

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Parable of the Wedding Banquet"

The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

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Happenings

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 15 OCTOBER 2023

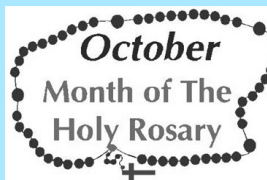
I have my banquet all prepared. Come to the wedding!

AS THE END of the liturgical year gradually approaches, the readings begin to focus on the kingdom of heaven and the era beyond the end of time. This week, both the First Reading and the Gospel invite us to think of sharing in the great feast that God prepares for us.

Isaiah explains how the Lord is preparing a banquet to which everyone will be welcome. There will be no more suffering or death. **(First Reading)** In contrast, the **Gospel** parable speaks of guests who are invited by the king to a great wedding feast, but fail to attend. As a result, the king gets his servants to ask everyone they can find, good and bad alike, to replace those who have made excuses.

The **Psalm** reminds us that the Lord will see to all our needs so that we shall not want. In the **Second Reading**, Paul writes to the Christian community in Philippi. Despite imprisonment and a probable death sentence, Paul has achieved a calm and accepting attitude to life through total trust and faith in the Lord.

This week, we might want to reflect on the way we respond when the Lord invites us to join him, and how we treat his messengers. In turn, perhaps we might feel called to invite those who seem to have been left by the wayside ... good or bad.



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 - I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

"Friend, how did you come here without a wedding garment?" - Mt 22:12 [Gospel]



WHAT IS THAT wedding garment, then? This is the wedding garment: "The goal of this command is charity," says the apostle, "which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." This is the wedding garment. Not charity of any kind whatever—for very often they who are partakers together of an evil conscience seem to love one another. Those who commit robberies together, who love the destructive arts of witchcraft, and who go to the coliseum together and join together in the shout of the chariot race or the wild beast fight—these too in some sense very often may be said to love one another. But in these is no charity from a pure heart, a good conscience and a faith unfeigned.

The wedding garment is charity such as this: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have no charity, I have become like a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal." Suppose someone who speaks in tongues comes in and is asked, "How did you get in here without a wedding garment?" Suppose he answers, "But I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains." But if he has no charity, he has nothing. Such may be the clothing of those who in fact lack the wedding garment. "Though," he says, "I have all these and have not Christ, I am nothing." Is then "the gift of prophecy" nothing? Is then "the knowledge of mysteries" nothing? It is not that these are nothing. But "I, if I have them, and have not charity, am nothing." - **St Augustine of Hippo, Commentary on Matthew**



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

Daily Readings 16-22 October

Monday: Luke 11:29-32 ; *Tuesday:* Luke 11:37-41; *Wednesday:* Luke 10:1-9;
Thursday: Luke 11:47-54; *Friday:* Luke 12:1-7; *Saturday:* Luke 12:8-12;
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Isaiah 45:1,4-6; Psalm 96;
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

MASSES: Thanksgiving Mass (birthday) (18); Deceased members of the Koncewicz Family (20); Jessy Simon, RIP 24.1.23 (21); Thanksgiving Mass birthday and family intentions (22).



ANNIVERSARIES: Eric Rawson (17); Pele Faraimo (18); John Casserley and family (19); Seraphine Braganza (22).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Nola Williams, Margaret Tingay, Camille Almario (16); Thomas Smith, Margaret McSweeney, Angus McDonald, Margaret Summers (17); Peter Booth, Albert Young, Henry Sharman, Dermot Grealley, Colleen Inwood (18); Christopher Aldridge, Mary Kelly, Honora Morrison (19); Paul Murray, Paul Vella (20); John Warren, John Smith, Mary Boderick, Anastasia Johnston, Patricia Williams (21); Stuart Thurston (22).

R.I.P

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

16-22 OCTOBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHIBAY
Monday	9am Liturgy of the Word & 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

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

8 October 2023 - \$1,665.90

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

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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

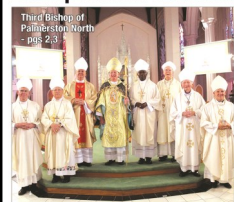


PREPARING FOR YOUR CATHOLIC MARRIAGE
To prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage, all couples are
required to attend a marriage preparation programme. Our
upcoming course, "Love is a Decision", will take place on **5
and 12 November 2023. Please note the next course is not
until March 2024.**

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](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-
mission/marriage-ministries) or email us at marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

NZ Catholic (8-21 October) Now for sale in
church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for eight
years).

