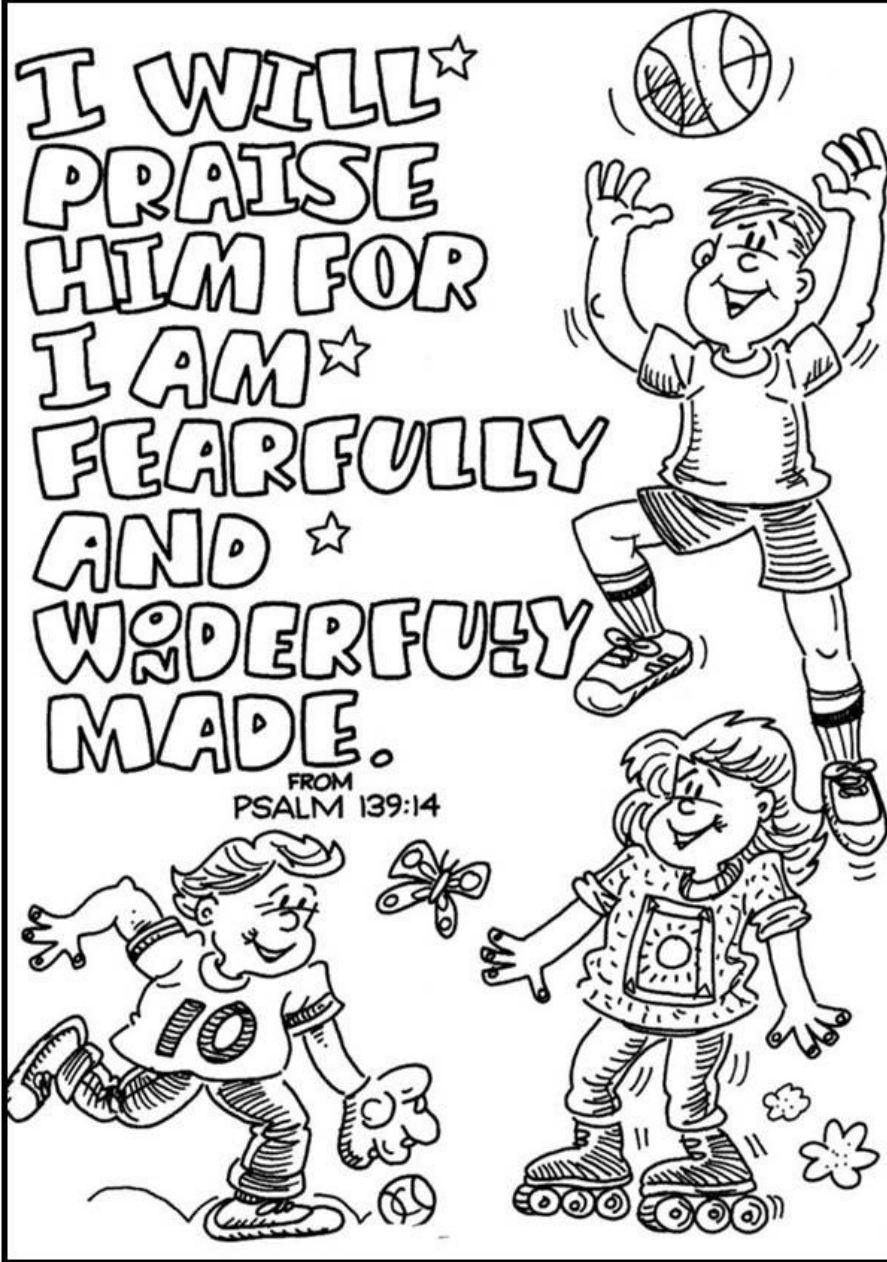


Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Do not be afraid”

I WILL★
PRAISE
HIM FOR
I AM★
FEARFULLY
AND ★
WONDERFULLY
MADE.

FROM
PSALM 139:14



Happenings

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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 25 JUNE 2023

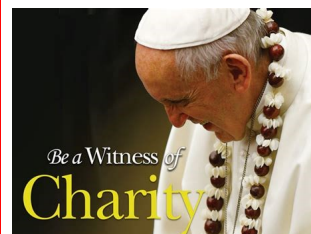
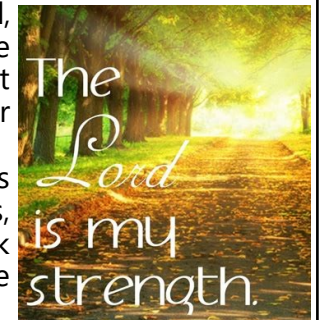
The Lord, our strength

BECAUSE WE LIVE in anxious, troubling times, where so many people around the world are suffering intolerably, today's readings can speak especially to us.

Jeremiah, in the **First Reading**, reflects on how his preaching has brought him suffering and isolation. Yet 'the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero.' The Psalmist cries out in anguish, but like Jeremiah, trusts that the Lord will answer with 'help that never fails.'

St Paul considers how sin and death hold sway in the world, but Christ has gained for us the abundant free gift of divine grace. (**Second Reading**) In the **Gospel**, Jesus twice tells his disciples, 'Do not be afraid'. Suffering will come their way, but the Father will always care tenderly for them.

Our lives, and those of our loved ones too, can be weighed down by fears, concerns or pain. May we strive this week to place our trust in the Lord, who is the 'strength of his people'.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Sunday 2 July

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church.

