

The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



Happenings

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

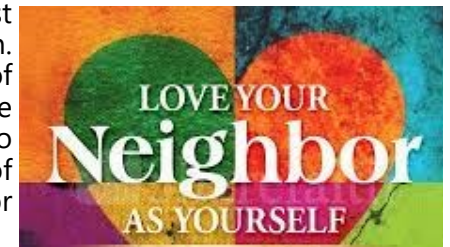
You must love your neighbour as yourself

THE THEME OF listening runs through today's readings. We are to listen to the word of God, to our hearts, to one another, and to our community. We are challenged truly to love one another, speaking out where necessary. Just as Jesus became our brother and made himself responsible for us, he asks that we do the same.

God appoints Ezekiel as his sentry: a mouthpiece to sound a warning when danger appears. We, too, are to be on the look out, helping one another rather than simply looking on. (**First Reading**) The **Gospel** echoes this. Jesus tells us what to do when things go wrong in relationships within a community. We should try to work things out one-to-one, then invite those we can trust to advise, and finally ask the community, bringing back those who stray. Jesus asks us not to give up on people, even when they do not listen to us.

In the **Second Reading** St Paul emphasises that it is love that underpins all our relationships. The ten commandments are summed up in the phrase 'love your neighbour as yourself'. The **Psalms** of praise urges us to listen to the Lord with open hearts.

Today we also celebrate the first Sunday in the Season of Creation. As we embrace the beauty of God's Kingdom, we pray for the grace to be good neighbours to each other and to the whole of creation, restoring and caring for all that God has made.



WELCOME

Gerson Badayos, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Wellington will be staying at our Presbytery from 16-30 September. We welcome Gerson as we accompany him on his vocation journey.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

Amen I say to you, whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose upon earth, shall be loosed also in heaven. - Matthew 18:18 [Gospel]



IT IS NOT the one who has called for accountability that is to blame but the one who had not been willing to be persuaded. Do you see how Christ has bound him with a twofold constraint, both by the chastisement here and by the punishment hereafter? He threatens the one punishment to prevent the other from happening. Thus, by fearing both rejection from the church and the threat of being bound in heaven, he may become better behaved.

And knowing these things, if not at the beginning, at any rate through so many judgements he will put off his anger. For this reason, Jesus set up a first and a second and a third judging. He does not immediately cut him down, so that if he does not obey the first, he may still yield to the second. But if he rejects that too, he may still respect the third. But if he takes no account of this third danger, let him be terrified of future punishment, of God's sentence and vengeance. - **St John Chrysostom**, *Homily on the Gospel of Matthew*



KIRABATI MASS

will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at 12 noon **THIS SUNDAY, 10 September** - All welcome



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

Daily Readings 11-17 September

Monday: Luke 6:6-11; *Tuesday:* Luke 6:12-19; *Wednesday:* Luke 6:20-26; *Thursday:* John 3:13-17; *Friday:* Luke 2:33-35; *Saturday:* Luke 6:43-49; **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Ecus 27:30-28:7; Psalm 103; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Daily Readings 18-24 September

Monday: Luke 7:1-10; *Tuesday:* Luke 7:11-17; *Wednesday:* Luke 7:31-35; *Thursday:* Matthew 9:9-13; *Friday:* Luke 8:1-3; *Saturday:* Luke 8:4-15; **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145; Philippians 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16

MASSES: Special Intention surgery (11); Thanksgiving birthday Joy (14); Thanksgiving birthday Eia (23).



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Mary McCarthy, Margaret Gilroy, Michael Conroy, Frances King, Beryl Reynolds (11); Kathleen McGlone, Anastasia Hatchard, James Lally, Kolopa Uiese (12); Henry Clark, Genevieve Hanna, Cecilia Stirling, Tamati Laulu (13); Rose Meskill, Mese Alosio (14); Lilian Barton, Florence Campbell-Patterson, Mena Devine, Nicola McGill, Telesia Nui (15); John Nicholls, John Corley, William Flynn, Mary Barton, John McNab, Mary Christieson (17); Rachel McDonald, Anne Reedy (19); Alexander O'Hara, John (Sean) O'Neill (20); Richard Peckham (21); Own McLuskie, Leslie Stapp, Barbara Hurley, Nova Sare (22); Mark Farmer, Thomas Woods, Shirley Holmes, Michael Rattigan, Paulo Kaio, Helen Galliven (23); Rangiwhakaewa Floyd, William Dorman, Iosefo Nagatalevu, Robert (Bob) Cater, Kathleen Johnson (24).

