

KID'S KORNER

Cycle A

Gospel Today

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus told the people to listen to the good things the Pharisees say, but do not follow their example. They do not practice what they preach. The greatest on earth are those who serve others.

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"Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

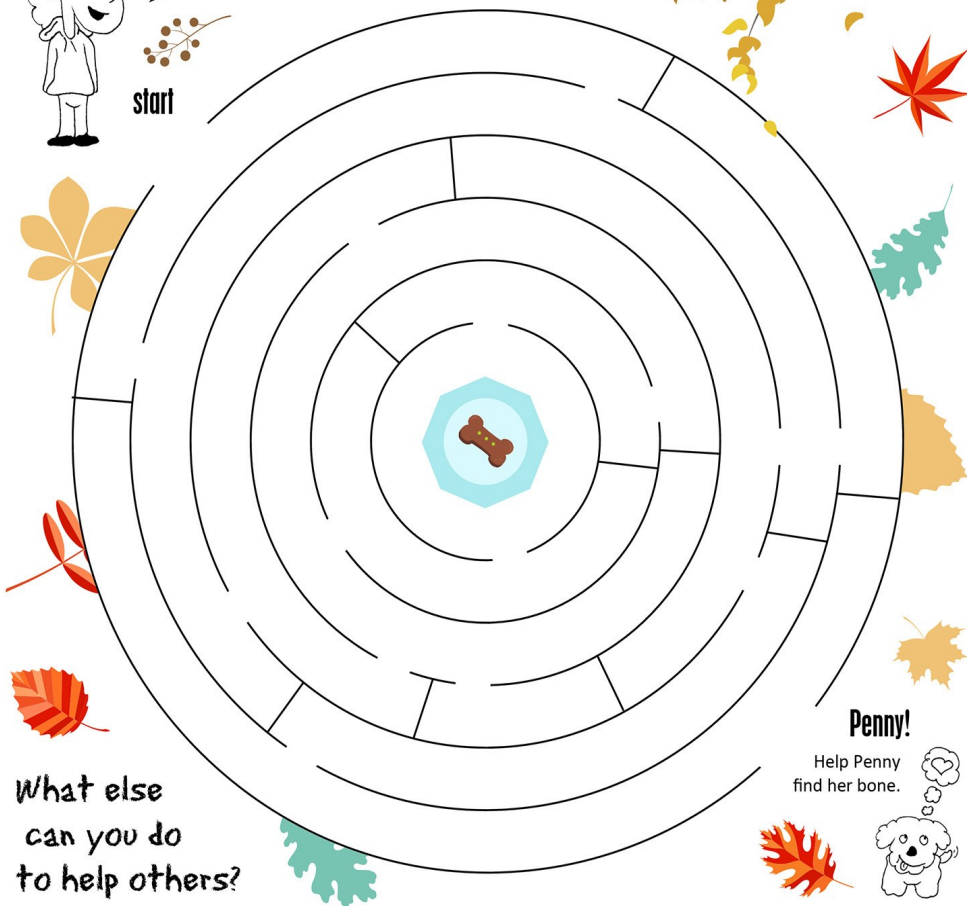
Mt 23:12



Penny,
where
are you!

Help Honey find
Penny who is lost.

start



Penny!

Help Penny
find her bone.



What else
can you do
to help others?



Happenings

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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 5 NOVEMBER 2023



ON 31 August 2022, I wrote an article on why Catholics continue to use "father" when we address a priest. Below is an excerpt of what I wrote on Father's Day 2022. I thought it is time to revisit it since our **Gospel today** is often used by non-Catholics in their polemics against us.

Father's Day

WAIT, DIDN'T JESUS say in Mt 23:9 "call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven"? Are we wantonly disregarding our Lord? Of course, this shouldn't be taken literally, as we will find in the Bible that Jesus himself (cf Lk 16:24), and Luke, Paul, James, John used the word "father" at some point. I can provide ample Bible verses for that, but we don't have enough space. You can find them in many catholic apologetics websites anyway.

