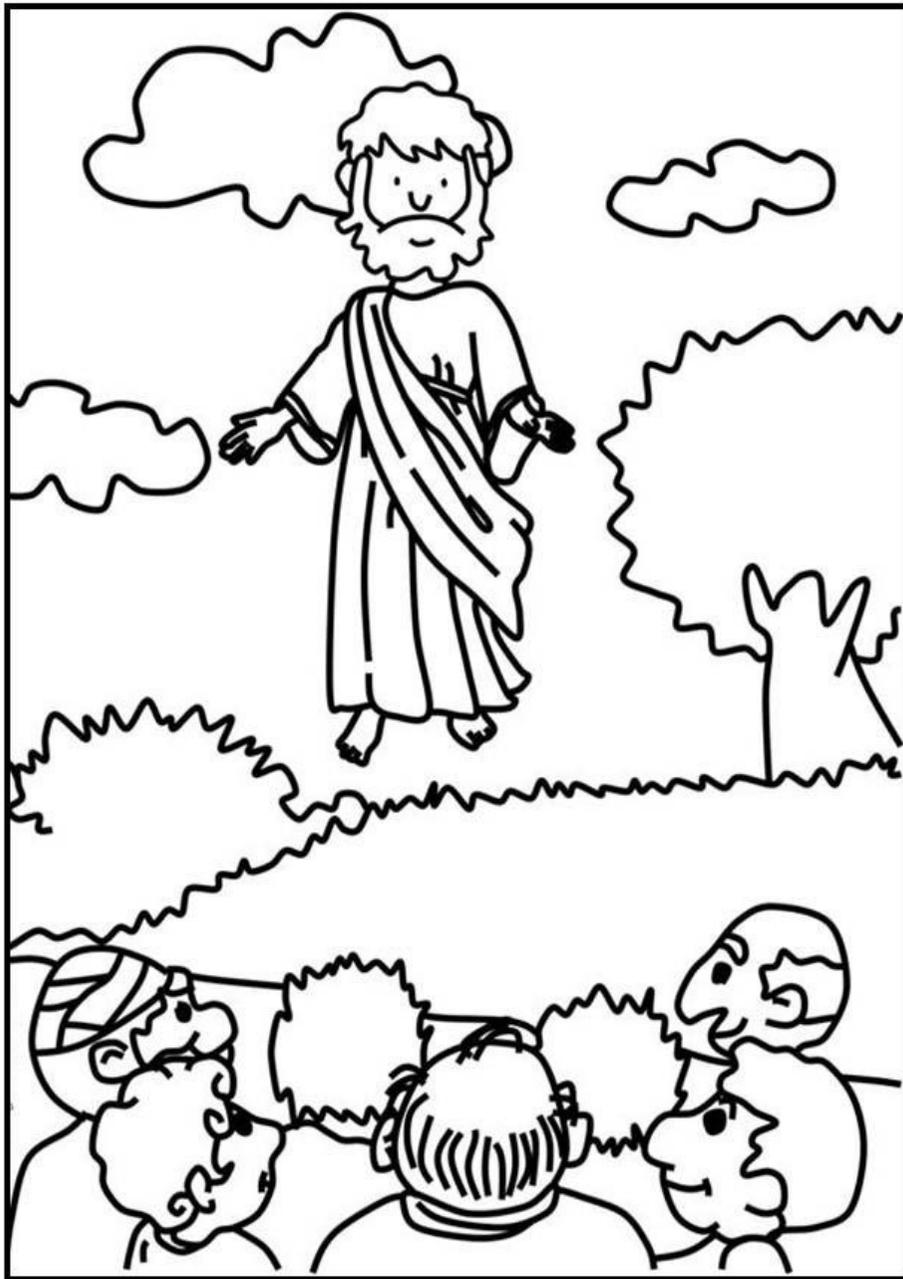


The Ascension of the Lord



Happenings

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A - 21 MAY 2023

The Madness in Our Pilgrimage

A COLLEAGUE ONCE ASKED me why I have to go to far-off places when I could just look them up at Google Street View. For him, it was madness; for me, it was a pilgrimage.

