

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Faith of the Canaanite Woman

"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish."

Matthew 15:21-28



1. A _____ woman came to Jesus and asked him for help.
2. The woman begged Jesus to have _____ on her.
3. The woman told Jesus that her daughter was possessed by a _____.
4. The _____ asked Jesus to send the woman away.
5. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost _____ of Israel."
6. The woman continued to _____, "Lord, help me."
7. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's food and toss it to their _____."
8. "Even the dogs eat _____ that fall from the master's table" the woman answered.
9. Jesus saw that the woman had great _____.
10. Because the woman had great faith, Jesus _____ her daughter.

healed	crumbs	Canaanite	sheep	faith
dogs	plead	demon	disciples	mercy



Happenings

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 20 AUGUST 2023

A house of prayer for all peoples



OD'S LOVE, MERCY and salvation are for everyone. Although the Israelites were known as God's chosen people, the story of their beginning, their time in exile, slavery and rejection is also a story of God's love for the whole of humanity. Each of our readings this Sunday approaches this truth from a different perspective.

The prophet Isaiah (**First Reading**) exhorts us to act with justice and integrity. He foresees a time when anyone who loves and follows the way of the Lord will be part of the salvation covenant. The **Psalm** is a song of praise ringing with this truth, telling of a time when all nations will share in the loving light of God. Paul, writing to the early Gentile church in Rome, describes his conviction that their personal conversion and belief in God will help to fulfil God's promise to bring salvation to everyone and not just to the chosen people. (**Second Reading**)

Today's **Gospel** presents an uncharacteristically abrupt Jesus initially rejecting the pleas of a desperate Canaanite woman. And yet it is this woman's determined faith and sense of humour that challenges Jesus to step beyond the boundaries of his initial mission, thus revealing the truth that his salvation and healing is for all people - no exceptions.

Let us pray that we will be able to recognise and have the courage to respond to faith expressed in surprising places. We ask too that we will each play our part in revealing God's love to the world.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

O God, let all the nations praise You.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

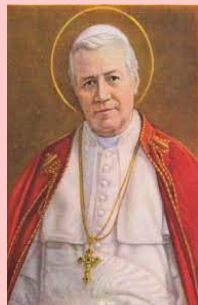
And Jesus went from thence, and retired into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. - Mt 15:21 [Gospel]



HE WAS APPARENTLY not from the people of Israel, from whom came the patriarchs, the prophets and the parents of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh; from whom came the Virgin Mary, who brought forth Christ.

Clearly this woman was not from that people but from the Gentiles. For, as we read, the Lord withdrew into the regions of Tyre and Sidon; and then the Canaanite woman, having gone beyond those borders, insistently sought help to heal her daughter who was beset by the devil. Tyre and Sidon were not cities of the people of Israel but of the Gentiles, although they were close to that people.

She therefore cried out, eager to get help, and kept insisting. But she was ignored, not that mercy might be denied but that desire might be enkindled; not only that desire might be enkindled but, as I said before, that humility might be praised. - **Augustine of Hippo, Commentary on Matthew**



ST PIUS FEAST DAY - 21 August

On 21 August, we celebrate St Pius X, patron saint of our church and school at Titahi Bay. School mass will be held at 10am on Monday, 21 August at St Pius X Church and parishioners are welcome to attend and join the teachers and pupils from St Pius school.



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

Daily Readings 21-27 August

Monday: Matthew 19:16-22; Tuesday: Matt 19:23-30; Wednesday: Matthew 20:1-16; Thursday: John 1:45-51; Friday: Matthew 22:34-40; Saturday: Matthew 23:1-12; 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

MASSES: Richard Webster, RIP (19); Nanay Pia, RIP (20); Althea Galicia, Mario Galicia, Eliseo De Leon, RIPs (27).



ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph CJ (21); Amanda Uy Paz (23); Helene Tohill (23).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Mary Devlin, Ida Kalin, Apolonia Talamaivao (21); Mary Crowley, Silvia Rea (22); Patricia Davey, Mervyn Nippert, Filomena Lolesio, Helene Tohill (23), Thomas Dunne, June Jacobs, Edna Russell, Roy Walker, Audrey Pike, Patricia Burke, Colleen Turner (24); Frank Robinson, John Trischler, Charlotte Rogers, Ed Juchnowicz (25); Clara Kidson, Doris Gore, Marjorie Harding, R.I.P. Winifred Thomas (26); Keith Andrewartha (27).

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

21-27 AUGUST: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHIBAY
Monday	9am Mass	10am St Pius Feast Day 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

13 August 2023 - \$1,510.60

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



Celebrating Jacquie Sturm - Friday, 25 August 7-8.30pm **
Join us in our tranquil Island Bay heritage site to pay homage to the iconic Jacquie Sturm and her profound impact on the Aotearoa literary landscape.

Miha - Maori Mass - Every Sunday, 11am-12 noon **
For more info, contact (04) 383 7769 or email 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.

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.

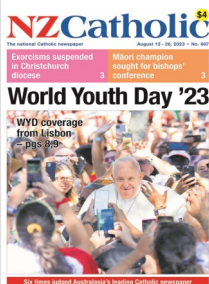
Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre and Cloister Café are open
Cloister Café: 10am-2pm Tuesday to Friday
Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre: 9am-3pm Tuesday to Friday
Everyone is welcome to spend some time in our public spaces.

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

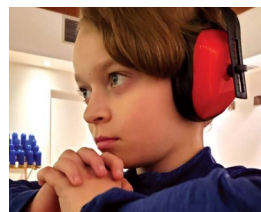


NZ CATHOLIC (13-26 August) Now for sale in church foyers. Price: \$4 (unchanged for eight years).
Please put money in blue cash box on foyer table

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.



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.

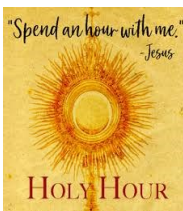
If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca on 022 169 3512.



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.



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on *Tuesday, 22 August at 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.



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



TH502 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.



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:

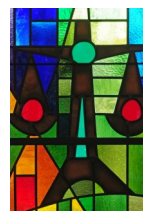
- four Catholic Foundation Scholarships open to all students undertaking tertiary study
- The Margaret Ryan Scholarship for students studying for a degree in teaching
- Halina Morrow Fladrzynska Scholarship for refugees
- Joseph Francis Kish Scholarship for refugees
- Krystyna Danuta Downey for refugees.

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



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



CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO

Te Kupenga the Catholic Theological College present a Social Justice week pre-event: “Challenging the Status Quo!” *Thursday, 31 August 6-7.30pm* via zoom. Speaker: Lyn Smith. All are welcome.

To register for this free event, go to: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/challenging-the-status-quo/



NATURAL FERTILITY MANAGEMENT

Billings Life is holding a Natural Fertility Management training session in *Nelson on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 September* for health professionals, those wishing to become accredited teachers of the Billings Ovulation Method and users of the Billings Method. The Billings Method teaches accurate, evidence-based, scientific self-knowledge about human fertility. It does not depend on regular cycles, thermometers, kits, drugs or devices. It empowers couples to take control of their fertility to avoid or achieve pregnancy or to monitor reproductive health. To register or for further details: phone 0800 693 378 or email: info@billingslife.org.nz or www.billingslife.org.nz
Billings Life has the support of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference.



ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC CHURCH, DANNEVIRKE

Throughout 2023, we are celebrating 125 years of St Joseph’s Parish. We are holding a special Jubilee Mass and luncheon on *Saturday 14 October*, followed by a special Mass on *Sunday, 15 October*. We invite all past and present parishioners and their families, and supporters to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Please register your interest by emailing: stjodvke@xtra.co.nz with your details no later than 10 September 2023.