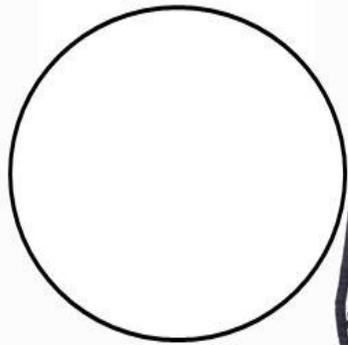


# 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"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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22<sup>nd</sup> 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]



**H**OW 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

<b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Rico de la Torre	Ph: 021 205 6476	
<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Jane Lee	Ph: 232 5611	169 Main Road, Tawa
Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-12 noon		
<b>Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:</b> Marie Prescott		Ph: 232 7679
<b>Parish Finance Committee Chairperson:</b> Graeme Hansen		Ph: 232 4360
<b>Marist Sisters:</b> Srs Francine McGovern & Margaret Vaney		Ph: 232 5151
<b>St Francis Xavier School:</b> Joan Woods, Principal		Ph: 232 8927
<b>St Pius X School:</b> Nenah Kelemete, Principal		Ph: 236 7006
<b>Bishop Viard College:</b> Chris Theobald, Principal		Ph: 237 5248
<b>Filipino Chaplaincy</b>	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](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

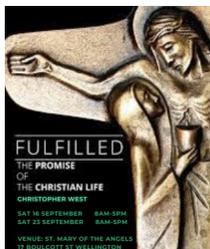
**Meditation in the Christian Tradition**  
*Every Monday, 7-8pm AND Every Thursday 11am-12 noon \*\**  
An ancient form of contemplative prayer, deeply anchored in the teachings of the early Christian desert fathers and mothers. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:events@compassion.org.nz)

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

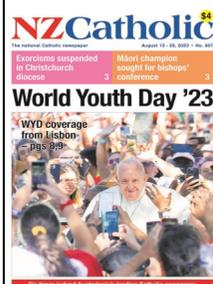


**FULFILLED: THE PROMISE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE - Registrations now open**

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](http://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](mailto: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