If Planned Givers who use Automatic Payments would like to make a donation, please use your *PG Number* as the reference and *surname* in particulars.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

Wherefore as by one man sin entered into this world, and by sin death; and so death passed upon all men, in whom all have sinned. -

Romans 5:12 [Second Reading]



NOW IS IT then that sin seems to have come in through one man rather than through one woman? ... Here the apostle sticks to the order of nature, and thus when he speaks about sin, because of which death has passed to all men, he attributes the line of human descent, which has succumbed to this death because of sin, not to the woman but to the man. For the descent is not reckoned from the woman but from the man, as the apostle says elsewhere: "For man was not made from woman but woman from man."

In this context the word *world* is to be understood either as the place in which people live or as the earthly and corporeal life in which death has its location. It is to this world, that is, to this earthly life, that the saints say that they are crucified and dead. The death which entered through sin is without doubt that death of which the prophet speaks when he says: "The soul which sins shall surely die."

One might rightly say that our bodily death is a shadow of this death. For whenever a soul dies, the body is obliged to follow suit, like a shadow. Now if someone objects that the Saviour did not sin, nor did his soul die because of sin, yet nevertheless his body suffered death, we would answer that the Saviour, although he did not himself sin, nevertheless by the assumption of human flesh is said to have become sin. As a result, although he owed his death to nothing else, nor was he bound to anything outside himself, yet for our salvation he voluntarily took on this shadow as part of his incarnation. As he himself said: "I have power to lay my soul down, and I have power to take it again." -

Origen of Alexandria



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

Daily Readings 26 June - 2 July

Monday: Matthew 7:1-5; *Tuesday:* Matthew 7:6,12-14; *Wednesday:* Matt 7:15-20; *Thursday:* Matthew 16:13-19; *Friday:* Matthew 8:1-4; *Saturday:* Matthew 8:5-17;
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16; Psalm 89; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42



MASSES: Thomas E Miranda, RIP 6th month anniv (21); Jessie Simon, RIP 24.1.23 (28).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Yvonne Gawn, Thomas McGreevy, Rev John McLaughlin, Mona Thurston, Sally Curtin (26); Margaret Clayton, Ashley Healy (27); Mary Mason (28); Bernard Meyer, Allan Hobbs (29); Kathleen Walsh, Arthur Gordon, Kathleen Lacey, Vaine Heeney, Michael Wood (30); Bedford Butler, Patricia Stephens, Mary Harcourt, Edward Comerford, Ernest Boderick, Paul Devereux (1); Paul Feslier, John Kershaw, Dorothy Leahy, Sydney Watson, Leopold Carpenter (2).

R.I.P

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

26 JUNE - 2 JULY: 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		

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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
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
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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

18 June 2023 - \$1,392.40

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

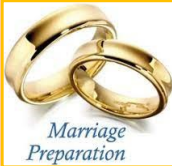
Miha - Maori Mass - Every Sunday, 11am-12 noon **
For more info, contact (04) 383 7769 or
events@compassion.org.nz

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.

★  ★ **TUESDAY LUNCHEON** ★
★ The next Tuesday luncheon will be held on 4 July at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer. ★
★ We will be serving you a nice wintery soup and the usual sandwiches and slices. And of course there is ★
★ entertainment for you to enjoy. Everyone 60 years and older is invited. ★
★ For a booking, please phone Kate on 232 9754 or Peter on 232 8795, no later than Sunday evening 2 July. ★
★ **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!
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Dear Fellow Parishioners
Demand for food parcels is on the increase and we would appreciate non-perishable food items for Our Lady's larder.
Cans of baked beans, spaghetti, canned fish or soup and jars of jam, peanut butter and other spreads would be appreciated.
Non food items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and cakes of soap are also acceptable. Some of the families requiring assistance have pets - we have cat food but dog food would be useful.
Thank you in advance.
God bless, Marie Prescott



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE
The next Baptism Preparation class will be held on **Saturday 1 July at 10am** 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.



Thank you all for your good wishes, cards and prayers for my Diamond Jubilee. I felt richly blessed to celebrate it first in Auckland with Srs Patricia and Juliana, professed 75 and 70 years who have both lived in Tawa. Secondly, Fr Pene offered Mass, followed by a delicious morning tea generously provided by an unknown benefactor - thank you. I greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity. I will pray for you.



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.**



WORKING BEE: St Pius X Church

The next monthly Working Bee at St Pius Church will be held on **Saturday, 1 July between 10am to 12 noon.**

The church is starting to sparkle after the previous Working Bees and it would be lovely to have more people along this time to help keep our place of worship clean and tidy.

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.



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

PLANNED GIVING

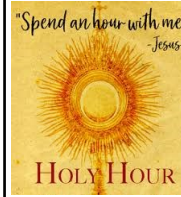
Thank you to all who give so generously each week. If you are not on planned giving and would like to help the Parish financially, please consider signing up to an Automatic Payment or weekly envelopes.

To do this, please email the Parish Office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone (04) 232 5611 or visit the Parish Office. *Thanks*



RAT 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*



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on *Tuesday, 27 June 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.



COME AND SEE

A “Come and See” Priesthood vocations morning, hosted by Fr Andrew, will be held at *St Theresa’s in Plimmerton on Saturday, 1 July starting with Mass at 9am and concluding at 12 noon.*

This is an opportunity for young men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood to hear some vocation stories, voice out some of the questions participants have as they seek to understand God’s will for them and be with others who are on the same journey.

To register, please contact Lucienne at: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org or visit our FB page: www.facebook.com/wellingtonpriests.org



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.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP

The St Vincent de Paul shop in Ranui is seeking applicants for the following voluntary positions: *shop staff* (flexible), *truck crew* (Friday am), *handyman* with basic general/woodworking skills to effect minor repairs on furniture (occasional).

This is a great way to give back to your community and gain or utilise skills at the same time. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Vicki on 237 5968.