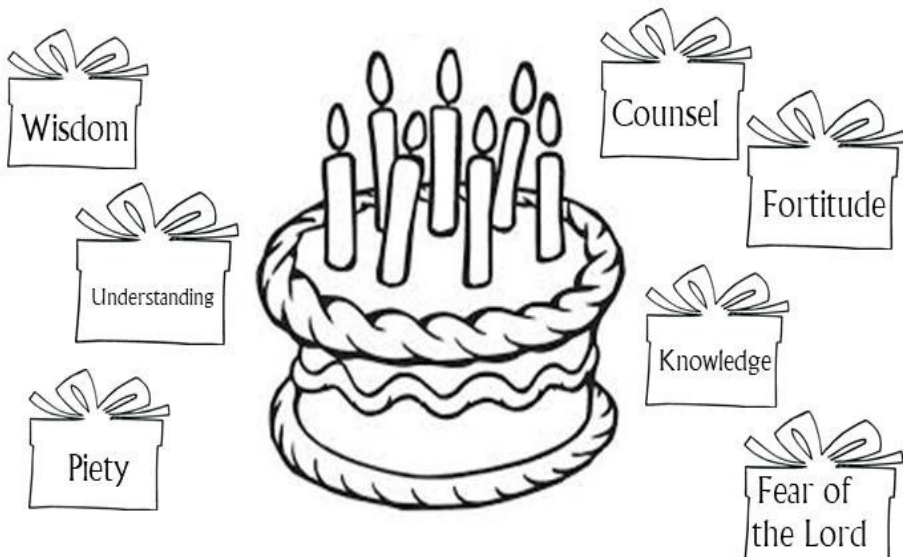


Feast of Pentecost “ The Holy Spirit comes”



Happy Birthday to the Catholic Church!



Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay
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PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A - 28 MAY 2023

Our Not-So-Separate Lives

THE EASTER SEASON that ends today could be seen as an extended celebration of our Baptism, our incorporation into the mystical Body of Christ. In the *Invocation of the Saints* that forms part of the Rite of Baptism, the congregation is asked to reply “Pray for us!”

The Invocation could teach us two things: first, there is an afterlife. Death is not the end of everything. Our Faith teaches us that the saints are alive before God and are aware of what is happening around us. Remember the Transfiguration event? Jesus was seen talking to Moses and Elijah! And the book of Revelation describes the angels and the saints interceding for us who are still labouring here on earth.

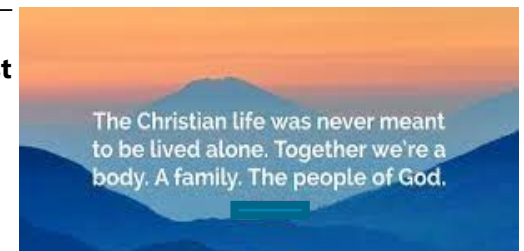
Second, it reminds us that Christian life is not a life in isolation. Even those homebound for some valid reasons, like monks and hermits united by the bonds of faith and charity, can still offer their prayers and sacrifices for the world and for the universal Church.

Thus, with all the saints and the living and the departed we, as a Church, gather every Sunday in sacred communion, as we support one another through corporal and spiritual works of mercy and charity.

Venerable Fulton Sheen once said, “To materialists this world is opaque like a curtain; nothing can be seen through it. A mountain is just a mountain, a sunset just a sunset; but to poets, artists, and saints, the world is transparent like a window pane—it tells of something beyond: a mountain tells of the Power of God, the sunset of His Beauty, and the snowflake of His Purity.” I think, if we really see the Church as it truly is—not just a gathering of people but the Mystical Body of Christ animated by the Holy Spirit—we can do greater things!

A Spirit-filled **Pentecost Sunday** to all!

Blessings,
Rico Angelo



EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

"Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:22)

THIS WAS WHY the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven.

Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

Since we have our accuser [the Devil] we need an advocate [the Holy Spirit] as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord. - **St Irenaeus, Against Heresies**



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.

For more info, please contact Mely Lau - 022 024 7858.



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 29 May—4 June

Monday: Genesis 3:9-15,20; *Tuesday:* Mark 10:28-31; *Wednesday:* Luke 1:39-56; *Thursday:* Mark 10:46-52; *Friday:* Mark 11:11-26; *Saturday:* Mark 11:27-33; *Trinity Sunday, Year A:* Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; Daniel 3:52-57; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

MASS: Julie Smith (30).

ANNIVERSARIES: Bridget & Carmel Hynes (31); Theary Highsted (1).



