



# TRANSFIGURATION WORD SCRAMBLE



1. Who did Jesus take up to the mountain?

etPre      mseaj      hnJo

2. What was the name of the mountain?

toMnu      boTra

3. Who became as white as the light?

sueJs      oSn      fo      Gdo

4. Who appeared to the left of Jesus, to represent the Prophets?

jlaEhi

5. Who appeared to the right of Jesus, to represent the Law?

oSMse

6. Who spoke from the cloud above?

odG      eht      ahFrte


7. What did the voice say?

hist      si      ym      elbvedo      oSn

8. Who does God want to become radiant with the Holy Spirit?

uoY

P	E	R	T	E	T	E	P	I	N	JESUS	PETER	JAMES
E	F	A	N	E	C	F	E	S	A	JOHN	MOUNTAIN	FACE
H	A	J	I	L	E	L	T	U	I	SUN	MOSES	ELIJAH
E	C	E	A	W	J	I	E	S	T	TENTS	CLOUD	SHADOW
R	E	S	T	T	O	S	R	E	N			
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J	L	M	M	O	E	M	O	S	S			
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# Happenings

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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD, YEAR A - 6 AUGUST 2023

### The adoration of the mortals

WHILE IN LISBON for the World Youth Day, Pope Francis made an urgent call to recover the "prayer of adoration". The Pope is talking about the practice of *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* that we do here also in our Parish every Wednesday, from 9.30am till 9.00pm.

Adoration is to be "silent" before the Lord. The Pope cites the example of St Teresa of Calcutta who never gave up Adoration even when pressed with concerns of life and even in moments of doubt. It is during this time of Adoration that we get the strength to go on our mission of announcing the Gospel and leave behind the "spiritual worldliness" that engenders clericalism, as well as "clericalized laymen who are worse than priests", he said.

Today, we celebrate the **Transfiguration of the Lord**. Towards the end of the Gospel selection, we read how God the Father admonished Peter to "listen" to His beloved Son. How many times in the past, in our prayers, we did all the talking and less of the listening to God in silence? How some of our prayers are reduced to mere recitation of things we want from God!

Some years ago, I and my colleagues were in the place where the gospel this Sunday happened: Mt Tabor, in Israel. I can't adequately describe the experience. Our vocal prayers seem to be out of place in those sacred places of the Holy Land, and so we just did what we mortals can: adore the Lord in sacred silence.

About the meme attached. The hunter is praying to God to give the lion a Christian mind (*pensée chrétienne*); and so the lion says, "My God, thank you for this meal!"

Gratitude is one of the defining characters of a Christian. Thus, the Lord wants us to celebrate in His memory the sacrament of the Eucharist (in biblical Greek literally means "thanksgiving"), where He becomes present as the Bread of Life that we can adore even while here on earth.



Blessings,  
Rico Angelo

## EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

**Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them.** - Mt 17:1-2 [Gospel]



**T**HIS IS THE festival of Christ that has drawn us here. Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of God so compellingly calling us from on high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express.

Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and - I speak boldly - it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Let us run with confidence and joy to enter into the cloud like Moses and Elijah, or like James and John. Let us be caught up like Peter to behold the divine vision and to be transfigured by that glorious transfiguration. Let us retire from the world, stand aloof from the earth, rise above the body, detach ourselves from creatures and turn to the creator, to whom Peter in ecstasy exclaimed: *Lord, it is good for us to be here.* - From a sermon on the transfiguration of the Lord by **Anastasius of Sinai, bishop**



### SAMOAN MASS

Samoan Mass will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at 11am on **Sunday 6 August** - All welcome



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

### Daily Readings 7-13 August

*Monday:* Matt 14:13-21; *Tuesday:* Matthew 6:25-34; *Wednesday:* Matthew 15:21-28; *Thursday:* John 12:24-26; *Friday:* Matthew 16:24-28; *Saturday:* Matthew 17:14-20;  
**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** 1 Kings 19:9,11-13; Psalm 85; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

**MASSES:** Pius and Germeenal Pius, RIP (30th day) (5).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vincent Braganza (6).



**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** John Baker, Neville Bell (7); Kathleen James, Scott Taylor, Colin Wilkinson, Judith Allen (8); Andrew Vella, Charles Sloan, David Campbell, Maude Vincent, Kathleen O'Keefe (9); Margaret Brown, Rose Jordan, Tarnia, Kylie and Mishona Thomson, Doreen O'Hagan, Pauline Coneybear (10); Laurence McNeill, Norma Beaton, John Knox, Peter Moxey (11); Patrick Grimstone, Louis Burton, Darren Slape, Keith Merrylees (13).

