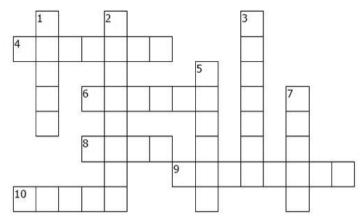
The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12



Read Matthew 20:1-16 to complete the word search and learn about the parable of the workers in the vineyard.



ACROSS

- People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
- 6. The place where God lives
- A period of time equal to sixty minutes
- 9. A place where grapes are grown
- 10. Pay received for working

DOWN

- Coins or bills used to pay for something
- 2. To give or share freely with others
- 3. To gripe or complain
- 5. Not playing by the rules
- 7. Two things that are of the same value

HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	MONEY	WORKERS	VINEYARD
GENEROUS	HOUR	WAGES	UNFAIR	EQUAL

"Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

Seek the Lord!

HE GENEROUS LOVE of the Lord is very close to us. The readings for this Sunday remind us that when we seek the Lord, we can be confident of receiving a warm, forgiving welcome - no matter who we are. The prophet Isaiah (First Reading) invites us to seek and find the Lord who is near to us. When we do this, God will embrace us with a rich forgiveness.

The **Psalm** is a blessing song of wonder and awe to the Lord who is close to us, full of compassion, abounding in love and kindness. St Paul's letter to the Philippians **(Second Reading)** is written by one who is confident of the closeness of Christ. We, too, are encouraged to focus our lives on the Gospel values of Christ.

The parable of the workers in the vineyard **(Gospel)** presents an encouraging, if challenging, image of the generosity of God. We are invited to accept this generosity for ourselves and express it towards others. If this seems too hard for us to comprehend, let us take heart that the ways of the Lord are very different from our own ways.

The words of Scripture reassure us that we need not worry, for the Lord is near to us, ever present. Our God is full of compassion

and forgiveness, willing us to seek him out. Let us pray that the whole Christian community will be inspired always to seek the Lord. Together as the body of Christ, we can transform the world with the justice and generosity of God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM
The Lord is near to all who call him.



CHURCH LIFE SURVEY NZ

Ask your parish! The bishops have requested that all our dioceses, parishes and parishioners take part in the 2023 Church Life Survey. This is a nationwide, multi-church survey of churchgoers administered by the Christian

Research Association of NZ. You will be asked to do a 10-15 minute survey on church life, community, faith and leadership. Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute will analyse the results when the survey closes at the end of November.

To access the Survey, please use the following link: https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rIdawic/01GZD885ACB3DBDE5Q5D18JZFM/en-rc

The goal is for as many parishioners as possible to complete the survey between **9-26 September**. This will provide robust results for our parish, and the Diocese overall.

Apologies for the delay in getting this survey to parishioners.



SAMOAN MASS

will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at 11.30am on Sunday, 1 October.

All welcome



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

Daily Readings 25 September - 1 October

Monday: Luke 8:16-18; Tuesday: Luke 8:19-21; Wednesday: Luke 9:1-6; Thursday: Luke 9:7-9; Friday: John 1:47-51; Saturday: Luke 9:43-45; 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

MASSES: Wedding Anniversary Tittu Nibin (25).



ANNIVERSARY: Varghese (29).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: John Smythe, Brigitta Clark, Thelma Darragh, Rebecca Gilligan, Ross Holden, Mareta Ratieta (25); Michael O'Sullivan, Valerie Sharman (26); Marie Glocking, Thomas Wade, Ethel Roa (27); Catherine Penman, Taupaopao Luapo, John Wilkins, Margaret Whelan (28); Isabel Rump, Margaret Smith (29); Teresa Alderton (30); John Cagney (1).