People are attracted to the transcendentals: the reason why people from all walks of life would visit beautiful places and go after delightful things, and abhor falsehood, chaos, and injustice. Even non-believers are drawn towards them, and so make an unconscious homage and pilgrimage to them while spending time, treasure, and talent as a kind of sacrificial offering.

Yet, no matter how beautiful and memorable the journey and the destination and the experience were, there is always this lingering feeling of emptiness and the awareness of a fleeting satisfaction, accompanied by a yearning for something more.

I don't know what to call that bittersweet melancholic feeling, with a certain degree of sadness and anxiety, that we experience as our holiday break comes to its end. It's different from the "holiday blues" that we feel *after* our holidays; it's the feeling that one experiences right *before* a vacation ends, oftentimes as one travels back home. (No, it's not *Torschlusspanik*. Can't find the word for it. It just escapes me! I may need your help on this).

Whatever it is, CS Lewis has this to say, "*If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world could satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.*" Could he be leading us to the answer to our endless quest for satisfaction and happiness?

This Sunday Mass, in our Prayer Over the Offering, we pray: "*We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant we pray that through this most holy exchange, we too, may rise to the heavenly realms. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*"

May heaven be always in our sight.

Blessings,
Rico Angelo



Google Maps

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

While they looked on, he was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight. Acts 1:9 [First Reading]



EARLY BELOVED, THROUGH all this time which elapsed between the Lord's Resurrection and Ascension, God's Providence had this in view, to teach his own people and impress upon their eyes and their hearts that the Lord Jesus Christ had risen, risen as truly as he had been born and had suffered and died.

Hence the most blessed Apostles and all the disciples, who had been both bewildered at his death on the cross and backward in believing his Resurrection, were so strengthened by the clearness of the truth that when the Lord entered the heights of heaven, not only were they affected with no sadness, but were even filled with great joy.

Truly it was great and unspeakable, that cause of their joy, when in the sight of the holy multitude the Nature of mankind went up: up above the dignity of all heavenly creatures, to pass above the angels' ranks and to rise beyond the archangels' heights, and to have its uplifting limited by no elevation until, received to sit with the Eternal Father, it should be associated on the throne with his glory, to whose Nature it was united in the Son. - **St Leo the Great, Sermo 1 ad Ascensione**

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 22-28 May

Monday: John 16:29-33; *Tuesday:* John 17:1-11; *Wednesday:* John 17:11-19; *Thursday:* John 17:20-26; *Friday:* John 21:15-19; *Saturday:* John 21:20-25; **Pentecost, Year A:** Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

MASS: Patricia Caskey, RIP (21); Langham & Mellier Wedding Anniversaries (26).



R.I.P

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Mamie Jones, Fr Luke van der Pal (22); Winifred Siddall, Garrett Glynn (23); Donald Lawrie, Garth Edwards, Beverley Swinerd, Jane Ginn (24); Harry Morrison (25); Estelle Wilson, Vincent Bevan, Edith Lang (26); Margaret MacDonald, Rosaleen Davin (27); Mary Mason, Nadia Wilson, Theo Chinna, Kathleen Flavelle, Margaret O'Connell (28).

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Rose Caskey, RIP 16 May (Rosary will be recited at 5pm on Sunday, 21 May at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Requiem Mass will be at 10am at Our Lady of Fatima church on 22 May)

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

22-28 MAY: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	NO 9am Mass - Requiem 10am	
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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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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Bishop Viard College: Chris Theobald, Principal Ph: 237 5248
Filipino Chaplaincy Web: www.filchap-adw.nz

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

14 May 2023 - \$1,443.20

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



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

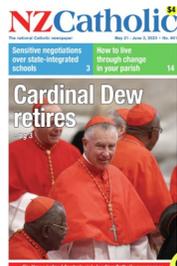


RETREAT AND SEMINAR

The NZ Catholic Medical Assn provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. We extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, carers, pharmacists, physiotherapists, psychologists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, lawyers and anyone in allied roles.

A Retreat and Seminar will be held on 9-10 June, based at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay. Register for this event at www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz.

For general enquiries and updates for future events, email: newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee)



NZ CATHOLIC (21 May-3 June) Now for sale in church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for eight years).

