

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Parable of the Tenants”



“The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Matthew 21:33-43



Happenings

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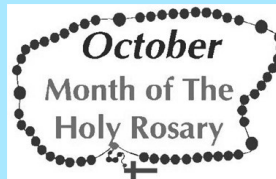
27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 8 OCTOBER 2023

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

THE IMAGE OF the people of God as a vineyard is familiar in the Scriptures. We can rejoice in seeing the Church as the vineyard of the Lord, but we also need to respond to God's gifts and use them well. In Isaiah's 'Song of the Vineyard', God has made the people of Israel his vineyard (**First Reading**). He lovingly cares for it, but sadly the people fail to respond.

The **Psalm** picks up the same theme. It is an appeal to God to turn again and visit the vine he has planted. The vineyard appears in the **Gospel** too, but here the tenants are reproached. Not only are they not profitable, but they murder the owner's son.

St Paul writes that the peace of God is ours if we can only trust in him (**Second Reading**). We are to pursue all that is good and pure, and produce the fruit worthy of the Lord. This week, may we be full of thanksgiving for all that we have received, and always turn to the Lord in prayer.



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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, and made a hedge round about it, and dug in it a press, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants; and went into a strange country. - Mt 21:3 [Gospel]



RESERVE THE GREAT care that the owner took with this place and the extraordinary recalcitrance of the people.

He himself did the work the tenants should have done. It was he who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it and built a tower. He left little for them to do. All they had to do was take care of what was there and to preserve what was given to them. Nothing was left undone but all accomplished.

But they made little effort to be productive, even after they had enjoyed such great blessings from him. For when they had come out of Egypt, he gave a law, and set up a city, and built a temple and prepared an altar. Then he "went into a far country." He was patient with them. He did not always keep a close account of their sins. The meaning of "going into a far country" is God's great patience. - **St John Chrysostom**, *Homily on the Gospel of Matthew*

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PRIESTS

This week, from Monday, 9 October through to Friday, 13 October Fr Rico and Fr John will attend the National Assembly of Priests in Rotorua. This event is only held every 5 years and brings together all the priests throughout the country. It is a chance for them to meet each other, spend time in prayer and have some input and reflection and enjoy one another's company. We pray for the success of this event.



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

Daily Readings 9-15 October

Monday: Luke 10:25-37 ; *Tuesday:* Luke 10:38-42; *Wednesday:* Luke 11:1-4; *Thursday:* Luke 11:5-13; *Friday:* Luke 11:15-26; *Saturday:* Luke 11:27-28; **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:12-14,19-20; Matthew 22:1-14



ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Mallon & Michael McKenna (15).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Mary Brady, Robert O'Shea, Patricia Byrne, John Beasley, Joseph Whelan (9); Patrick Prendergast, Grace Gilligan, Kelly Carrig-Juchnowicz (10); Kevin Evans-Turner, Kevin Humphrey, John Reynolds, Gordon Birch, Raymond O'Leary, Stella Keating (11); Florio Zande, Norah Sang, Patricia Hoare, Martin Condon (12); Margaret Lavin (14); Mary Mallon, Patrick Jago, Jeanne Kunz, Michael McKenna (15).

R.I.P

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Burke, RIP 2 October
(Requiem Mass will be at 10.30am at Our Lady of Fatima Church on 9 October)

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

9-15 OCTOBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	NO 9AM MASS - Requiem 10.30	
Tuesday	9am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion	
Wednesday	9am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion 9am-9pm Adoration	
Thursday	9am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion	NO 10am Mass
Friday	9am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion	
Saturday	9am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion	5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am and 10.30am 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

1 October 2023 - \$2,320.50

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

Quiet Days (Thursday 12 October 10.30am-2.30pm)
Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay
 Join us for Quiet Day with a focus on contemplation and reflection. Sister Sue guides participants through meditative activities and guided discussions.
 To register, please email: sr.sue@compassion.org.nz.
 Refreshments are provided. There is no fee, however a koha is greatly appreciated.

