



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Parable of the Sower"

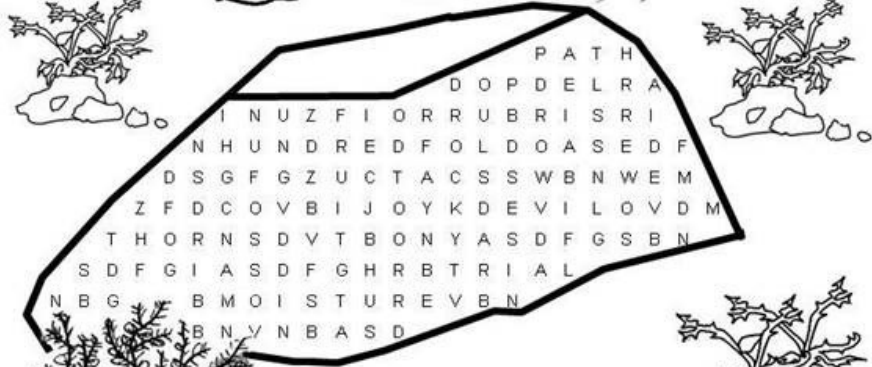
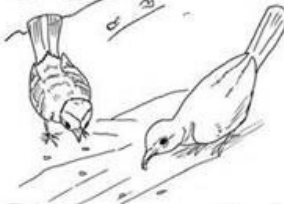


Word Bank

- Sower
- Seed
- Path
- Birds
- Rocky (Ground)
- Moisture
- Thorns
- Soil
- Hundredfold
- Fruit
- Word
- God
- Devil
- Joy
- Root
- Trial



Find the Hidden Words



"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Matthew 13:1-23



Happenings

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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 16 JULY 2023

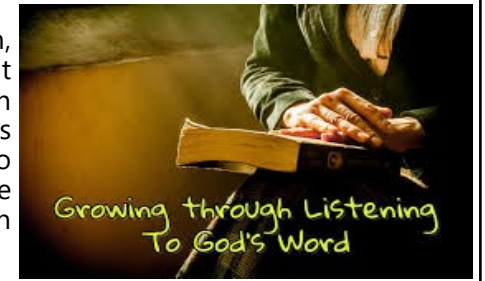
Listen

THE WORD OF God is proclaimed throughout the whole of creation. All of the readings in the liturgy this Sunday are filled with images drawn from nature.

The word is like rain refreshing the earth, bringing goodness and growth wherever it falls. **(First Reading)** The **Psalm** is a prayerful song of thanks after a time of drought. It reminds us of the bountiful love that pours out from the Lord, filling us with joy and good things. Paul **(Second Reading)** writes of a deep longing within us - and within the whole of creation - for the fulfilment of God's promise. The word of God will give us the freedom we long for.

Jesus shares the parable of the sower casting seeds upon the land to teach us to cherish the word of God. The parable reminds us of the many things that can distract and prevent us from fulfilling all that we are called to be.

When we learn to truly listen, the word of God is an abundant source of growth. It provides rich fruit for the benefit of all. In this coming week, we might want to look around us and notice the different ways in which creation speaks to us of the love of God.



ADVANCE NOTICE



Confirmation Mass for Our Lady of Hope Parish will be celebrated on **SUNDAY, 23 July at 10.30am** Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

32 candidates from our parish plus their families will be attending. Seating will be at a premium, as we try to seat all these people in the main church.

We therefore ask that people please consider attending either 5.30pm Vigil Mass or 8.30am Mass on that weekend. *Thanks*

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him that made it subject, in hope. - Romans 8:20 [Second Reading]



THE VISIBLE AND tangible creation knows nothing of the promises which have been made to us because it has no understanding of them. For if it should ever happen that the creation acquired some understanding of these things, it would hardly endure such base servitude, nor would it want to be subject to or be on friendly terms with those whose lives bear no good fruit.

Nevertheless, Paul says that the creation is subject in hope, for one day the saints and the elect will be saved, and then the yoke which has been imposed on it by God will be removed. ... In the meantime, the creation groans and in some sense labours and grieves, and if it had any awareness of our works, probably it would burst out crying. - **St Cyril of Alexandria, Commentary on Romans**

CELEBRATION FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

A celebration for World Youth Day will be held in Wellington on *Sunday 6 August from 1-8pm at Bishop Viard College.*

Join us for worship from 1pm, Mass from 1.45pm celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin, followed by events, speakers, workshops and a Youth Rally.



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

Daily Readings 17-23 July

Monday: Matt 10:34-11:1; *Tuesday:* Matthew 11:20-24; *Wednesday:* Matt 11:25-27; *Thursday:* Matthew 11:28-30; *Friday:* Matthew 12:1-8; *Saturday:* John 20:1-2,11-18;
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Wisdom 12:13,16-19; Psalm 86; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

MASSES: Thornton Family, especially Fran (18).



ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: James Clayton, Claude Keating (17); Leo Phillips, Edgar Smith, Michael Ward (18); Yvonne Bentley, Mona Wilkinson (19); Patricia Shakesby, Marion & Vincent McGlone, Roha Floyd (20); Claire Benton, Brian O'Connor, Misirooa Umaga (21); Denis Whooley (22); Edward McCarten, Brian Greeley, Gerard Bone (23).

R.I.P

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

17-23 JULY: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	
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

9 July 2023 - \$1,311.40

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

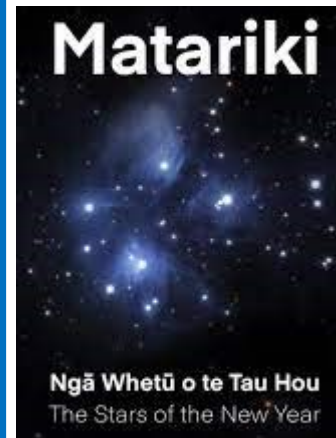


ST ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, SEATOUN
 St Anthony's School, Seatoun is celebrating 100 years on 13/14 October 2023. We invite all past and present students, staff, families and supporters to celebrate this occasion. To register please complete the form on the St Anthony's School Centenary Facebook page. For queries, please email: centenary@stants.school.nz or contact Julie O'Brien on 021 377 192.



NZ CATHOLIC (16-29 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: Two priests ordained in Invercargill. Request to be Bishop of Palmerston North came as shock. Call for healthy conversations on porn addiction. Why should people stay in the Church?



MATARIKI - an explanation
 At this time of year, the cluster Matariki, also known as Pleiades, The Seven Sisters or M45 reappears above the horizon, after having dipped below the horizon for some weeks. When this cluster, Matariki, reappeared in the very early morning sky, it signified the beginning of the New Year and people knew it was time to prepare the soil and plant crops.

Other meanings were also signified in the setting and rising of this star cluster. As the star cluster set, it was a time to remember those who had died during the past year. As the star cluster rose, it was time to consider the rising of the dead who were now joining the stars of the night sky. It was a time to plan for the future, a time to look forward in hopefulness, a time to be with whanau and friends.

BLESSING FOR MATARIKI

*The new light of Matariki has risen!
 May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life.
 May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness.
 May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery of Atua who loves you.
 May it be to you a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One are ever upon you and that the presence of the Holy One is ever with you. And may this be the cause of your rejoicing.*

Amen

Prepared by National Liturgy Office



STORIES OF HOPE—Help required
 Labelling and sorting will be done in the foyer of *Our Lady of Fatima Church on Tuesday, 18 July from the end of 9am Mass*, for most of the morning. If you can spare some time during the morning, please come along to help. Tea and coffee provided.



LOST/MISPLACED

The Sacristy key (on blue tag) disappeared after 10.30 Mass last Sunday. If you picked it up by mistake, can you please return. *Thanks*



INDONESIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND MASS

You are welcome to join the Indonesian Catholic Community on *Saturday, 15 July 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.



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



HEALING SERVICE

There is to be a Healing Service conducted by Fr John Rea in *St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay on Friday 28 July beginning at 7.30pm.*

Come and expect Jesus to bless you in the best way possible. All are welcome to attend.



JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on *Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm at the Loaves and Fishes, next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets* followed by supper. Small group activity based on theme: "Come to me - learn from me".

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



EMAILS, NEWSLETTERS & PARISHIONER UPDATES

Would you like to receive the email version of the Parish newsletter or other emails we occasionally send out? This is a vital way to keep in contact so we can update parishioners quickly about Mass times etc.

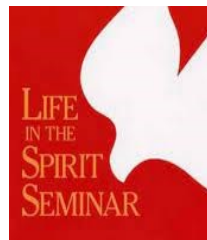
Please send your email details to the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz so you can be included in our emails and database.

Also, if you have moved to a new address or have a new phone number, please let us know. *Thanks*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Wellington Celebration for World Youth Day event on *Sunday 6 August*. If you can help, please sign up here: https://admission.infoodle.com/form_process?g=0af40a42-28c7-463b-8b66-4a343e6b8ff7



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (LSS)

The Lamb of God Christian Community will again be conducting a Life in the Spirit Seminar (LLS).

WHEN: *Saturday, 12 August (9.30am-4.30pm) lunch provided*
Sunday, 13 August (1.30pm-4.30pm)

WHERE: *St John's Anglican Church, 18 Bassett Rd, Johnsonville*

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/8pq3Mc3a83co4ztUA> Please see poster in foyer for more info.



ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

This is a weekend experience for couples intending to be married. Weekends for 2023 are on *19/20 August and 25/26 November*. Venue is *Otari Parish presbytery, 301 Karori Road, Karori*. Registrations close two weeks before.

For more details please go to the website: www.cee-wellington.co.nz/ or phone Kate and Simon Olson 027 486 0700 or email: simonolsen@gmail.com