

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids”

Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13



Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Matthew 25:1-13

- ___ 1. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
A. wise B. wedding C. oil D. lamps
- ___ 2. Where God lives
A. watch B. come C. heaven D. lamps
- ___ 3. Devices used to produce light
A. lamps B. asleep C. banquet D. foolish
- ___ 4. Not awake
A. asleep B. heaven C. oil D. lamps
- ___ 5. Made a sound like a bell
A. rang B. asleep C. lamps D. oil
- ___ 6. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
A. come B. midnight C. wedding D. banquet
- ___ 7. To arrive at a particular place; the opposite of go
A. door B. come C. midnight D. heaven
- ___ 8. To observe or look at something
A. wise B. midnight C. watch D. wedding
- ___ 9. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
A. watch B. wise C. rang D. door
- ___ 10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.
A. asleep B. oil C. midnight D. foolish



Happenings

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 12 NOVEMBER 2023

Speaking of the Dead

THE COMMEMORATION OF the faithful departed during the month of November reminds us of our mortality and beyond. In the Eucharistic Prayer III for Requiem Mass, the priest utters “He will raise up in the flesh those who have died and transform our lowly body after the pattern of his own glorious body.”

Just what is this glorious body? Of course, it refers to the resurrected glorified body of Jesus, as St Paul writes in Phil 3:21. Saint Thomas Aquinas, speculating on this topic, distinguished some qualities of the resurrected body. Below is a summary of his thought as found in his *Supplement* to the *Summa Theologiae*, articles 82-85, which is quite daunting to read as they are long.

1. Incapability of suffering (*impassabilitas*) sorrow, sickness, or death (cf Rev 7:16; 21:4)

2. Subtlety (*subtilitas*): that is, a spiritualised nature (not an ethereal body) but similar to the spiritualised body of the risen Christ that was able to emerge from a sealed tomb and enter closed door (cf Lk 24:39; Jn 19:26).

3. Agility (*agilitas*): the ability of the body to obey the soul with greatest ease of movement and speed, as shown by the risen body of Christ which suddenly appeared among the apostles and disappeared as quickly (cf Jn 20:19,26; Lk 24:31).

4. Clarity (*claritas*): being filled with beauty and radiance, as Jesus said that “the just shall shine as the sun in the kingdom of the Father” (Mt 13:43), and as shown by his transfiguration (Mt 17:2). The grade of the transfiguration will vary depending on the merits of the soul; 1 Cor 15:41 ff).

Setting aside the corporeal benefits, interesting as they are, there is a more important thing to look forward to; as the Church reminds us in the Last Days, we hope to be reunited with our loved ones and with the angels and the saints. For eternity.



Blessings,
Rico Angelo

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

THE DELAY OF the bridegroom is the time for repentance. The sleep of those waiting is the peaceful rest of believers. The delay has given time for repentance. The cry comes at midnight, when no one yet knows what is happening. The sound of the trumpet of God heralds his coming, rousing all to go out and meet the bridegroom. The taking up of the lamps is the return of souls into their bodies. And the light shining from them is the consciousness of good work, which is contained in our bodies, which are like flasks.



The bridegroom and bride represent our Lord, God in the flesh. For as the spirit is wedded to the flesh, so the flesh is wedded to the spirit. When the trumpet finally summons us and the bridegroom is at hand, all this will be revealed. Indeed, the two aspects are the corruptible body and the incorruptible soul. - **St Hilary of Poitiers, Commentary on Matthew**

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.



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



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

Daily Readings 13-19 November

Monday: Luke 17:1-6 ; Tuesday: Luke 17:7-10; Wednesday: Luke 17:11-19; Thursday: Luke 17: 20-25; Friday: Luke 17:26-37; Saturday: Luke 18:1-8; **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:** Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalm 128; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

MASSES: David Ponting, RIP (12).

ANNIVERSARIES: Elizabeth Ake Turua (15).



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Godfrey Palmer, Eileen Fowler (13); Edward O'Donnell, Jeannette Levick (14); Arthur Penman, Stanley Hoare, Rose Robinson, Daniel Grealley (15); Nellie Gordon, Tamilo Lamositele (16); Marie Fahey, Zella Casey, Francies Gurhy, Hendrina Jansen, Olando Smith (17); Mary O'Connor, Edna Schultz, Patricia Reidy (18); Valerie Dick (19).

R.I.P *May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen*

13-19 NOVEMBER: 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 5pm Indonesian Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am and 10.30am Mass 2pm Sensory Mass	12 noon Kirabati Mass

Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass



KIRABATI MASS

will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at **12 noon on Sunday, 19 November.** All welcome.

