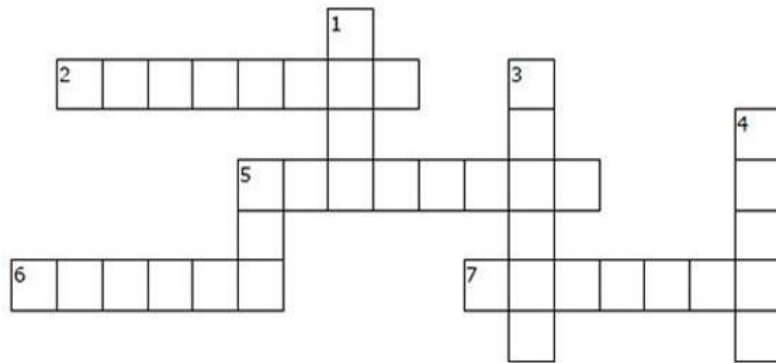


The Greatest Commandment

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."
Matthew 22:34-40



ACROSS

2. A person who lives near or next to another
5. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
6. Coming next in order after the first one
7. Someone who educates or trains others

DOWN

1. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
3. A spoken or written reply to a question
4. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings
5. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

NEIGHBOR	TEACHER	SECOND	GOD
ANSWER	HEART	GREATEST	LOVE

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Greatest Commandment"



Happenings

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 29 OCTOBER 2023

Halloween The Catholic Way

WHY DO WE celebrate All Saints' Day (1 Nov) and All Souls' Day (2 Nov)? 1 NOVEMBER **Solemnity of All Saints**. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint. We do not know the names of all the saints. Some of them lived so much like Jesus that after they died, the Church said they were definitely in heaven.

2 NOVEMBER **Commemoration of All Souls**. It is celebrated in honour and remembrance of the souls of our dearly departed loved ones, and do pray for other souls that still need our prayers. The Church honours this day as a solemn day for all souls in purgatory who are being cleansed before entering Heaven.

Catholic Halloween? 1: Let's do our best to remind everyone that this day is the eve of the feast of All Saints. We could honour the saints by dressing up like them instead of dressing up as anything that glorifies sin, horror or rebellion from God. By our good example, people will be curious to learn more about "All Hallows' Eve" and may even study the lives of the saints.

2: *Visit the Graves of Our Dearly Departed on 1 November and 2 November*; let's go to the cemeteries to pray at the graves of our dear departed. We can also adorn it with flowers and lighted candles.

3: *Go to Mass on 1 November and 2 November*. The most important thing we can do is to attend the Holy Mass and offer it for all the Holy Saints, and our dearly departed loved ones. By doing this, we give honour to them.

4: *We Say a Prayer*. We pray to and honour our saints and pray for our dearly departed. We can say the rosary or other prayers at home or upon visiting the grave of our departed loved ones.



Facebook page Catholic Faith Defenders - San Pablo Chapter

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - I love you, Lord, my strength.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Rom 5:8 [Second Reading, All Souls Day]



LET US DIE with Christ, to live with Christ we see that death is gain, life is loss. Paul says: For me life is Christ, and death a gain. What does “Christ” mean but to die in the body, and receive the breath of life? Let us die with Christ, to live with Christ. We should have a daily familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment our soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body.

Christ did not need to die if he did not want to, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus his death is life for all.

What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it was death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind’s salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.

Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unremitting labour and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing. - **St Ambrose, Homily on the Death of his brother Satyrus**



SAMOAN MASS

will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at **11.30am on Sunday, 5 November**. All welcome.



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

Daily Readings 30 October - 5 November

Monday: Luke 13:10-17 ; Tuesday: Luke 13:18-21; Wednesday: Matthew 5:1-12;
Thursday: L; Friday: Luke 14:1-6; Saturday: Luke 14:1,7-11;
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Malac 1:14-2:2,8-10; Psalm 131;
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13; Matthew 23:1-12

MASSES: Peace in the Middle East (29); Thanksgiving Mass for Wedding Anniv (30); Thanksgiving Mass for Sr Margaret & Sr Francine (31); Deceased parishioners of Our Lady of Hope Parish (2); Elsie Thomas, RIP (3); Recovery from surgery (5).



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: John MacDougall, Gisella De Bernardo, Timothy Hurnen (30); Joseph Farrelly, John Waddell, Mary Morgan, John Bearsley, Fr John Heijnen (31); Jane McLaughlin, Ian Kendrick, Saolele Simeona (1); Martin Hynes, Arthur Griffiths, Patricia McGoldrick, Anna Polyanszky (2); Esme Smith, Mary Baker (4); Catherine McGougan, Terrence Inwood, Leilu Tomasi, Lavini Stephens (5).

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

30 OCTOBER - 5 NOVEMBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Wednesday All Saints Day	9am Mass 9am-9pm Adoration	10am Mass
Thursday All Souls Day	9am Memorial Mass followed by cuppa for deceased parishioners	NO 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 Secretary: Jane Lee Ph: 232 5611 169 Main Road, Tawa
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Parish Finance Committee Chairperson: Graeme Hansen Ph: 232 4360
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St Pius X School: Nenah Kelemete, Principal Ph: 236 7006
Bishop Viard College: Chris Theobald, Principal Ph: 237 5248
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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

22 October 2023 - \$1,590.50

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



MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sunday 29 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.



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



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 5.30 Vigil Mass this weekend and at Tawa Masses on 5 November. In case you don't have cash, the sellers will also have an eftpos machine.

Authorised by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Committee



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?



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, THIS SATURDAY, 28 October at Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer.** People are asked to bring a plate of finger food *but no gifts - thanks.*

We say a big **T H A N K Y O U** to Sister Margaret and Sister Francine for the work they have done in our parish over many years. May the Lord watch over them as they move to Mt Albert and Papatoetoe to continue their dedicated service to the church.

God bless, Fr Rico, Fr Pene and the Parish community



TOFA NI, FAKAFETAI LAHI LELE - FAREWELL & THANK YOU

Fr Pene will be leaving our parish on 31 October and returning to the Tokelau Islands. Although Fr Pene came for a short-stay, he has been with us for just over 8 months. During this time he has happily assisted Fr Rico and been warmly welcomed into our Parish community. We wish Fr well for the future and may God bless him on his journey

home to his people. Arohanui, Fr Rico and the Parish community

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

This notice has appeared in the newsletter over the last two weekends. So far no one has offered to assist with the Mass Count and three people have offered to assist with the cuppa on All Souls Day. Can you please **URGENTLY** email your name and contact details to the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone: (04) 232 5611 and leave a message if you are able to help with either of these requests. *Thanks*

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 plate of food.

