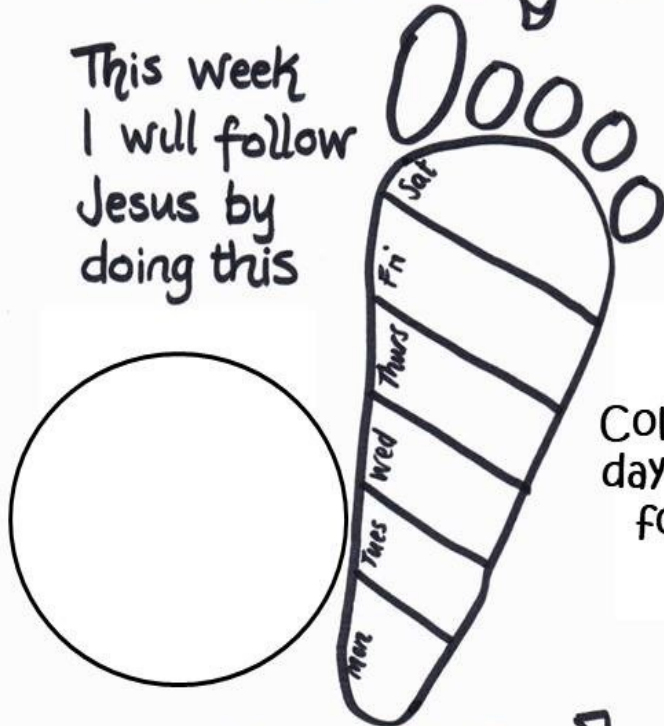


22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take up your cross and follow me!"

Following Jesus

This week
I will follow
Jesus by
doing this



Color in the foot
day by day as you
follow Jesus!

Lord God
help me to be a
disciple this
week.
Amen



Happenings

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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God

TODAY'S READINGS REMIND us that the path of love leads us away from ourselves. This is always painful, but ultimately it is a path that leads us to the fullness of life.

Peter's journey of faith (**Gospel**) earns him the severe disapproval of Jesus, who has started to speak openly of the shocking nature of his Messiahship. Peter rejects the idea: his thoughts are human rather than those of God. Jesus explains that being his disciple means being prepared to shoulder his cross: a metaphor for suffering for what we believe in.

Jeremiah (**First Reading**) gives remarkable insight into how costly his own prophetic mission is. He shares his profound struggles and suffering, as well as the intensity and depth of his relationship with God. The **Psalmist** speaks passionately of our life-giving desire and thirst for God - and by implication, of the personal cost that following the Lord may involve.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul encourages the Romans to see all aspects of their lives as a living sacrifice. Paul is offering a radical, new teaching on the concept of sacrifice. Sacrifice is now to do with transforming our way of life from within, and modelling ourselves on the person of Christ.

This week, we pray for the grace to deepen our relationship with God. We ask for the human freedom to offer our whole being in loving service of Christ and the world.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. - Rom 12:1 [Second Reading]



HOW IS THE body to become a sacrifice? Let the eye look on no evil thing, and it has already become a sacrifice. Let the tongue say nothing filthy, and it has become an offering. Let your hand do nothing evil, and it has become a whole burnt offering. But even this is not enough, for we must have good works also. The hand must do alms, the mouth must bless those who curse it, and the ears must find time to listen to the reading of Scripture. Sacrifice allows no unclean thing. It is the first fruits of all other actions. - **St John Chrysostom, Homilies on Romans**



SAMOAN MASS

will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at 11.30am on **Sunday 3 September** - All welcome



WORKING BEE: St Pius X Church

Reminder - the next monthly Working Bee at St Pius X Church will be held this **Saturday, 2 September between 10am to 12 noon.**

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.



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

Daily Readings 4-10 September

Monday: Luke 4:16-30; *Tuesday:* Luke 4:31-37; *Wednesday:* Luke 4:38-44; *Thursday:* Luke 5:1-11; *Friday:* Matthew 1:1-16,18-23; *Saturday:* Luke 6:1-5;
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

MASSSES: Souls of Alvin & Jerry, RIP (9).

ANNIVERSARIES: Pauline Morrison (7); Fr Des Moosman (9).