Surely, Jesus and the apostles understood the point that God the Father is the ultimate source of authority and is warning us against pridefully desiring honorific title for its own sake. Some are understandably worried that Catholics calling priests "fathers" leads to clericalism and other abuses, sexual or otherwise. It could; yet, abuses have also been reported in other churches and faiths that do not call their spiritual leaders "fathers". Perhaps, it is not in the title "father" that the problem lies but more on the leader him/herself.

The link between spiritual fatherhood and priesthood was well understood even in the Old Testament times. Judges 17:10 reads: "And Micah said to [the Levite], 'Stay with me, and be to me a father and a priest, ...'" In Philemon (cf v10) and in 1 Cor 4:15 we can see how St Paul and the early Church understood spiritual fatherhood in the context of Christian life and ministry.

Let us strive to reclaim what fatherhood—biological or spiritual—is really all about: not the irresponsible, abusive, fathers that some heartbreakingly and terribly have become. Let us support all fathers that they may go after the example of our loving Heavenly Father whose charism all fathers must strive after.

Father's Day



Blessings,
Rico Angelo

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

And call none your father upon earth; for one is your father, who is in heaven. - Mt 23:9 [Gospel]



NO ONE SHOULD be called teacher or father except God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. He alone is the Father, because all things are from him. He alone is the teacher, because through him are made all things and through him all things are reconciled to God.

But one might ask, "Is it against this precept when the apostle calls himself the teacher of the Gentiles? Or when, as in colloquial speech widely found in the monasteries of Egypt and Palestine, they call each other Father?"

Remember this distinction. It is one thing to be a father or a teacher by nature, another to be so by generosity. For when we call a man father and reserve the honour of his age, we may thereby be failing to honour the Author of our own lives. One is rightly called a teacher only from his association with the true Teacher.

I repeat: The fact that we have one God and one Son of God through nature does not prevent others from being understood as sons of God by adoption. Similarly this does not make the terms father and teacher useless or prevent others from being called father. - **St Jerome**, *Commentary on Matthew*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - In you, Lord, I have found my peace.



SAMOAN MASS

will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at **11.30am TODAY, 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 6-12 November

Monday: Luke 14:12-14 ; *Tuesday:* Luke 14:15-24; *Wednesday:* Luke 14:25-33; *Thursday:* John 2:13-22; *Friday:* Luke 16:1-8; *Saturday:* Luke 16:9-15; **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

MASSES: Deceased members of the Olofernes family (4); Recovery from surgery (5); Sio Schuster, RIP (5); Deceased members of the Langham & Moore families (7); Deceased members of the Legion of Mary (8); Deceased members of the Palacio family (10); Special Intention for illness (12).



ANNIVERSARIES: Martin Hynes (9)

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Henry Holwell, Arthur Fraser, Sydney Lacey (6); Joseph Pilcher (7); Raymond Corley (8); Bernadette Wilson, Mary Fox, June Kerr, Kathleen Blacktop, Elinor Ward (9); Marcel St Merat (10); Donald Reid, John Duncan, Lois Samaranyake, Maureen Kerr (11); Irelene Elder (12).

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

6-12 NOVEMBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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

29 October 2023 - \$2,143.80

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

RESPONSORY FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Leader: Lord, in your steadfast love, give them eternal rest.
 All: *Lord, in your steadfast love, give them eternal rest.*
 Leader: You will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 All: *Give them eternal rest.*
 Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
 All: *Lord, in your steadfast love, give them eternal rest.*

Intercessions

By your coming as a man ... **Response:** *Lord, save your people*
 By your birth ...
 By your baptism and fasting ...
 By your suffering and cross ...
 By your death and burial ...
 By your rising to new life ...
 By your return in glory to the Father ...
 By your gift of the Holy Spirit ...
 By your coming again in glory ...



Our Father, who art in heaven ...

