



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 18 JUNE 2023

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

HIS WEEK'S LITURGY reminds us of who we are, whose we are, what has been done for us, and then, how we might feel drawn to respond.

For the people of Israel, relations with neighbouring tribes always offered tempting religious alternatives. The Exodus story (First Reading) was a constant reminder of their covenant with God, in which the whole nation was called to be made holy. St Paul writes to the Christians in Rome, teaching that their concerns should not, ultimately, be about what they are doing for God, but about what God has done, and is doing, for them. (Second Reading) That is also a sentiment echoed in this week's Psalm - we, the sheep, are beneficiaries of a Good Shepherd who made us, who loves us, who is faithful to us, and to whom we belong.

St Matthew **(Gospel)** portrays Jesus as the compassionate shepherd of his suffering people. Jesus is concerned not only with their spiritual and practical needs, but also about ensuring there are enough 'labourers' on the ground to reach every 'lost sheep'.

As I pray this week, I might ponder: are there tempting alternatives getting in the way of my own covenantal relationship with the Lord? What has God done for me ... is God doing for me ... will God do for me? How is my relationship with the Good Shepherd, to whom I belong? In what ways am I able to labour alongside Christ in today's world?



EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

And you shall be to me a priestly kingdom, and a holy nation.

Those are the words thou shalt speak to the children of Israel - Exodus 19:6 [First Reading]

HE APOSTLE PETER now rightly gives to the Gentiles this attestation of praise which formerly was given by Moses to the ancient people of God, because they believed in Christ, who like a cornerstone brought the Gentiles into that salvation which Israel had had for itself. He calls them "a chosen race" on account of their faith, that he may distinguish them from those who by rejecting the living stone have themselves become rejected. They are "a royal priesthood," however, because they have been joined to his body who is their real king and true priest, who as king grants to his own a kingdom and as their high priest cleanses them of their sins by the sacrificial victim of his own blood. He names them "a royal priesthood" that they may remember both to hope for an eternal kingdom and always to offer to God the sacrifices of a stainless way of life. - **Venerable Bede**



5 TESTS AND FACE MASKS

If you or your family need RAT tests and/or face masks, please contact the parish office (ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone: 232 5611) as we have a good **free** supply. *Thanks*



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

Daily Readings 19-25 June

Monday: Matthew 5:38-42; *Tuesday*: Matt 5:43-48; *Wednesday*: Matt 6:1-6,16-18; *Thursday*: Matthew 6:7-15; *Friday*: Matthew 6:19-23; *Saturday*: Luke: 1:57-66,80; *12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:* Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 69; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33



ANNIVERSARY:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Percival Kerrins, William Taylor-Edwards, Liu Tavita, Raymond Harriss (19); Shirley Tomlinson, Jacqueline McCod (20); Verna O'Dell (21); Natalie Hinkley, Ruby Ilton, Heather Byrne, Martin Muir, Dorothy Knipping (22); Soo Siu, Brian Blacktop (23); Sidney Jones, Joseph Gilroy (24); John Devine, Jerome Resch-Field (25).

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

	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	

Parish Priest: Fr Rico de	e la Torre	Ph: 021 205 6476	
Parish Secretary: Jane L	.ee	Ph: 232 5611	169 Main Road, Tawa
Hours	: Tuesday to Frid	lay 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 Fra	ancine McGoveri	n & Margaret Vaney	Ph: 232 5151
St Francis Xavier School	Joan Woods, P	rincipal	Ph: 232 8927
St Pius X School:	Nenah Keleme	te, Principal	Ph: 236 7006
Bishop Viard College:	Chris Theobald	l, Principal	Ph: 237 5248
Filipino Chaplaincy	Web: www.filc	hap-adw.nz	

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION 11 June 2023 - \$1,889.90 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/ for registration, course availability, or email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



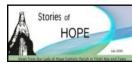
NZ CATHOLIC (18 June-1 July) Now for sale in church foyers. Price: \$4 (unchanged for eight years). Please put money in blue cash box on foyer table

Some headlines for this issue: Catholic concerns over surrogacy bill. From speaking little English to top Theology student. Christchurch woman becomes consecrated virgin. Theology on Tap draws big crowd.



