

# Corpus Christi



## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)”



# Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH - 169 Main Road, TAWA  
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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR A - 11 JUNE 2023

### June: the Humility of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

IN OUR LITURGICAL calendar, we dedicate the month of June to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, simply because its Solemnity is celebrated during this month. This year 2023 the solemnity, which falls on the Friday after the Corpus Christi Sunday, will be celebrated on 16 June.

The statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is usually depicted as he appeared to St Margaret Alacoque in June 1675: with his heart on fire visible outside his chest, surrounded by a crown of thorns. When Jesus appeared to St Margaret, He asked, among other things, that the devotion be a special form of reparation for the indignities the Eucharist suffered.

After some period of hesitation and examination, as the Church often does in similar cases to “test the spirits to see whether they are from God” (cf 1 Jn 4:1-6), Rome finally granted its approval in 1765. Sister Margaret Mary was canonised on 13 May 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

Having to celebrate Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart in the same week is providential, if we look at it in view of sacred history. In the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** we celebrate and profess our belief, publicly, as a community, that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist: Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is still common in other countries to hold a Eucharistic procession along the main streets as a form of public profession of belief in the Real Presence.

Truly, the month of June is special to us: the *Sacred Heart*, a symbol of God’s burning love for us as shown by his humiliating death on the cross; and the *Eucharist* where we receive Jesus in the humble appearance of Bread and Wine. The Gospel on 16 June hints at a response: Come to me ... for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest.”



Blessings,  
Rico Angelo

## EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

### Feast of Corpus Christi



**U**NDER THE OLD law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift.

It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfilment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation. - **St Thomas Aquinas, Opus 57, On the Feast of Corpus Christi**

**INDONESIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND MASS**  
You are welcome to join the Indonesian Catholic Community on *Saturday, 17 June 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.



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

### Daily Readings 12-18 June

*Monday:* Matthew 5:1-12; *Tuesday:* Matthew 5:13-16; *Wednesday:* Matthew 5:17-19;  
*Thursday:* Matthew 5:20-26; *Friday:* Matthew 11:25-30; *Saturday:* Matthew 5:33-37;  
**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 100;  
Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8



**ANNIVERSARY:** Joy O'Connor (11).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Veronica Morley, Kathleen Comerford (12); Mary Ryan, Maurice Berry, Sheila Kozinski, James Comerford (13); James Holden (14); Madeline Donovan, Barry McGregor, Lui Sefo, Terube Tebitara (15); Anastasia Valu (16); Mary McKay, Andrew Geraghty, Ian Siegert (17); Terence Lucas, Briar Pigou, Alan Brodie (18).

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bryan Hannan, RIP 2 June  
(His Requiem was held at St Pius X church on 8 June)

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

### 12-18 JUNE: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHU BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Wednesday	9am Mass 9am-9pm Adoration	
Thursday	9am Mass	<b>NO 10am Mass</b>
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

**4 June 2023 - \$1,663.70**

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



### Craft Gathering (Wednesdays 12 noon)

Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay

Join us for our weekly craft gathering.

For more info, phone (04) 383 7769 or email: events@compassion.org.nz

### Miha - Maori Mass - Every Sunday, 11am-12 noon \*\*

For more info, contact (04) 383 7769 or events@compassion.org.nz

### Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Every Monday, 7-8pm AND Every Thursday 11am-12 noon \*\*

An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christian desert fathers and mothers. All are welcome.

### Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are open

Cloister Café: 10am-2pm Tuesday to Friday

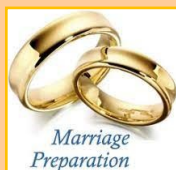
Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre: 9am-3pm Tuesday to Friday

Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces.

### Mass/Morning Prayer - Wednesday-Thursday 8.30am \*\*

For more info, phone (04) 383 7769 or email: events@compassion.org.nz

\*\* Venue: Chapel, Our Lady of Compassion, 2 Rhine St, Island Bay



### 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.

Please check our website: [www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries/) for registration, course availability, or email: [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)



**NZ CATHOLIC (4-17 June)** Now for sale in church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for eight years).

**Please put money in blue cash box on foyer table**

Some headlines for this issue: Hundreds at Catholic men's breakfast in Christchurch. First permanent deacon for Dunedin. Kiwis at world assembly of Catholic women's organisations. Taking a break from your smartphone.