**R.I.P**

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

### 7-13 AUGUST: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHIBAY
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

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	Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-12 noon	169 Main Road, Tawa
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### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

**30 July 2023 - \$1,449.60**

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



### PRELOVED SALE

(Toys/Kids and Maternity Clothes/Books/Misc Gear)

This will be held at the *Emmaus Centre* (behind Tawa Anglican Church) on *Saturday, 2 September from 9am-12 noon.*

This cash only event with a gold coin koha entry is being run by the Tawa-Linden Playcentre.

For more info or to be a stallholder please contact Lauren on 027 20807575 or [lauren.sklenars@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.sklenars@gmail.com)



### WHAT IS THEOLOGY?

Te Kupenga the Catholic Theological College have a course starting called “What is Theology?”

This will be held on *Friday, 1 September (5.30-8.30pm)* and *Saturday, 2 September (9am-4pm)* at the *Mercy Centre, Guildford Terrace, Wellington.*

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Register online at [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply) or phone (04) 819 8380 or email: [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz) for more information.



### BISHOPS URGE ALL CATHOLICS TO STUDY SYNOD’S WORKING DOCUMENT: *Instrumentum laboris*

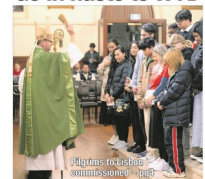
All Catholics are being urged to read the working document that will guide the Synod meeting in Rome in October and help to set the future direction of the Church. Bishop of Auckland

Stephen Lowe says “*it is a document that reflects the Holy Spirit speaking to people throughout the world.*” As such it is a document for the whole Church, and I invite everyone to prayerfully read and reflect on it, and to pray for the Synod’s work over the next 18 months. More info plus links to *Instrumentum laboris*: [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2)



**NZ CATHOLIC** (30 July - 12 August) 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: Update on precinct plan for Hato Petera College site. Akld Catholic tertiary chaplaincy leaves site. Matariki celebrated with Christian emphasis. Rethinking masculinity in terms of self-giving love.



### CELEBRATION FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

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

Join us for - 1pm: Welcome; 1.15pm: Worship band; 1.45pm: Mass; Afternoon tea; 3.15-4.55pm: Workshops; Potluck dinner; 5.15pm: Main session; 6pm: Student performances and Youth Rally; Closing prayer

### OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

*Our Lady of the Visitation  
you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth  
lead us also to meet all those who await us  
to deliver them the living Gospel:  
Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!  
We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay  
but with readiness and joy.  
We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace,  
and wellbeing is the best wellbeing.*

*Our Lady of the Visitation,  
with your inspiration, this World Youth Day  
will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did.  
Make it a time of testimony and sharing  
fraternisation, and giving thanks  
each of us looking for the others who always wait.  
With you, we will continue on this path of gathering  
so that our world will gather as well  
in fraternity, justice and peace.*

*Help us, Our Lady of the Visitation  
to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father,  
in the love of the Spirit!*





## WOMEN OF FAITH

Our next meeting is on *Tuesday 8 August at 10am at 212 Westchester Drive, Churton Park*. We will have a time of sharing and learning about Marist spirituality, praying and socialisting. All women are welcome. Transport available from Tawa after the 9am mass or phone 232 7206 for more info.



## 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.

## 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.

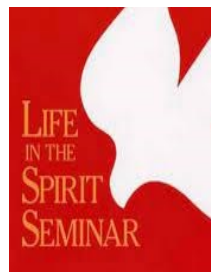


## GAME ON!

Courses are being held between 6.30pm-8.30pm in Wellington (*starting 9 August*) and Lower Hutt (*starting 23 August*).

Game On! is a parenting programme of 8 weeks duration, especially for Dads and run by Dads.

To register, please email: [reception@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:reception@wn.catholic.org.nz) OR [office@greenstoneddoors.co.nz](mailto:office@greenstoneddoors.co.nz)



## 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.



## JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on *Thursday, 17 August at 7.30pm at the Loaves and Fishes next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner Hill and Molesworth Streets* followed by supper.

Theme: "Forgive your brother from the heart"

Guest Speaker: Fr James Lyons

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



## 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.