Let us pray. Father, source of forgiveness and salvation of all mankind, hear our prayers. Through the merits of the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the merits of the ever-Virgin Mary, and all your Saints, may our dear ones who have gone from this world, come to share eternal happiness with you, who live and reign with Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto your faithful, O Lord.
 R. *And let perpetual light shine upon them.*
 May they rest in peace.
 R. *Amen.*



NZ CATHOLIC (5-18 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: Pope appoints new Bishop of Hamilton. Carmelites reflect on papal letter on St Therese of Lisieux. Young people told about navigating a cultural crisis. Synod on synodality first assembly closes.



THANK YOU

A big **THANK YOU** to the people who provided food and helped at the Sisters Farewell afternoon tea and the All Souls Day morning tea. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the two people who've offered to do the Annual Mass Count at Masses during November. However, it would be great to have a couple more people on board, so if you're able to do this for even one weekend, please email your name and contact details to the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone: (04) 232 5611. *Thanks*



ST JOSEPH'S DADS GROUP

Kia ora koutou, we are a group of dads who get together monthly to pray and meditate on our faith. We want to have a better relationship with God so that we can guide our families to grow in their Catholic faith. Our next gathering is on *6 November at 7.30pm in the side chapel of Our Lady of Fatima church in Tawa.* For more info text Pablo on 021 1650 473.



★ **TUESDAY LUNCHEON** ★

- ★ The monthly Tuesday luncheon will be held on *7 November at 12 noon* ★
- ★ *in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer.* Everyone 60 years and older is ★
- ★ invited. Do come and enjoy this very enjoyable parish lunch. ★
- ★ You will be served lovely sandwiches and slices. And as always, some ★
- ★ entertainment. ★
- ★ For catering purposes we like to know for how many people we have to ★
- ★ cater. So please make a booking with Pat Fouhy on 461 6122 or Peter ★
- ★ on 232 8795. Please make your booking no later than **TONIGHT,** ★
- ★ Sunday 5 November. **Late bookings can only be taken if there are** ★
- ★ **cancellations.** ★
- ★ For a cancellation on the day of the luncheon, please phone Jane in the ★
- ★ office on 232 5611. ★
- ★ We ask for **\$6** to cover the costs. We are looking forward to seeing you ★
- ★ there! ★



Please keep in your prayers, Matthew White who will be called to the Order of Deacon on *Sunday 12 November at 2pm at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral in Karori.*

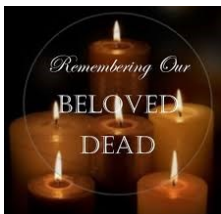


NOVEMBER MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING

The next Marian Mother's meeting will be held on *Monday, 13 November 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 info, please contact Amie Fouhy on 021 184 1870.



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.



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The final Baptism Preparation class for 2023 will be held on *Saturday 18 November at 10am in the Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer*. It is a pre-baptism requirement that you attend a preparation course.

So if you're planning on having a baptism between now and February, please register your intention to attend the course by contacting the Parish Office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or ph: 232 5611. Please do not just turn up in case there's been a change in time/venue.



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.

Unfortunately the new sets of weekly planned giving envelopes have been delayed due to the printer being unwell. As soon as these arrive they will be distributed at weekend Masses and will also be available from the Parish Office between 9.30-12 noon, Tuesday to Friday.

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.

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.**



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.



COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL

Date: Saturday 11 November *Time:* 12pm (lunch time)

Place: St Pius X school hall, Te Pene Avenue

Parishioners, families and supporters very welcome.

If you are able to provide some entertainment, bring some finger food or help on the day, this will be much appreciated. This is an alcohol free event.

For more information, please ring Ian 236 0225. Thank you



REMEMBRANCE MASS

The Bishop Viard College community would like to invite you to our Remembrance Mass where we pray our respects to the friends and families who have passed away.

This will be held on *Thursday, 9 November 2023 at 6pm in the Bishop Viard College Chapel*. A light cup of tea will follow.



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 this weekend at Tawa Masses. In case you don't have cash, the sellers will also have an eftpos machine.

Authorised by the Sacred Heart Cathedral Restoration Committee