Some headlines for this issue: Cardinal John Dew retires as Archbishop of Wellington. Sensitive negotiations over integrated schools. Concerns over new criteria for co-opting school board members. Catholic leaders praise coronation emphasis on service.



IN FAITH AND LOVE WE REMEMBER

Angeline Josephine O'Connor,
RIP 17 May 2023

This week, Angeline who recently retired after 37 years as the Office Manager at St Pius School, died.

We extend our sympathy to Angeline’s family, friends and the St Pius School community.

May she rest in peace. *Amen*

Angeline’s Requiem will be held at St Theresa’s Church, Plimmerton on Tuesday, 23 May at 11am.



KIRABATI MASS

Kiribati Mass will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at 12 noon, **TODAY, Sunday 12 June** - All welcome



PENTECOST SUNDAY - FAMILY MASS - Sunday 28 May

The 8.30 Mass on Sunday 28 May will be a Family Mass to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, which is the Church’s birthday. The children will be acting out the Gospel. All are welcome. Please bring a food donation for our St Vincent de Paul Foodbank.

For more info, please contact Marie Andrewartha 021 476 153.



PENTECOST SUNDAY MASS: MORNING TEA

Morning tea will be held after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 28 May in the church foyer. This is the day the Church celebrates its birthday.

It would be appreciated if parishioners could help at this event by providing a small plate of food, helping make the teas/coffees and washing up after. *Thanks*



CONGRATULATIONS

to Fr Paul O'Connor AA who today (21 May) celebrates his 45th Ordination anniversary. May you be blessed with many more years of faithful service.
God bless



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 during the week from the Parish Office.

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 contact Jane the Parish Secretary by email (ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz), phone (04) 232 5611 or visit the Parish Office. *Thanks*



NEW ROSTERS for OUR LADY OF FATIMA & ST PIUS X CHURCHES

covering **Greeters, Readers, Musicians, Collectors, Offertory, Eucharistic Ministers, Counters, Flowers** from 3 June to 30 September are being prepared.

Ministry Rosters

If you are new to the Parish and would like to serve in any of these roles, please contact the Parish Office - email: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone: (04) 232 5611 and leave a message.

If you are already on the rosters and know you're going to be unavailable during this time, please let Jane in the office know by **24 May**. *Thanks*



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Dear fellow parishioners
The St Vincent de Paul shop has low stocks of men's clothing items and is looking for donations to replenish the stock.

If you have any to donate, please ring Marie Prescott on 027 2000 737 or 232 7679 or leave beside Our Lady's Larder

basket in the foyer at Our Lady of Fatima church, Tawa.
Thank you



FUNDRAISING FOR ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

The Parents and Friends fundraising group are excited to once again offer Family pies from Centra Bakery, Lower Hutt. We are offering the opportunity to buy them at a great price and have them delivered to school.

The Google form for the pie fundraiser is now open.

Hard copies of the pie order forms can be found in the Church foyer. Orders close on Friday, 9 June and can be collected from the school foyer on Thursday 22 June between 2.30 and 3.30pm.

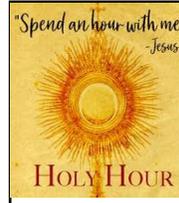
To place your order, please click on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/ukbUJDEwAmSz43YG7>



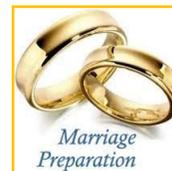
INDONESIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND MASS

You are welcome to join the Indonesian Catholic Community on *Saturday, 27 May at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa at 5pm* for Vigil Mass with Fr Ron Bennett. (Mass is in English and Indonesian). All are welcome.



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on *Tuesday, 23 May 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.



THE PATHWAY TO PREPARE FOR YOUR SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All Catholic marriages require a marriage preparation course to be taken by the couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Marriage Ministries office is open to take your registration for the course in the Archdiocese of

Wellington. The upcoming course will be held on two *Sundays: 11 and 18 June 2023*. Please check our website: www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ for registration and next course availability, or email us at: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



ST JAMES' CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PALMERSTON NORTH - 65th Jubilee

We will be celebrating on the weekend of 10 September and invite all past students, staff, families and supporters to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Register your interest by emailing

office@stjamescatholic.schools.nz with your details.