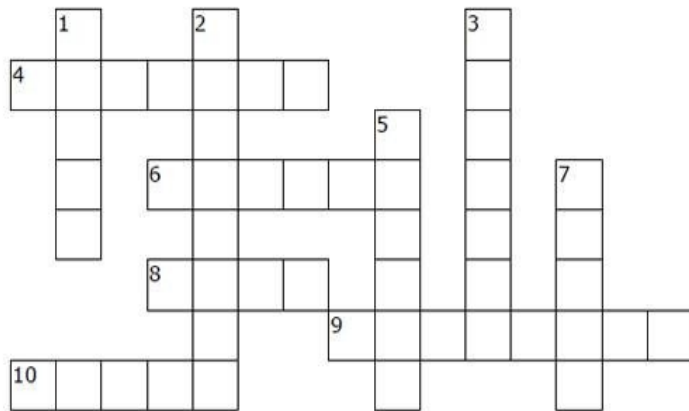


The Workers in the Vineyard

'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

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

DOWN

1. 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."



Happenings

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

Seek the Lord!

THE 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

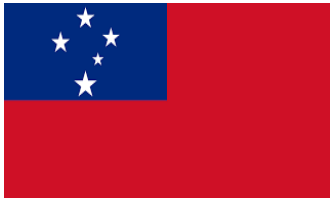
Research Association of NZ. You will be asked to do a 10-15 minute survey on church life, community, faith and leadership. Te Kupenga Catholic Leadership Institute will analyse the results when the survey closes at the end of November.

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 CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHIBAY
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	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
Filipino Chaplaincy	Web: www.filchap-adw.nz

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

17 September 2023 - \$

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



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

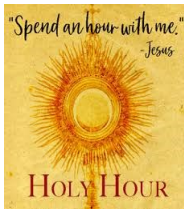


TE KUPENGA - CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COURSES

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.



HOLY HOUR

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](https://www.instagram.com/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:

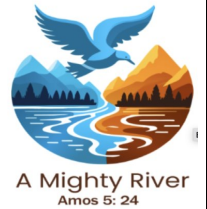
- 9.30am Hikoī to the Reservoir

- 11am Special Miha

- 12pm Afternoon tea

- 12.30pm *The Letter* film screening.

Please see poster in church foyer.



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 foyer noticeboard for more info.

Want to know more? Ring Steve Ready 027 356 9555 or email: currentofgracewellington@gmail.com