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Owen Wilkinson, Dorothy Hayes (4); John Ramsay, Reg Brown, Daniel McCaul, Caroline Young, Jill Scott (5); Maria Bullen, Graham Pohl (6); Rochelle Burke, John O'Flaherty, Bradley Inwood, Salvador Arroyo (7); Anneliese Resch, Nancy Hughes, Irene Wulff (7); Florence Bell, Peter Hurnen, Jack Critchley (9); Harold Morgan, Rev Fr Desmond Moosman (10).

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian McCarthy, RIP 25 August (Requiem Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima Church on 31 August)

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

4-10 SEPTEMBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
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

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

27 August 2023 - \$1,869.30

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



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

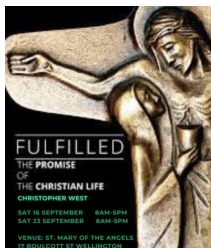
Meditation in the Christian Tradition
*Every Monday, 7-8pm AND Every Thursday 11am-12 noon ***
 An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christian desert fathers and mothers. All are welcome.

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**

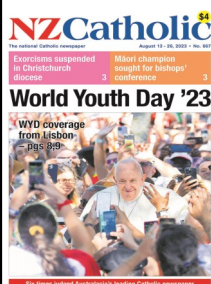


FULFILLED: THE PROMISE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE - Registrations now open

This course by Christopher West takes you on an eye-opening tour of the first pillar of the Catechism of the Catholic Church - beginning with the “ache” of human longing and ending with a vision of the Creed not as a list of rules or prohibitions, but a set of foundational truths that demonstrates that Christianity is a religion of desire that holds out to us the hope of infinite bliss and fulfillment.

It will be held on *Saturdays, 16 and 23 September from 8am-5pm at St Mary of the Angels Parish, 17 Boulcott St, Wellington.*

Lunch provided. Registration: \$60; Early bird: \$50 by 6 Sept. Register at: www.marriageandfamily.org.nz



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

Following on from last week’s request for more people to take part an active part in the Mass, we have had **1 new Eucharistic Minister and 2 new Prayer Leaders/Readers** respond to the Call to Serve. Thank you.

Would Y O U like to assist at Vigil or Sunday Masses?

We are looking for people to assist with the following:

- **Read** - proclaim the Good News
- **Prayer Lead/Operate Data Projector** - welcome us to mass, read the Prayers of the Faithful and operate the data projector
- **Collectors** - pass around the collection baskets before the Offertory
- **Offertory Procession** - bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar
- **Eucharistic Ministers** - assist Father with distribution of communion
- **Flower Arrangers** - prepare flowers for altar at either church
- **Cleaners** - keep the church buildings in a clean state

We therefore ask **Y O U** to please either fill out the **Called to Serve** sheets in the foyer OR 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.

Having people available to assist and share the load is vital to bringing the Mass alive.

Regards, Fr Rico



Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

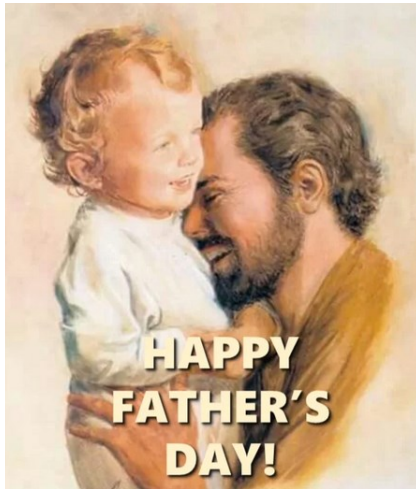
This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways - both big and small - they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

We remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.

(by Rev Chuck Currie)



THANKS

A big T H A N K Y O U to those who donate to Parish Planned Giving. Through your generosity we have had a heat pump installed in the upstairs Presbytery lounge to replace the old 1960's gas heater.

This work was done by Smartair Solutions, Plimmerton.



**OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

will be held on *Sunday 10 September at 2pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa.* You are welcome to attend.

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 ★ **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 TONIGHT, 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! ★
 ★★



WORKING BEE - Our Lady of Fatima Church
 Following on from a successful Working Bee last month, the next working bee at *Our Lady of Fatima Church will be on Saturday, 9 September between 10am to 12 noon.*
 We want to continue building on the good work done at the initial working bee and make more of the church sparking clean. So please make time to come and help.

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