

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give to God what belongs to God"



"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22:15-21



Happenings

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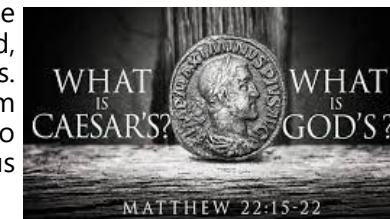
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TODAY'S READINGS CONCENTRATE on God as ruler over all the world. The **First Reading** teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him, giving Cyrus all that he needs to help accomplish God's plans.

The **Psalms** call us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world, and to pay him worship and honour. In the **Second Reading**, St Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the community—aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by its faith and hope in God—continues in its work.

The **Gospel** message is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Jesus is aware that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms that this is reasonable, at the same time he also affirms that *our first duty is to serve God*, and to give God what is due.

This week, maybe we can pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times. We ask that God will work through them towards justice and peace. We pray too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us in how we can serve God best.



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MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION -

Sunday 29 October

The Mission Sunday collection is taken up on the last Sunday of October.

If Planned Givers who use Automatic Payments would like to make a donation, please use your *PG Number* as the reference and *surname* in particulars.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Give the Lord glory and honour.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

"For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit.

- 1 Thes 1:5 [Second Reading]



THE OBEDIENT AND responsive soul gives itself over to the virtuous life. This life is freedom itself, on the one hand, from the chains of this life, separating itself from the slavery of base and empty pursuits. On the other hand, this soul devotes itself to faith and the life of God alone, because it sees clearly that where there is faith, reverence and a blameless life, there is present the power of Christ, there is flight from all evil and from death which robs us of life. For shameful things do not have in themselves sufficient power to compete with the power of the Lord.

It is their nature to develop from disobedience to his commands. This was experienced in ancient times by the first man, but now it is experienced by all of us when we imitate Adam's disobedience through stubborn choice. However, those who approach the Spirit with honest intent, unfeigned faith and an undefiled conscience, are cleansed by the Spirit according to the one who says, "for our gospel was not delivered to you in word only, but in power also; and in the Holy Spirit and in much fullness, as you know." - **St Gregory of Nyssa, On the Christian Way of Life**

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.



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

Daily Readings 23-29 October

Monday: Luke 12:13-21 ; *Tuesday:* Luke 12:35-38; *Wednesday:* Luke 12:39-48; *Thursday:* Luke 12:49-53; *Friday:* Luke 12:54-59; *Saturday:* Luke 6:12-16; **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

MASSES: Special Intention (surgery) (26).

ANNIVERSARIES: Bill Mallon (28); Rosario Javier (29).



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Pamela Harcourt, Jane Wilkinson, Beryl Andrew, Mary Ross, James Drummond (23); David Thomas, Thomas McQuilan (24); Denis Tuohy, David Lyne, William O'Sullivan (25); Barbara McAlpine, John Nulty (26); Mervyn O'Brien, Charlotte Lordan (27); Thomas McGreevy, Francis Misitea, William Mallon, Ieti Leu'u (28); Mary Ross, Daniel McManus, James Gilligan, George Sammut, Alosio Logotuli (29).

R.I.P

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

23-29 OCTOBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
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	

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
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St Pius X School: Nenah Kelemete, Principal Ph: 236 7006
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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

15 October 2023 - \$1,691.40

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



SACRED HEART METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL, the spiritual home for many Catholics in New Zealand, has been closed for earthquake strengthening and restoration for over five years.

The restoration budget was approximately \$14 million to complete the project. We have a shortfall of approximately \$1.8 million. There are a number of

fundraising initiatives in place and we ask for your support at a level that suits you. Here's one:

The Sacred Heart Cathedral RESTORATION CHRISTMAS R A F F L E

PRIZES:

1st, 2nd & 3rd each **\$1,000 New World Gift Card**

4th, 5th, 6th, 7th each **\$500 New World Gift Card**

Ticket Price: \$5 per ticket | 3 for \$10 | a book of 8 for \$20

TICKETS will be on sale after all Masses next weekend (28/29 October) and in case you don't have cash, the sellers will also have an eftpos machine.

Authorised by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Committee



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 CATHOLIC (22 October-4 November) 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: NZ bishops react to papal exhortation on ecology. University debate on science and miracles. The modern dating scene for single Catholics in NZ. Are our Sunday Masses too long?



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 can help.

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?

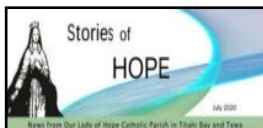
2: Following **9am Mass on All Souls Day (Thursday 2 November)**, a cuppa and morning tea will be held in the foyer at Our Lady of Fatima church.. We need people to help set up, clean up, make the teas/coffees or provide a small plate of food

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*



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.



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**.



PLANNED GIVING

Thank you to all who contribute to the parish so generously.

Our parish relies on offertory collections to maintain and grow our mission. We are each responsible for the upkeep of our parish.

Would you like to join Planned Giving?

If so, please contact Jane in the Parish Office - ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone 232 5611. You can give by either weekly envelopes or Automatic Payments with your bank.



NOVEMBER - REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD

In November, it is our custom to remember those God has called home. *From 1 November*, you can place the names of those family and friends whom you would like prayed for at each Mass celebrated during November in the box in front of the altar. If you are adding a Mass Stipend or donation in memory of the dead, please put it in an

envelope with the name(s) on the front and hand it into the parish office. *From All Souls Day (2 November)*, we will display in the sanctuary either a copy of the funeral service sheet or a photo of those parishioners who have died in the last twelve months. If you have had a significant bereavement in the last year and your family member didn't live in our parish, please forward either a copy of their funeral service sheet or a photo with their name, to the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz and these will be added to the display in the sanctuary.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

Enrolments are now open for 2024 at St Francis Xavier School. If you know anyone who is planning on sending their child to St Francis Xavier School, please ask them to contact the school office for an Enrolment Pack. **Contact details:** Phone: 232 8927; Email: office@sfxtawa.school.nz; Website: www.sfxtawa.school.nz

DO YOU LIVE IN TITAHI BAY?

I require a volunteer/volunteers to help deliver Stories of Hope in the Dimock Street-Owhiti Street area of Titahi Bay.

DO YOU LIVE IN NEWLANDS?

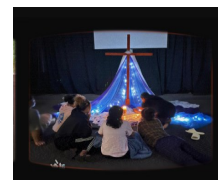
Several people who live in Newlands have signed on as parishioners of Our Lady of Hope over the last year or so. You will have received copies of Stories of Hope - I hope you enjoyed reading them. All our magazines are delivered to parishioners' letter boxes by volunteers, but there is currently no-one living in Newlands doing deliveries.

Is this something you would be willing to do just three times a year? Please contact Maureen: okeeffolk@xtra.co.nz or 027 6244 556.



2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

These cost \$12 each (cash only) and are available NOW from the Parish Office. Please pick up a copy for yourself or a loved one.



TUAKANA YOUTH MINISTERS

Multiple part-time positions available, based at our Colleges in the Greater Wellington region and Nelson. Passionate about your faith and community? Love youth ministry and want to work with College students? Email: youth@wn.catholic.org.nz for a link to the application form.



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 Nov 2023*.