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

St Francis Xavier School: Joan Woods, Principal Ph: 232 8927

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Bishop Viard College: Chris Theobald, Principal Ph: 237 5248

Filipino Chaplaincy Web: www.filchap-adw.nz

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

5 November 2023 - \$1,461.50

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



REMEMBRANCE MASS - NEW DATE

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 now be held on **Thursday, 16 November 2023 at 6pm in the Bishop Viard College Chapel**. A light cup of tea will follow.



LAST DAYS! JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Joshua Wellington invites men to join other men at the "Loaves and Fishes" next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul this coming Thursday, 16 November at 7.30pm

followed by supper. **Speaker: Fr Giosuè Busti**, deputy head of Apostolic Nunciature in NZ on "Wisdom: ordering all things for good"

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



VACANCY - Marriage Ministry Co-Ordinator

The Archdiocese is seeking a Marriage Ministry Co-Ordinator in the Church Mission team. The role involves co-ordinating pre-marriage programmes, providing formation for volunteer marriage educators and developing opportunities for marriage enrichment in the Archdiocese. Apply today with your resume and cover letter to: c.duthie-jung@wn.catholic.org.nz Applications close **Monday, 20 November 2023**.



NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE and MASS FOR LIFE

You're invited to join the National March for Life on *Saturday 2 December from 1pm* at Civic Square, Wellington. Preceding this will be the Mass for Life on *Friday 1 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, Boulcott Street*. For more info visit fli.org.nz prolifeevents



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.



DO YOU LIVE IN NEWLANDS OR TITAHI BAY

There was no response to the earlier appeal, so can you please help.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver *Stories of Hope* in Newlands and also Titahi Bay (Dimock Street-Owhiti Street area).

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



STORIES OF HOPE—Help required

Labelling and sorting will be done in the foyer of *Our Lady of Fatima Church on Tuesday, 14 November from the end of 9am Mass*, for most of the morning. If you can spare some time during the morning, please come along to help. Tea and coffee provided.



LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISING

Life Teen Summer Camp is an annual Catholic youth camp that provides an opportunity for teenagers to be free and confident in themselves, develop new friendships

with other teens from their parish, and encounter God working in their lives. Ten of our young parishioners are preparing to go to the Life Teen Summer Camp in January. They will bring chocolates to sell **after the Masses on the weekends of 12 and 19 November** to fundraise for the camp fees. These cost \$2 per bar. They will also accept donations. Please assist them on their way.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, 14 November at 10am at 66 Collins Avenue**. We will continue our Marist Spirituality discovery and share prayer and friendship time.

All women welcome. Transport available if needed. Phone: 021 189 5953 for more information.

NOVEMBER MARIAN MOTHERS MEETING

The next Marian Mothers meeting will be held on **Monday, 20 November at 10am**. We are a group of mothers who share what is going on with our lives and families and also include a spiritual reflection. The theme for this month is praying for the Holy Souls.

Any new or expectant mothers are welcome (as well as pre-schoolers). For more info, please contact Amie Fouhy on 021 184 1870.



PLANNED GIVING

The new sets of weekly planned giving envelopes have now arrived and will be distributed at Masses this weekend and will then be available from the Parish Office between 9.30-12 noon, Tuesday to Friday.

Would you like to join Planned Giving?

Our parish relies on offertory collections to maintain and grow our mission. We are each responsible for the upkeep of our parish. If you would like to join Planned Giving, 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.



CHRISTMAS FUN MORNING

Tuesday, 19 December 10am-12.30pm in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer

Leave your children, 4 year olds and upwards with us to enjoy crafts/video/songs/food. We will also be practicing the Christmas Eve Family Mass play. Contact Marie Andrewartha for more info: 021 476 153. If you are able to help with the Fun Morning, please contact Marie.



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

7pm, Sunday 24 December at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa

Join us for this special celebration. Children can come dressed as angels or Shepherds and participate in the Christmas play.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL TAWA COLOUR RUN - Friday 24 November from 5pm

St Francis Xavier School are fundraising to raise money to purchase outdoor activity equipment at the school.

On Friday 24 November starting around 5pm the children are undertaking a "Colour Run". There will also be food stalls and a raffle drawn on the night so come along and cheer on the kids.

If you have or know of a child at the school, you can go to: stfrancisxavier.raiseit.co.nz to sponsor that child.

Don't worry if you don't know a child; you can still donate at: stfrancisxavier.raiseit.co.nz/stfrancisxavierschoolcolourrun

Thank you for your generosity and support.

BINGO NIGHT

to raise funds for 2023 graduation

**FRIDAY 17
NOVEMBER 2023**

7- 8.30PM
at St Pius X School Hall

\$1 per card
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INDONESIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND MASS

You are welcome to join the Indonesian Catholic Community on *Saturday, 18 November 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.