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Cycle A

Gospel Today

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 21:28-32

The older son in the parable first told his father no, I will not work, but had a change of heart and went to work in the vineyard. When we make poor choices, and have a change of heart, God forgives us and lets us try again.

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“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.”

- Matthew 21:29

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Parable	S	S	E	N	S	U	O	E	T	H	G	I	R
Two													
Sons	K	T	L	G	M	S	N	S	Y	O	O	H	C
Father													
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Vineyard	E	T	A	W	A	N	N	S	T	C	O	A	R
Today													
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Agreed													
Jesus	E	U	A	G	A	S	T	S	H	R	G	C	H
Stated													
Sinners	Y	S	S	E	N	N	T	U	A	G	D	K	O
Repented													
Kingdom	A	N	H	O	E	B	S	S	N	I	O	G	I
First													
Righteousness	R	E	S	P	W	O	R	K	G	V	M	S	C
Forgive													
Choices	D	E	E	R	G	A	I	I	E	E	O	W	E
Heart													
God	W	R	E	H	T	A	F	V	D	D	I	A	S
Believe													



Happenings

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 1 OCTOBER 2023

Celebration Sunday - Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert

THIS SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2023, is a day to remember the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert. The theme of '**United in compassionate love - Kua kotahi i rota i te Puaroha**' has been chosen for this year's Celebration Sunday. While we wait and pray for Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert to be beatified, we continue to unite to promote her message of compassion and love throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

This year the Sisters of Compassion highlight the 100 year anniversary of Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert setting up a Nurses Training School at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay. In doing so, they highlight Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert's great love and care of Maori and all people, especially the most vulnerable and those on the peripheries of society. Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert gathered people into her arms and homes and loved them. She loved them back to health and into life, she accompanied them and saw Christ in each one.

This Sunday, let us be encouraged by her example as we pray for courage to act as she did. To sit by the bedside of the infirmed and dying, to include in our lives and families those who need our love, and to celebrate each person for who they are. As we celebrate her good works and life today, we hold in our own hearts her words '**Let us have nothing so much as to work for the good of all.**' The Sisters of Compassion thank you for your support and prayer. Kia whakapaingia koutou e Meri Hohepa. May you be blessed by Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert.

(Source: Sisters of Compassion)



RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Remember your mercies, O Lord.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

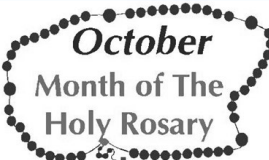
For which cause God also hath exalted him, and hath given him a name which is above all names: - Philip 2:9 [Second Reading]



THAT "GOD HAS highly exalted him" does not imply that the essential nature of the Word at long last became exalted. For God the Son is and always was equal to God the Father. The exaltation is of the humanity. ...

The text says "he humbled himself" with reference to the assumption of the flesh. So too it says "he exalted him" with reference to the flesh. It was the human race that needed this, because of the humiliation of its flesh and because of its consequent death.

Thus the Word who is immortal and the image of the Father "has taken the form of a slave" and suffered death on the cross as a man for our sake. He did this in order that he might thus present himself as an offering to the Father. It is thus as a man that he is said to have been exalted for our sake. Hence all of us die in Christ and through his death may again be exalted in Christ himself. - **St Athanasius, Homily on the Philippians**



October
Month of The Holy Rosary

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
To celebrate this month's devotion to the Rosary, Rosary will be said: **after** the Vigil Mass, 8.30* and 10.30 Sunday Masses. (*except for 1 October where it'll be said before due to a baptism)



SAMOAN MASS

will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at **11.30am TODAY, 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 2-8 October

Monday: Matthew 18:1-5,10 ; *Tuesday:* Luke 9:51-56; *Wednesday:* Luke 9:57-62; *Thursday:* Luke 10:1-12; *Friday:* Luke 10:13-16; *Saturday:* Luke 1:26-38; **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43



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

2-8 OCTOBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHIBAY
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

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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

24 September 2023 - \$1,528.20

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



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, 14 October** 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.



MARIST SISTERS FAREWELL

All parishioners are invited to attend a Farewell Afternoon Tea for Sister Margaret Vaney and Sister Francine McGovern which will be held at **2pm on Saturday 28 October** at **Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer**. People are asked to bring a plate of finger food.

This will mark the end of an era as the Marist Sisters have resided in Wellington for 81 years, since 30 January 1942 and in Tawa since 1996.

We will require some help on the day, so please contact either Marie Prescott 232 7679 or the Parish Office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz if you are available to assist.



2023 CHURCH LIFE SURVEY NZ

A Big **THANK YOU** to those parishioners who completed the survey at such short notice. At least 23 surveys were completed by our parish.

We look forward to receiving the results at the end of November.

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF SUZANNE AUBERT



Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Maori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint. *Amen*



THANK YOU

Thank you to the families involved in the Sacramental Programme who donated non perishable items at the Confirmation and First Communion Masses.

Thank you also to families at St Pius X School who donated non perishable items collected at the Mass for the Feast of St Pius X.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless, Marie

THANKS

A big **THANK YOU** to Michael Kelly from **Kelly Plumbing & Gas Ltd** who disconnected our gas supply and removed gas heaters from the Presbytery.



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