### JUNE MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING

The next Marian Mother's meeting will be held on *Monday, 12 June at 10.00am.*

It is a reflection from Amie Fouhy who is part of our group, on the topic: *I Thirst* (a reflection on the Woman at the Well and Jesus' last words on the Cross).



We are a group of mother's who share what is going on with our lives and families and use the material provided as a guide.

Any new or expectant mothers are welcome (as well as pre-schoolers).

For more information, please contact Mary Rayner 021 120 4717.

### WOMEN OF FAITH

*Tuesday 13 June at 10am*

The topic for the sharing and reflection time is: *I Thirst* - A reflection on the Woman at the Well and Jesus' last Words from the Cross.

Transport available after 9am Mass from church or phone: 232 7206 for other options.



### OUR LADY OF HOPE YOUNG READERS

The Our Lady of Hope Parish young readers will have a reading practice meeting on *Saturday, 17 June at 2pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church.*

Please contact Kingsley on: [kingsley.ihejirika2015@gmail.com](mailto:kingsley.ihejirika2015@gmail.com) or phone: 021 085 90918 for more information.



### DO YOU HAVE MEDICAL OR FIRST AID SKILLS?

Fr Rico would like to have suitably skilled people available who can assist, until paramedics arrive, if people take sick during Masses.

Can you please email your name, contact details and which Mass you attend to [ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz)



### PARKING AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

Please remember to park legally!! Please **DO NOT** park on the grass under the trees on the Main Road



*Illegally parked vehicles will be towed at owner's expense*



## NET MINISTRIES

My name is Michael Rayner. I have been a parishioner at Our Lady of Hope my whole life. I wanted to share a little bit about the work I am doing this year with an organisation called *NET Ministries Australia and New Zealand*. NET stands for National

Evangelisation Teams, and operates through peer with peer ministry. NET's mission is to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the church.

At the beginning of this year I was working full-time as a manager at Maccas, and planning to travel to Europe for a few months and go to World Youth Day. All of a sudden I felt a strong call to surrender my plans and go and do NET. In the space of three days, I quit my job, applied for NET and said bye to my family and friends.

I then flew to Australia to spend six weeks being trained to become a Missionary. I am spending the year in Christchurch with a team of four other young people. And so far this year has been life-changing. Playing a part in what is some people's first real encounter with Jesus is absolutely amazing. Some describe it as having front-row seats to watching the Holy Spirit work in kids' hearts. My highlight so far this year would have to be a Confirmation camp we helped run. It was really special to help kids in a transformative part of their faith.

NET is a non-profit organization that runs on the generosity of people. As a volunteer for NET I need to fundraise a certain amount of money (my goal is \$13,000). If you are financially able, I would really appreciate your support. Otherwise, your prayers are greatly appreciated. If you scan this QR code it will send you to the sponsorship website.



**JOSHUA WELLINGTON - Venue Change**  
Joshua Wellington invites men to the **FOYER of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street** this coming *Thursday 15 June* from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Supper afterwards.

**Speaker:** Michael Powell on theme: "Be light shining out of darkness".

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



## CELEBRATE THE 188th BIRTHDAY OF MERI HOHEPA SUZANNE AUBERT

Join us on *Monday, 19 June* when we will celebrate the 188th anniversary of Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert in a special celebration at *St Anne's School, Newtown*. *Mass will be held at 2pm followed by refreshments*. Please RSVP to: [events@compassion.org.nz](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)



St Thomas More Society

## 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](mailto:thomasmoresoc@gmail.com)

**April 2024**

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND



Fr Chris Friel from Timaru, will lead a 12 day tour to some of the most important Christian and historical sights in Israel and Jordan, beginning in *Amman on 9 April* and concluding in *Jerusalem on 20 April 2024*. During this amazing tour, you will enjoy comfortable accommodation, great food, as well as experiencing the rich cultural and religious history of the region. For full itinerary and details, please contact Peter Fleming at Pilgrimage Tours, Auckland at: [www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz](http://www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz) or ph: 0800 356 728.