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 (8-21 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: Bishop John Adams ordained in Palmerston North. General Election Bishops' Statement and Party Policies. Catholic bookstore organized in Christchurch parish. New youth hub opened in Auckland.



WORKING BEE - Our Lady of Fatima Church
 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 previous working bees and make more of the church sparkling clean. So please make time to come and help.
 Please contact Marie on 232 7679 or 027 2000 737 for info.



OCTOBER MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING

The next Marian Mother's meeting will be held on *Monday, 9 October 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. The topic for this month is Our Lady of the Rosary. 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

We will be meeting on *Tuesday 10 October at 10am at 131 Woodman Drive, Tawa*. All women are welcome. We will be continuing our learning about Marist Spirituality, as well as a time of prayer and socialising. Transport available after 9am Mass in Tawa. Or you can phone 232 7206 for more information.



INDONESIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND MASS

You are welcome to join the Indonesian Catholic Community on *Saturday, 21 October 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.

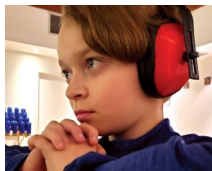


MARIST SISTERS FAREWELL

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 *but no gifts - thanks*.

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.



LOW SENSORY MASS: 15 October, 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 have started a monthly “low sensory” Mass for these people. The next Mass will be on

Sunday, 15 October 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.

BISHOPS’ PRAYER FOR ELECTION 2023

God of Nations bless our nation as we approach our election in these uncertain times. As we discern our choices, guide us with your Spirit. Grant us humble Parliamentarians of integrity who seek to serve for the common good.

E Ihowa Atua unite our nation in the desire to protect the sanctity and dignity of every human life in all its stages. Help us recognise our families as a treasure and enable us to support those families that struggle. Make us mindful of those in need in our communities and ready to work together for a just community. May we always delight in the beauty of your creation and ensure this beauty is enshrined for our children’s children.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Te Huinga o ngā Pihopa Katorika o Aotearoa
New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference



PREPARING FOR YOUR CATHOLIC MARRIAGE

To prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, all couples are required to attend a marriage preparation programme. Our upcoming course, “*Love is a Decision*”, will take place on **5 and 12 November 2023**. Please note the next course is not until **March 2024**.

For registration and details, please visit the Archdiocese of Wellington Marriage Ministry’s website at www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries or email us at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz



NZ BISHOPS URGE POLITICIANS TO FOCUS ON REAL ISSUE NOT TRIVIA

New Zealand’s Catholic bishops want the politicians elected on 14 October to focus on issues that matter instead of the trivia and scandals that dominate public debate.

Writing in their Election Statement for the 2023 General Election, the bishops say more and more people are becoming disillusioned and feel disenfranchised because serious issues are treated as political footballs.

“We are concerned with the growing trivialisation of politics, with the focus of politicians and media being on mistakes, misdemeanours or scandals of individual parliamentarians instead of being on the scandals of poverty, mental health, and the diminishment of the sanctity and dignity of life,” the bishops say. “We are concerned that so many of the issues affecting all of us are treated as political footballs. Successive election-season promises and the changing of policies in line with the agenda of each new government are not working. ...

“We lamented the growing indifference to the sanctity of life. We affirmed our commitment for Te Tiriti o Waitangi as offering us a pathway of unity for our nation. And we talked about the rapidly growing toxicity in our communities that is dividing us and that generates anger, hate and even violence. These are but some of the many issues we face.” ...

“At times we cannot find parties or candidates who subscribe to all we believe. When this happens, we make choices, informed by our conscience guided by the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, for the party or candidate which will bring forth the most common good, especially for the poor and vulnerable, and at the same time whose policies will bring forth the least moral harm.” *(Extract from NZCBC)*

A pdf copy of the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa NZ 2023 Election Statement will be emailed to those on our newsletter database and paper copies are available in church foyers.