

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Have faith"



"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:22-33



Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay
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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 13 AUGUST 2023

The Miracle Club

IT IS NOT wrong to ask for miracles. Prayer, after all, is lifting up our minds and hearts to God, according to St Teresa of Avila. A good prayer therefore is a conversation with God where we could tell Him our frustrations, our joys, our plans, our pains, and of course, our sins.

In the movie *The Miracle Club*, there is an exchange between Dolly and her husband. "Why would you want to go to Lourdes?" She replied, "Miracles happen there!" For, along with the other women who each have their own reasons for going to Lourdes, she wanted to take her son who still couldn't utter a word, unlike others of his age.

I too prayed for miracles that time I was in Lourdes not just for myself, but also for those I thought were in need of a miracle or two. God would be more pleased if we came to Him in stark honesty and humbly ask for great miracles, as we are also conceding to his generous omnipotence. Truth be told, we live on miracles on a daily basis, though some would rather highlight the human efforts. Perhaps we are now so accustomed to the daily wonders of life that our sense of wonder and awe has dimmed beyond recognition.

This week we celebrate the **Assumption of Mary into Heaven**. The liturgy for this solemnity could help us see why the early Christians believed she was taken up, *illa assumpta est*, body and soul into heaven, as God had done in the past to Enoch and Elijah (cf Gen 5:24; 2 Kgs 2:11).

You don't come to Lourdes for a miracle. You come for the strength to go on when there is no miracle, says one of the characters in the movie*. As we celebrate Our Lady's special day, we come to her not just for miracles but for the great things God has done to her, which could remind us of those things He did, is doing, and will do for us: some extraordinary, some weird and wonderful, and some, in our imperfect view, unremarkable.

Blessings,
Rico Angelo

**The Miracle Club* is still showing until Wednesday at Lighthouse. It's a brilliant comedy. Don't miss it.



EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

And after the earthquake a fire: the Lord is not in the fire, and after the fire a whistling of a gentle air. - 1 Kings 19:12 [First Reading]



NOW, AFTER THE wind, the earthquake came, and after the earthquake the fire, and [Elijah] noticed that the Lord was not in the earthquake or in the fire. This was the purpose of such a revelation: the Lord wanted to instruct the prophet through various figures in order to correct his excessive zeal and to lead him to imitate, according to righteousness, the providence of the most High who regulates the judgments of his justice through the abundant mercy of his grace.

From the allegorical point of view this is the meaning of the frightening signs that precede the coming of the Lord: the earthquake and the fire kindled by the strong winds prefigure the type of the dreadful signs that will precede the final day of judgment. - **St Ephrem The Syrian, On the First Book of Kings**



RE M I N D E R WORKING BEE - Our Lady of Fatima Church

The first monthly Working Bee will be held at **Our Lady of Fatima Church, this Saturday, 12 August between 10am to 12 noon** (and monthly thereafter on the 2nd Saturday).

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.



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

Daily Readings 14-20 August

Monday: Matthew 17:22-27; *Tuesday:* Luke 1:39-56; *Wednesday:* Matthew 18:15-20; *Thursday:* Matt 18:21-19:1; *Friday:* Matthew 19:3-12; *Saturday:* Matthew 19:13-15; **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Psalm 67; Romans 11:13-15,29-32; Matthew 15:21-28



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Susan MacKenzie, Paul Newland, Kevin Hammond, Mary Whittaker (14); Olive Underwood, Jarmila Oppelt, Leo Jackson, Annette Nelson (15); Patricia Childs (16); Francis Malley, Stanley Rea, Keith Ahern (17); Francis Brooky (18); Rosaleen McGlone, Eileen Larsen, William Thompson, Annie McKenna, Josef Dylong (19); David Ross, John Frisby, Lorna Booth (20).

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

14-20 AUGUST: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Mass 6pm Vigil Mass for Assumption	
Tuesday	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 9am Assumption Day Mass	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 10am Assumption Day 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

6 August 2023 - \$1,734.00

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.