R.I.P

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

25 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES **OUR LADY OF FATIMA** ST PIUS X CHURCH, CHURCH, TAWA **TITAHI BAY** Monday 9am Mass Tuesday 9am Mass Wednesday 9am Mass 9am-9pm Adoration 10am Mass Thursday 9am Mass Friday 9am Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass Saturday 9am Mass Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am Mass 11.30am Samoan 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 Web: www.filchap-adw.nz Filipino Chaplaincy

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION 17 September 2023 - \$

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



Bee Awareness Day - Saturday, 30 September 11am-2pm Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay Ever wondered how the buzzing communities of bees work? Or how hexagonal honeycomb is created? Join us in the beautiful hills of Island Bay for a sweet day of honey and learning.

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 or email: events@compassion.org.nz

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
ALL are welcome.

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



NZ Catholic NZ CATHOLIC (24 September - 7 October) 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: Joy as Sr Marie Ange of Jesus makes final Carmelite profession. Bishops urge politicians to focus on issues not trivia ahead of election. Care and consolation at Mass for Loss of a Child. Church's penal law provides protection for people.



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. Maliu 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.



WORKING BEE: St Pius X Church

Reminder - the next monthly Working Bee at St Pius Church will be held on *Saturday*, 7 *October 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.



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

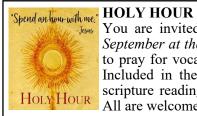


TE KUPENGA - CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE TE Kupenga-Catholic Theological College accepts enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate

Diploma in Theology with enrolments opening on 25 September.

"With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, and access to a wealth of resources, our programme will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable." To learn more about the programmes, go to: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes.



You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on Tuesday. 26 September at the 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.



VOICE FOR LIFE YOUTH WELLINGTON

Inviting all youth to participate in VFL Youth Wellington's Pro-life programme where we meet once a month to watch and discuss a series of informational videos on how we can better protect and promote the pro-life message.

The first session will take place on Saturday, 30 September at St Mary of the Angels Parish Hall from 5-6.30pm.

In this session we will explore the essential things we need to keep in mind if we want to have a fruitful conversation with someone else about the issue of abortion. Please bring a gold coin donation for pizza.

To RSVP, please direct message the VFL Youth Wellington Instagram: @vflyouthwelly or text Helena 020 4108 6611.



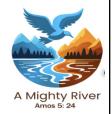
MIHA: MERI HOHEPA AND SEASON OF **CREATION 1 OCTOBER**

Everyone is invited to celebrate the end of the Season of Creation and the Day of Celebration for Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert at a special Miha hosted by Compassion and the Ecology Justice and Peace Commission on Sunday 1 October at 11am at the Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay.

Join us before or afterwards for:

- 9.30am Hikoi to the Reservoir
- 11am Special Miha
- 12pm Afternoon tea
- 12.30pm The Letter film screening.

Please see poster in church fover.





INVITATION TO POLITICAL CANDIDATES **MEETING**

On Tuesday, 3 October at 7.30pm Titahi Bay Community Church are hosting a meeting with the local political candidates.

The aims of this meeting are two-fold. The first is that we might be better informed and second, that the candidates are made aware that the church is alive and intelligently involved in civic life.

Confirmed attendees are candidates: Barbara Edmonds, Labour: Frances Hughes, National; Gina Dao-Mclay, Greens. Te Pati Maori and Act are yet to confirm. Each will speak for around 10 minutes and then will accept questions from the floor. (Note: they will not accept speeches from the floor) The hope is to have an audience of 50+ attendees and a convivial spirit for the evening. We expect to finish around 9.15pm.

Please arrange to come and feel free to bring a friend or two, whether they are church people or not.



CURRENT OF GRACE

Not long to go now to the Current of grace Wellington event "I am moving over the nations, will you follow me? on Saturday 7 October at St Joseph's Church Mt Victoria from 10am to 3pm. Speaker: Josie Olsen. Healing service led by Fr John Rea SM. Please bring lunch to share.

Everybody welcome. Please see poster on fover noticeboard for more info. Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email:

currentofgracewellington@gmail.com