Bishop Adams ordained



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
this 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 sparking
clean. So please make time to come and help.
Please contact Marie on 232 7679 or 027 2000 737 for info.



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.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - 3 Opportunities

1: **During November**, Parishes throughout NZ are required to
do the "Annual Mass Count". Are you available during
Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday 8.30 or 10.30 to do a head count
of all attendees?



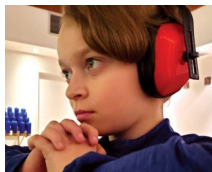
2: Following **9am Mass on All Souls Day (Thursday 2 November)**, a cuppa
and morning tea will be held in the foyer at Our Lady of Fatima church.. We
need people to help set up, clean up, make the teas/coffees or provide a small
plate of food

3: Are you available to help with the setting up and cleaning up, making the
teas/coffees or providing a plate of finger food at the Marist Sisters Farewell
on **Saturday, 28 October at 2pm here at Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer?**



If you are able to help with any of the above, please email
your name and contact details to the parish office:
ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone: (04) 232 5611 and
leave a message.

Many thanks, *Jane Lee, Parish Secretary*



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.

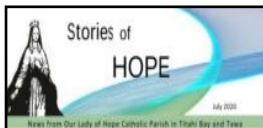
If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca on 022 169 3512.



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.



STORIES OF HOPE

If you would like to have your group news, family celebrations, faith experiences included in our next edition, please send copy to

magazine@ourladyofhope.org.nz by **Friday, 3 November**.

Notice of upcoming events needs to be for events after 26 November, as most copies will be delivered by then. Hard copy material can be left at the parish office.



Te Ope Whakaora

JOB VACANCY - Tawa Salvation Army Community Ministries Co-ordinator

We are looking for a self-motivated Mission Co-ordinator to enact innovative and creative solutions, that respond to immediate community needs. Hours of work will be 30/week. Please send your CV and covering letter and job application form to Captain Andrew Moffatt, Tawa Corps Officer at andrew.moffatt@salvationarmy.org.nz by *19 October 2023*.



LAST DAYS!

Joshua Wellington invites men to come to the *Loaves and Fishes* next to *Anglican Cathedral of St Paul* this coming *Thursday, 19 October* at *7.30pm* followed by supper.

Speaker: Kim von Lanthen on “What do we need to do differently?”

Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 447 7280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com

LAUDATE DEUM



POPE FRANCIS

ENCYCLICAL LETTER

LAUDATE DEUM

Bishop Stephen Lowe as President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has issued a public and media statement on *Laudate Deum*, the Apostolic Exhortation which Pope Francis has published. In it, he says: “*Laudate Deum* is a clarion call to us all, as individuals, as industry and as nations, to examine whether our attitudes and actions towards care of mother Earth are consistent with the passing on of this taonga, this treasure, to our future generations”

Bishop Steve’s statement is available at: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/laudate-deum

Additionally Caritas Aotearoa NZ has published two articles on *Laudate Deum* which you are invited to read:

What does Laudate Deum mean for climate action in Aotearoa New Zealand

- www.caritas.org.nz/advocacy-newsletter/laudate-deum-nz-climate

How does Laudate Deum relate to the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand

- www.caritas.org.nz/advocacy-newsletter/laudate-deum-can-z-work



HASTINGS HIBERNIAN EDUCATION TRUST

The above Trust is calling for applications for 2024 to provide financial assistance for the furtherance of the educational needs of students, who practice the Catholic Religion, provided they reside in NZ. This assistance may be in the form of supplementing costs of fees, books, and travel and/or accommodation overheads.

Please email the parish office (ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz) if you would like an application form.

Applications must be received by the above Trust by *1 November 2023*.

Daily Mass Calendar

2023



DAILY MASS CALENDAR 2024

If you would like to order your own copy of the Daily Mass Calendar 2024, (**Price: \$4**), please contact Jane by email: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone 232 5611. **Closing date for orders is 9 November.**