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.



STORIES OF HOPE

The next edition is coming soon. We welcome contributions about your family or parish group special events, reports of group activities, your personal faith

story or reflection, anecdotes, art work, poems etc. High resolution photos appreciated. Please send to: magazine@ourladyofhope.org.nz or leave hard copy at the parish office. *Deadline for all submissions: Friday, 7 July.*



MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

Over the last year, for a number of reasons, parishioners living out of the Tawa/Titahi Bay area have increased. I hope you have all enjoyed reading our parish magazine, "Stories of Hope". There are several dedicated parishioners who deliver the magazines locally, but those further afield have to be posted, and postage rates are

again increasing.

We really need parishioners who live out of Tawa to volunteer as deliverers. This is only for 20-30 magazines 3 times a year. **Deliverers are especially needed for Johnsonville, Newlands, Churton Park and Porirua - all areas** (except Aotea).

If you can help, please phone/message Maureen O'Keeffe: 027 624 4556 or email the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN - Limited Spaces

<u>Where</u>: St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall <u>When</u>: Saturday, 17 June (8am-5pm) and Saturday, 24 June (8am-5pm)

We all have questions. Whether we are young or old,

whether we know it or not, we all want to know what we are here for. What is the meaning of my life? Why did God create me this way? Why did God make me? What does He want me to do with my life? What is my purpose? What will make me happy—truly happy, completely happy? Theology of the Pody is a tracewro in Catholic teaching. A tracewro that if we

Theology of the Body is a treasure in Catholic teaching. A treasure that if we allow it—has the power to transform our lives and the way in which we live—giving us the joy and happiness that each of us longs for. To register, contact: www.marriageandfamily.org.nz

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.



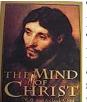


VACANCY: Attendance Dues and Accounts Office, Archdiocese of Wellington

Do you enjoy working autonomously but at the same time enjoy getting involved in an agile accounting team?

This position will see the successful candidate managing the collection of the Catholic school's attendance dues. You will develop an understanding of social and economic circumstances of families and have the autonomy to set up a bespoke payment plan whilst keeping aligned with the longer-term goals of the multiple stakeholders. The role also requires supporting accounting functions to facilitate an agile and nimble finance team.

If you feel you can bring a compassionate ear and add value to this challenging and diverse role, please visit: www.wn.catholic.org.nz/vacancies for more information. Please email: n.pinkham@wn.catholic.org.nz for a copy of the Job Description. Applications close *Thursday, 22 June 2023*.



THE MIND OF CHRIST SEMINAR

Inviting all young adults (18+) to VFL Youth Wellington's "The Mind of Christ" Seminar with guest speaker Brendan Malone, on 24 June at St Mary of the Angels Crypt from 10am to 3pm. The seminar is made up of 4 x 45 minute workshop sessions where we will explore the key thinkers and ideologies that have powerfully shaped the modern secular worldview. Lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Helena 020 410 86611 (VFL Youth Leader for Wellington) or direct message: @vflyouthwelly by 22 June.

FUNDRAISER

Focolare is raising funds for Youth projects.

On Sunday, 2 July at 4.30pm at Petone Lighthouse Cinema the new movie on Indiana Jones will be shown. Tickets are \$20 each. Text Ian on 022 544 3872 with name and number of tickets and I will get the tickets to you.

ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, SEATOUN



St Anthony's School, Seatoun is gearing up to celebrate 100 years on 13/14 October 2023.

We invite all past and present students, staff, families and supporters to celebrate this amazing occasion. Please register by completing the registration form on the St Anthony's School

Centenary Facebook page. If you have any queries, please email: centenary@stants.school.nz or contact Julie O'Brien on 021 377 192.