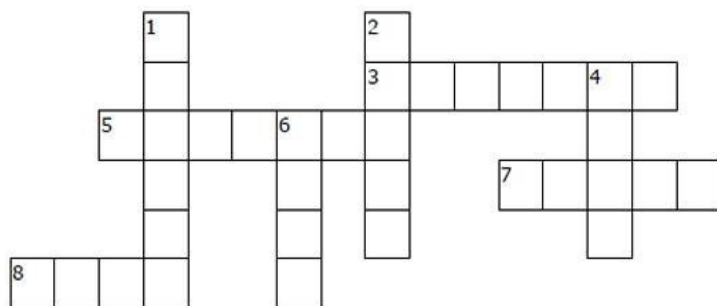


The Parable of the Weeds

"First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."

Puzzle is based on Matthew 13: 24-29

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



ACROSS

- 3. The time for gathering crops
- 5. Stories told by Jesus to teach his followers
- 7. A plant that crowds out the good plants
- 8. A building used for storing grain and housing farm animals

DOWN

- 1. The place where God is
- 2. A grain that is ground into flour used in cooking
- 4. A small pod placed in the ground to grow a plant
- 6. To damage or destroy by fire

WEEDS	BURN	SEED	HARVEST
HEAVEN	WHEAT	BARN	PARABLE



Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay
 OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH - 169 Main Road, TAWA
 ST PIUS X CHURCH - 64 Te Pene Avenue, TITAHI BAY

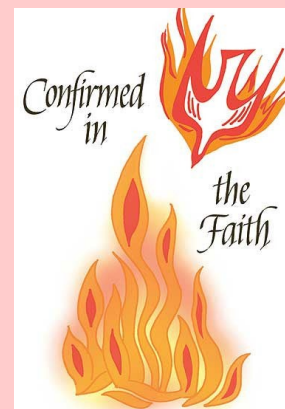
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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 23 JULY 2023

Confirmation 2023

"COME HOLY SPIRIT, enkindle in them the fire of your love"



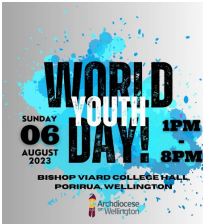
CONGRATULATIONS to the following candidates who are being confirmed today by Archbishop Paul Martin SM. May their lives be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Nathaniel, Bradley, Dane, Yanika,
 Maximilian, John-Paul, Zhyrus, Stefanie,
 Adriana, Ignatius, Jericho, Lalia, Rowan,
 Richard, Teuila, Wren, Aldreen, Stella,
 Theodore, Gabriel, Nathan, Joel, Carmel, Matiu, Catalina, Lauren,
 Kaera, Kendrick, Natalie



World Day
 for Grandparents
 and the Elderly
 2023

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and it takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth. This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the "haste" with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old.



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.



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




HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2024: Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship
 While Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024 has now sold out, we are excited to announce the opening of the inaugural Bishop Basil Meeking Hearts Aflame Scholarship!
 There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand.
 One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy). The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645).
 Visit: heartsaflame.org.nz to apply before *15 August 2023*.



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

Daily Readings 24-30 July

Monday: Matt 12:38-42; *Tuesday:* Matthew 20:20-28; *Wednesday:* Matt 13:16-17; *Thursday:* Matthew 13:10-17; *Friday:* Matthew 13:18-23; *Saturday:* John 11:19-27;
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Psalm 119; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

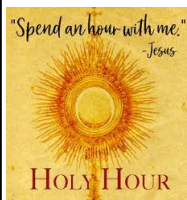


MASSES: Jessie Simon, RIP (6 month anniv) (24); Eli Bocacao Snr, RIP (40 day anniv) (30).
ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Noreen Smith, Lionel Bearsley, David Belz (24); John Slattery, Rose Reid, Anne McFayden, Selina Valu, Lesely Lang, Ross Odell (25); Mutu Keepa, Joanna Poutawa, Murray Rose, Logan Gilbert (26); Peter Devlin, Kathryn Balemi (27); Ann Hill (28); Glen Julius, Arthur Savery, Valmai Parker, William Harbidge, Apolonia Cabrera, Theresa Martin (29); Irene Mouat, Agnes Regan, Cornelius McGrath, Carol O'Neill (30).
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen

24-30 JULY: 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	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		

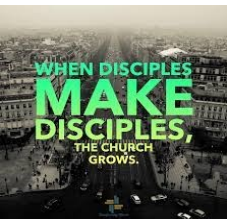
Parish Priest: Fr Rico de la Torre Ph: 021 205 6476
Parish Secretary: Jane Lee Ph: 232 5611 169 Main Road, Tawa
 Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-12 noon
Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson: Marie Prescott Ph: 232 7679
Parish Finance Committee Chairperson: Graeme Hansen Ph: 232 4360
Marist Sisters: Srs 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
16 July 2023 - \$1,811.60
This amount does not include Bank Automatic payments or direct debit payments.



