

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 16:13-20

In today's gospel, according to **Matthew**, after receiving The Holy Spirit, Peter's **faith** was solid as a rock. When Jesus asked "Who **do** you say that I am"? Peter **responded** "You are the **Messiah**, The **Christ**, The **Son** of the Living **God**".

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Who do you say I AM?

Jesus told **Peter** he was the **rock** upon which He would **build** His **church**. Peter who was firm and dependable would begin the **formation** of the church and the **key**. The symbol of Authority, would be given to him.

- The **bold** words are found in the puzzle -

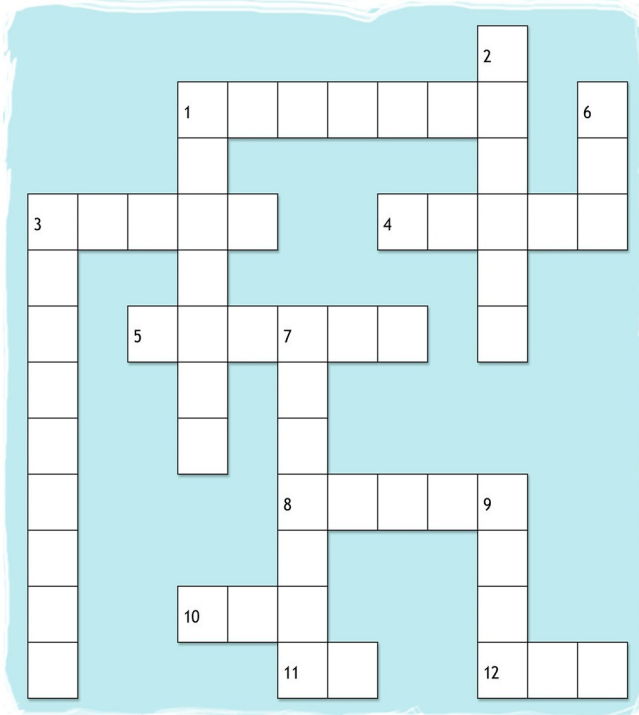


ACROSS

- 1] The Promised One
- 3] Peter's ___ was solid as a rock
- 4] To construct
- 5] A place we go to worship
- 8] The Apostle who responded to Jesus
- 10] Jesus is The ___ of God.
- 11] Jesus said "who ___ you say that I AM".
- 12] What we use to open a locked door

DOWN

- 1] Today we read the gospel of ___.
- 2] Jesus is The Messiah, or ___.
- 3] The act or process of forming
- 6] Our Father, The Almighty
- 7] To give an answer
- 9] Solid, natural mineral object



On this rock I will build my church.



Happenings

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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 27 AUGUST 2023

To bind and loose

FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS OBSERVED how Queen Alexandra made an arrangement with some astute Pharisees who "became themselves the real administrators of the public affairs: they banished and reduced whom they pleased; they bound and loosed [men] at their pleasure; and, to say all at once, they had the enjoyment of the royal authority, whilst the expenses and the difficulties of it belonged to Alexandra." (War of the Jews, Bk 1, 5.2).

In today's **Gospel**, Jesus gives a special assignment to Peter: his job description would be quite familiar to those Jewish-Christians who knew the story of the Kingdom of David. For, in our **First Reading** today, we heard the same job given to Eliakim, the "Prime Minister" of the kingdom.

Since we Catholics see the Church as the fulfilment of the Davidic Kingdom, with Jesus being *the* Son of David, we see the same ministry exercised by the Pope, the point of unity in the Universal Church.

Consider this curious little detail at the Mass: As we prepare to sing the *Lamb of God* before Communion, the priest drops a little piece of Host into the Chalice. As he drops it, according to the rubrics he should pray in silence the following: *May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.* In the early days of the church, the bishop would send a fraction of the Host to the Christian community and the priest would drop it into the chalice to signify their filial communion with the bishop, who shares with Peter's authority to *bind and loose*.

But there is more to it than what the prayer says. The following excerpt from the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM), par 83 says: *The priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the living and glorious Body of Jesus Christ.*

Let us pray for the Pope that he may diligently exercise his Office as the Church enters the final phase of the Synod these coming months.

Blessings,
Rico Angelo



EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. - Mt 16:18 [Gospel]



PETER CALLS JESUS "the living God," in comparison of those gods who are esteemed gods, but are dead; such, I mean, as Saturn, Jupiter, Venus, Hercules, and the other monsters of idols ...

As much as to say, You have said to me, "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God," therefore I say unto thee, not in a mere speech, and that goes not on into operation; but I say unto thee, and for Me to speak is to make it so, "that thou art Peter." For as from Christ proceeded that light to the Apostles, whereby they were called the light of the world, and those other names which were imposed upon them by the Lord, so upon Simon who believed in Christ the Rock, He bestowed the name of Peter (Rock).