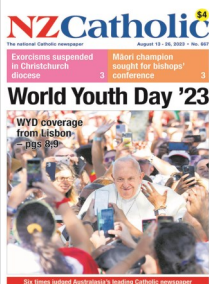
Mass/Morning Prayer - Wednesday-Thursday 8.30am **
 For more info, phone (04) 383 7769 or email: events@compassion.org.nz

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



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



NZ CATHOLIC (13-26 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: Maori champion sought for Bishops' conference. Exorcisms suspended in Christchurch. Marist education mission on Thailand/Myanmar border. New windows in Te Aroha rosary chapel.



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
15 August - Holy Day of Obligation

The following Masses will be held in our Parish:

Monday, 14 August - 6pm Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa

Tuesday, 15 August - 9am at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa

Tuesday, 15 August - 10am at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay

Tuesday, 15 August - 11.15am at St Francis Xavier School Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend any of these Masses.



AUGUST MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING
 The next Marian Mother's meeting will be held on *Monday, 14 August at 10.30am.*

We are a group of mother's who share what is going on with our lives and families and also include a spiritual reflection.

Any new or expectant mothers are welcome (as well as pre-schoolers).

For more information, please contact Mary Rayner 021 120 4717.



INDONESIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND MASS
 You are welcome to join the Indonesian Catholic Community on *Saturday, 19 August 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.



LOW SENSORY MASS: 20 August, 2pm, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa

Sunday Mass can be challenging for the neurodiverse. It can be loud, busy, bright and longer than they are able to comfortably cope with. We are beginning a monthly “low sensory” Mass for these people. The first Mass will be on *Sunday, 20 August* and then on

the third Sunday of each month.

- No music
- Low lighting
- Feel free to bring your own noise cancelling headphones, or whatever you need.

All are welcome, especially those who are autistic, intellectually disabled or neurodiverse and their families or support. If you know of someone in the Wellington area who might be interested, please let them know about this opportunity.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca on 022 169 3512.



LAW CENTRE MEETING

The Porirua Kapiti Community and Law Centre will provide a meeting *after 10.30 Mass on 20 August*. This meeting is open to everyone.

The Law Centre provides free legal information and education, and income tested legal services to those who are unable to access legal services and advance access to justice in the Porirua and Kapiti community.



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Eight Catholic Foundation Scholarships are available to students residing in the Wellington Archdiocese who are in their final year of secondary education.

Scholarships of \$2,000 each for the first year of tertiary education are as follows:

- four Catholic Foundation Scholarships open to all students undertaking tertiary study
- The Margaret Ryan Scholarship for students studying for a degree in teaching
- Halina Morrow Fladrzynska Scholarship for refugees
- Joseph Francis Kish Scholarship for refugees
- Krystyna Danuta Downey for refugees.

Application forms and criteria are available on the Catholic Foundation website: www.catholicfoundation.org.nz *Applications close 30 September.*



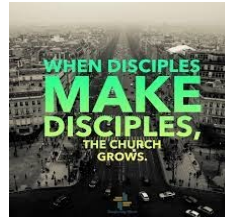
JOSHUA WELLINGTON

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

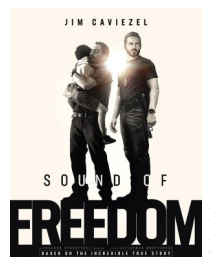
Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: Joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



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.



SOUND OF FREEDOM MOVIE FUNDRAISER to end human trafficking and child slavery

This movie is based on the true story of Tim Ballard, a former US government agent who quits his job and embarks on a mission to rescue children from sex traffickers in Colombia.

Beneficiary organisations of this fundraiser are: Talitha Kum, The Spear Fund and Centre for Marriage and Family.

WHEN: *Tuesday, 29 August at 8pm*

WHERE: *Penthouse Cinema, 205 Ohiro Road, Brooklyn, Wellington*

To purchase tickets or pay it forward, visit: www.marriageandfamily.org.nz
Contact info@marriageandfamily.org.nz for more details



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*.

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