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on *Tuesday, 25 July 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.



TE RONGOPAI - GOOD NEWS

Professor Br David Hall FMS will be holding a seminar on *Friday, 18 August from 9am-3pm at Knox Church, 574 High Street, Lower Hutt*. Cost: \$25/attendee. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea included.

This formation opportunity aims to inspire educators and provide insight and learning around Church traditions and scripture and how this Good News can be lived out today. See flyer in foyer. To register by email or phone, please contact Marian on: (04) 496 1710.



VACANCY: Prison Chaplaincy Director, NZCBC

Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls?

Applications are invited for the above position. Please visit: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/ for more information.



TWO NON-BISHOP KIWIS TO REPRESENT NZ CHURCH AT OCTOBER SYNOD OF BISHOPS IN ROME

Manuel Beazley (Vicar for Maori Auckland Diocese) and Fr Dennis Nacorda (Parish Priest, St Joseph Hato Hohepa Parish Levin) have been selected by Pope Francis to attend the October Synod of Bishops in Rome as two of

the 10 non-bishop attendees from the Church's Oceania Region. Archbishop of Wellington, Paul Martin SM will attend as the NZ Bishops' representative. Full details available at: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod/



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?

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023



*Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope,
an example for this humanity bent by
indifference,
make them as willing as You
to accept the will of God,
to magnify and praise His Mercy.*

*Mary, Mother of fortitude,
you who knows their heart,
do not allow them to become discouraged.
They confidently surrender their life into your hands.
Heal their wounds.
May your tenderness accompany them on the way.*

*Your presence, Mother of love,
brings them to experience the joy
of seeing their families united.
Help them to transmit the tenderness and Love of God
to the grandchildren and youth
so that, in addition to praying for them,
they can pray with them.*

*Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for them:
sustain their weakness;
breathe into their heart the consolation
that they may leave traces of faith among the young,
bearing witness to the beauty of life,
knowing that life has a limit
and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.*

Amen

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



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Approximately 25 years ago the Passionist Family Group Movement was established in our Parish. We had around 10-12 groups. However, over time this has fallen into abeyance.

What is Passionist Family Group Movement?

The emphasis is on building relationships and creating a sense of belonging among members of the parish. Groups are formed of approximately 24 to 40 people including children, who are encouraged to

meet once a month for a low cost or no cost activity such as pot luck dinners, picnics, games nights or film evenings. It is about developing friendships and support as a family.

The Parish is looking at resurrecting the Movement and needs people who would be willing to be the Co-ordinators. Parish Co-ordinators get to know the people in the groups and make connections from group to group, listen to stories and welcome anyone who comes into the community.

If you think you would like to be Co-ordinators, Paul Traynor from the Passionist Family Group Movement is willing to come and meet with you and explain what the role involves.

Please contact Marie Prescott on 232 7679 or 027 2000 737.



HEALING SERVICE

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service in *St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay on Friday 28 July beginning at 7.30pm.*

All are invited and especially those who need Jesus' healing. Jesus still heals today. Details on poster.



TUESDAY LUNCHEON

The next Tuesday luncheon will be held on 1 August at 12 noon in the *Our Lady of Fatima church foyer.*

We will have soup and sandwiches followed by a mid-winter dessert.

Do come along and enjoy.

For a booking, please phone *Kate on 232 9754 or Peter on 232 8795*, no

later than *Sunday evening 31 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!



FIRE EVACUATION TRAINING - Reminder

All Tawa Ministers of the Eucharist and Prayer Leaders are reminded that a one hour training/refresher session will be held on *Thursday 27 July from 7.30-8.30pm in the foyer of Our Lady of Fatima church.*

This will be more of a Q&A session and is particularly important for newer Ministers.



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation class will be held on *Saturday 5 August 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.



WORKING BEE: St Pius X Church

The next monthly Working Bee at St Pius Church will be held on *Saturday, 5 August 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.

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.



WORKING BEE - Our Lady of Fatima Church

Following the example set by the Smith Family at St Pius X Church, we are going to have a monthly working bee at Our Lady of Fatima Church. A big thank you to the Smiths and their helpers for the cleaning they have all done.

Beginning on *Saturday, 12 August between 10am to 12 noon* (and monthly thereafter on the 2nd Saturday) a Working Bee will be held at Our

Lady of Fatima Church.

The church is in need of a thorough C L E A N. So please make time to come and help.

For more info, please contact Marie on 232 7679 or 027 2000 737.