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Mary Widdop, Eileen Churchill, Dominic Durr (29); Richard Phelan, Miimetua Misitea, Lexi Parker-Arthurs, Christopher de Veld, Robert Costa (30); William Greig, Patrick Moroney, Mary Rattigan (31); Bridget Hynes, Frank Oppelt, Pierce Grace, Theary Highsted, Joyce Walters, Hilda Leigh (1); Ronice McGuinness, John Scott (2); Antony Friel, Mary Glynn, Patricia O'Gorman, Ludwik Kowalewski, Theodora Pronk (3); Alexandra Ross, Ellen Amyes (4).

R.I.P

RECENTLY DECEASED: Julie Smith, RIP 24 May

(Julie's funeral will be at 11am on 30 May at Our Lady of Fatima church)

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

29 MAY-4 JUNE: 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
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
Filipino Chaplaincy Web: www.filchap-adw.nz

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

21 May 2023 - \$1,303.20

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

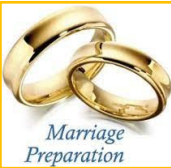


RETREAT AND SEMINAR

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.

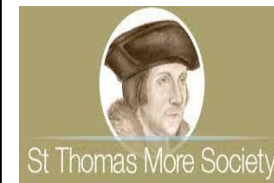
For general enquiries and updates for future events, email: newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com (NZCMA formation committee)



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 upcoming course will be held on *Sundays: 11 and 18 June 2023*. Please check our website:

www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/ for registration, course availability, or email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



ST THOMAS MORE SOCIETY, WELLINGTON

The St Thomas More Society's annual Mass and dinner on *Friday 23 June* is an opportunity for members of the Wellington legal community (including non-lawyers) and law students to gather and celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of lawyers. Mass will be held at 5.30pm in the Connolly

Hall Chapel (entrance and parking from Guildford Tce). Drinks and dinner will follow at the Wellington Club for those who wish to book this. Our guest speaker is Brendan Malone, a Christchurch based media consultant and bioethics educator. If you are interested in attending and would like more info, please email: thomasmoresoc@gmail.com



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.



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 MASSES: MORNING TEAS

Please note, a cuppa will be held **after 8.30 and 10.30 Masses in the church foyer**. This is the day the Church celebrates its birthday.

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



CONGRATULATIONS

to Sister Francine McGovern who celebrates her 60th Jubilee of Religious life on 3 June.

Thank you for the wonderful unsung work you do for our parish in a spirit of kindness and love.

May you be blessed with many more years of faithful service.

God bless, Fr Rico, Fr Pene and the Parish community



CELEBRATION MORNING TEA

To celebrate Sister Francine's 60th Jubilee, a cuppa and morning tea will be held following 9am Mass on **Friday, 9 June** in the church foyer.

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



WORKING BEE: St Pius X Church

The next monthly Working Bee at St Pius Church will be held on **Saturday, 3 June between 10am to 12 noon.**

The church was noticeably cleaner after the first Working Bee and it would be lovely to have more people along this time to help keep our place of worship clean and sparkling.

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.



TUESDAY LUNCHEON

The monthly Tuesday luncheon will be held on **6 June at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer.**

We will serve you a nice wintery soup and as always, sandwiches and sweets. And of course there will be entertainment for you to enjoy.


Everyone 60 years and older is invited.

We like to know how many people to cater for, so for a booking, please phone *Kate* on 232 9754 or *Peter* on 232 8795, no later than *Sunday evening 4 June.*


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!


BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE
 The next Baptism Preparation class will be held on **Saturday 10 June at 9.45am in the Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer.**
 It is a pre-baptism requirement that you attend a preparation course.
 So if you're planning on having a baptism, please register your intention to attend the course by contacting the Parish Office 232 5611 or ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz. Please do not just turn up in case there has been a change in time or venue.



JUNE MARIAN MOTHER'S
 The next Marian Mother's meeting will be held on *Monday, 12 June at 10.00am.*
 We are a group of mother's who share our everyday stories about our children and use material provided from the Marist Laity Centre. Any new or expectant mothers are welcome (as well as pre-schoolers).
 For more information, please contact Mary Rayner 021 120 4717.



BISHOP VIARD COLLEGE - OPEN DAY
 Whanau looking to enrol their sons/daughters into a Catholic faith based education in 2024 are invited to our **Open Day on Wednesday, 7 June from 9am to 12pm.**
 A learning environment that pushes all learners to grow in their culture and faith while attaining excellence in all pursuits.
 For more info, please contact Bishop Viard College - (04) 237 5248.



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>

parenting For Faith® PARENTING FOR FAITH SEMINAR
 Dr Andrew Mullins from Melbourne will talk about integrating character and faith education within the context of raising children and encourage us with practical ways to ensure that we parents are empowered to pass on the taonga which is our faith.
Sunday, 4 June 2-4pm at St Mary of the Angels Church hall, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. \$20 per individual or couple. Afternoon tea included.
 Childminding (with movie and snacks) available for \$10 per family.
 For more information or to register, email [Monica Devine](mailto:monica_devine@gmail.com) at devinesofwaterloo@gmail.com