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

11-17 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; 5pm Indonesian Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am and 10.30am Mass 2pm Sensory Mass	

18-25 SEPTEMBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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 12.30pm Samoan Mass	

Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass



UPDATE - Sound of Freedom movie fundraiser

Sound of Freedom finished its first week in cinemas No. 1 in New Zealand! Through your help, we made a net profit of \$1,500 in ticket sales and donations to support organisations engaged in anti-trafficking work namely, the Centre for Marriage and Family, Talitha Kum and The Spear Fund. *Thank you very much for your support.*



COME and SEE Priesthood Vocations Morning - 23 September

Could God be calling you? Are you searching for your purpose? Come and be inspired! Meet priests and seminarians, find out their vocation stories ... Ask those burning questions ... Talk with other guys on the same journey ...

Join us for a morning of prayer, sharing and fellowship, starting at 9am at St Francis de Sales Church, 173 Clyde Street, Island Bay.

To register text 021 164 5800 or email l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

Visit our FB page (Wellington Priests) or go to: www.wellingtonpriests.org



NZ CATHOLIC (10-23 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: Dunedin angels to stand at cathedral high altar again. Family gathering with prelate for Opus Dei members. Auckland Catholic college to get \$20m science facility. Alleged multiplication of hosts investigated as possible eucharistic miracle.

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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

3 September 2023 - \$2,194.70

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



OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be held **TODAY, Sunday 10 September at 2pm** at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa. You are most welcome to attend.



Congratulations to the following children who will be nourished at the Lord's Table for the first time this Sunday

Nathaniel, Jeremy, Bradley, Dane, Yanika, Clare, Max, John-Paul, Evanna, Zhyrus, Mataniu, Stefanie, Adriana, Ignatius, Jericho, Lalia, Rowan, Richard, Teuila, Wren, Aldreen, Stella, Theodore, Gabriel, Nathan, Joel, Carmel, Maci, Matiu, Catalina, Lauren, Kendrick

O taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are those who take refuge in him (Psalm 34:8).



Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus, Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from *11-15 September* and will reopen on *Tuesday, 19 September*.

The next newsletter will be published on 24 September.



SEPTEMBER MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING

The next Marian Mother's meeting will be held on *Monday, 11 September at 10am*. 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 Amie Fouhy on 021 184 1870.

WOMEN OF FAITH

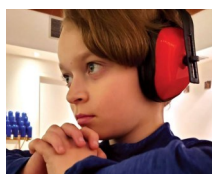
Our next meeting is on *Tuesday 12 September at 10am at 42 Pembroke Street, Tawa*. We will have a time of sharing and learning about Marist spirituality. Transport will be available after 9am mass or phone 232 7206 for more info.



INDONESIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND MASS

You are welcome to join the Indonesian Catholic Community on *Saturday, 16 September 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: 17 September, 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 next Mass will be on

Sunday, 17 September and each third Sunday of the 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.



SAMOAN COMMUNITY MASS - SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 12.30PM

Mass will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 12.30pm. A warm welcome to all. Misasa Samoa Aso Sa 24 o Setema i le malumalu pa'ia a Maria Fatima i Tawa i

le 12.30 i le aoauli. Maliau mai, tala mai a'ao tatou tapua'i fa'atasi.



FAMILY PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting: *10am, Sunday 24 September*

Our OLOH family prayer group meets at 10am on the last Sunday of each month, normally at the St Francis Xavier School hall. It is an informal meeting where we fellowship, sing and pray together. Children are welcome and partly join in and mainly play together.

We like to be in a group where our children see their parents pray and fellowship together in this way.

We are currently six families, and our size had been limited as we had been meeting at homes, but now we are meeting at the school hall this is no longer an issue. If you would be interested in joining us or learning more, please call Mary Rayner on 021 686 864.

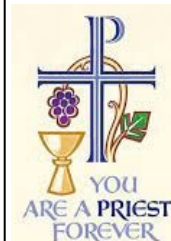


THANKS

Another big **T H A N K Y O U** to those who donate to Parish Planned Giving. Through your generosity we have now installed new blinds in the

foyer/chapel area at St Pius church.

This work was carried out by Guthrie Bowron, Porirua.



CLERGY JUBILEE MASS

The following Jubilees are being celebrated this year:

25th: Fr Kevin Purcell and Fr Frank Maguire; *40th*: Fr Michael McCabe, Fr Michael Young SM and Fr John Murphy SM; *60th*: Fr Owen Sinclair and Fr Jim Dooley SM

The Clergy Jubilee Mass will be held on *Wednesday, 13 September at 10.30am at St Anne's Church, Newtown*. All are welcome to attend. Limited car parking available.



SEASON OF CREATION - an Ecumenical event

WHEN: *Via Zoom at 7pm, Sunday 17 September*

MEETING ID: 845 6543 7259 PASSCODE: 036442

The Season of Creation is an Ecumenical initiative started in 2010 by the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople Bartholomew I.

A group of the Focolare in Oceania, NZ and the Pacific Islands will do an online event for 1 hour, with contributions from around the region. The programme will be broadcast online via Zoom in French and English and is made up of prayer, meditation, short talks, experiences and music all in celebration of working towards a better world. The theme for this year is "Justice and Peace".