I suppose the gates of hell to mean vice and sin, or at least the doctrines of heretics by which men are ensnared and drawn into hell. Let none think that this is said of death, implying that the Apostles should not be subject to the condition of death, when we see their martyrdoms so illustrious. - **St Jerome, Commentary on Matthew**



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Our Biggest Ever Book Sale is on now.

We have just added loads more books from Prayer, Christian Meditation, Teaching and Youth! Please check our website: www.christiansupplies.co.nz

Please note, our parish gets the majority of our supplies from Pleroma.



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

Daily Readings 28 August - 3 September

Monday: Matthew 23:13-22; Tuesday: Mark 6:17-29; Wednesday: Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday: Matthew 24:42-51; Friday: Matt 25:1-13; Saturday: Matthew 25:14-30;
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63;
Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

MASSES: Thanksgiving Mass (27); Rowaldo Zapata, Althea Galicia, Mario Galicia, Eliseo De Leon, RIPs (27).



ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Anthony Aplin, Marguerite O'Halloran, Lillian Coster, Mary Hagger, James Wilson, Benjamin Caronongan, Veronica (Roni) Gray (28); Kalimierz Lesicki (29); Daniel Crowley, Patricia Davy, Norman Pike (30); Mona Swan (31); Edward Traynor, Clive Ericsson, Joseph Rongen (1); Steven Gordon, John Watson (2); Doreen Cathro, Michael Robinson, Peter (Tata) Patelo (3).

R.I.P

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

28 AUGUST - 3 SEPTEMBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI 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
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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

20 August 2023 - \$1,740.80

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 (27 August - 9 September) 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: Revised lectionary planned for NZ. Lay leaders of liturgical prayer trained. Knights of the Southern Cross centenary. Plea for people to be Catholic prison chaplains.

Dear Parishioners



CALLED TO SERVE

Every week unsung heroes keep the Church and parish in working order. Our **Eucharistic Ministers** prepare things for Mass and tidy up afterwards; our **Readers** proclaim the readings; our **Prayer Leaders** welcome us to mass, read the Prayers of the Faithful (which is us) and operate the data projector, our **Musicians** make our masses joyous occasions; our **Flower Arrangers** prepare the flowers in the churches; our **Offertory Processors** bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar; our **Collectors** pass around the collection baskets so we can give to the financial running of the parish and our **Cleaners** keep the church buildings in a clean state. Thank you to these wonderfully committed people. We are all very grateful.

Would YOU like to become an unsung hero at our Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday 8.30 and 10.30 Masses?

We are currently recruiting mainly for Prayer Leaders, Flower Arrangers, Offertory Processors, Collectors and Cleaners, but if you'd like to be a Reader or join one of the music groups, we won't say no.

We therefore ask YOU to please email the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz with your name and phone number and most importantly which role(s) you are willing to assist with, by **6 September**. Training will be provided for these roles and you will then be added to the rosters starting in October.

A big thank you in anticipation to those who will answer this **CALL TO SERVE**.

Regards, Fr Rico



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation class will be held on **Saturday 2 September 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, 2 September between 10am to 12 noon.** We want to keep the church sparkling 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.



TUESDAY LUNCHEON

The monthly Tuesday luncheon will be held on *5 September at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer.* You will be served a nice soup, sandwiches and slices. And as always, some entertainment. For catering purposes we like to know for how many people we have to cater. So please make a booking with Pat Fouhy on 461 6122 or Peter on 232 8795. We are happy to have Pat joining our team. From this month onwards, alongside Peter, Pat will be a contact person for bookings. Please make your booking no later than Sunday evening, 3 September. **Late bookings can only be taken if there are cancellations.** For a cancellation on the day of the luncheon, please phone Jane in the office on 232 5611. We ask for \$6 to cover the costs. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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*

Tickets are \$20 each. To purchase tickets or pay it forward, visit: www.marriageandfamily.org.nz. To claim a FREE ticket, email info@marriageandfamily.org.nz. First come, first served basis.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP, PORIRUA - Volunteers required

The St Vincent de Paul shop in Porirua is seeking volunteers to join their truck crew collecting donations of furniture and delivering to customers and clients in need. Must be physically fit and available on Friday mornings. A full car license is helpful but not essential. Please contact Vicki on (04) 237 5968 or 027 636 2984.



THANK YOU FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART PARISH Community Engagement and Fundraising Team

Thank you for the tremendous support given to the Cathedral Restoration raffle that was drawn on 13 August. The archdiocese is still in fundraising mode for the completion of the work on the Cathedral. We still need to raise a further \$1.8M, of the \$14.5M required. Donations can be made to the Cathedral Restoration account 02 0506 0138488 25. Please use reopen as your reference and your initial and surname and telephone number on the bank details. Please also advise the Cathedral Parish office to arrange a receipt at email address: cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz. The campaign website is: www.cathedralcampaign.org.nz. Thank you again from the Fundraising team.



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.