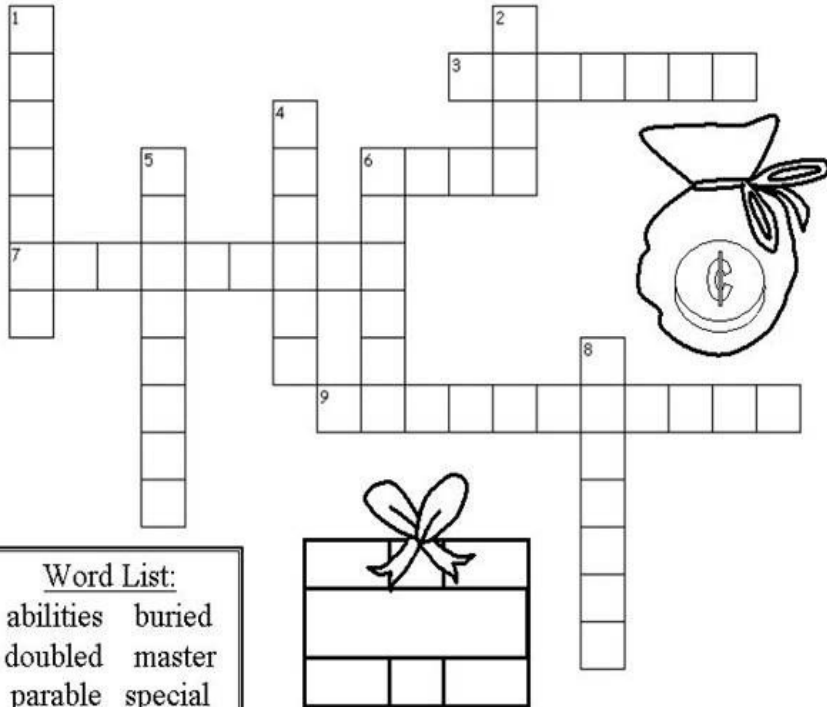


# 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Parable of the Talents"

Read Matthew 25:14-30 as a family and complete the crossword puzzle.



Word List:

abilities buried  
doubled master  
parable special  
trustworthy take  
valuable more

**Across**

- The type of story Jesus told about the talents is called this.
- The master rewarded the servant who increased his talents by giving them \_\_\_\_.
- The master gave to each servant according to their \_\_\_\_.
- If you are \_\_\_\_ with a few things God will give you more responsibility.

**Down**

- We are each given a \_\_\_\_ ability that no one else has.
- If we don't use our special gift God will \_\_\_\_ it away.
- The servant who received one talent did this with it.
- Our abilities are very \_\_\_\_ to God, he wants us to use them wisely.
- This person in the story is used to describe God.
- The first two servants did this with their talents.



# Happenings

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33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 19 NOVEMBER 2023

## Well done, good and faithful servant

THE READINGS IN this final week of Ordinary Time Year A remind us again of the need to be always prepared for the coming of Christ by the way we live our lives. In the **First Reading**, the writer extols the virtues of the perfect wife. Although using language which reflects the practice and culture of biblical times, the passage speaks powerfully of the value and dignity of manual work, the importance of charity, and respect for all, whatever their role in life.

The **Psalm** speaks again of the dignity of work, of being self-sufficient, providing for one's family, and living in awe of the Lord. St Paul reminds us in the **Second Reading** that if we live our lives in the light of Christ, we have no need to fear the coming of the reign of God. In the **Gospel**, Jesus uses the parable of the talents to show the importance of making best use of what we have been given for the benefit of others.

This week, we might pray for those who struggle to realise where their own talents lie, and those who lack the opportunity to be recognised, valued and celebrated. We also continue to pray for peace across the world.



## WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

*"We are called to acknowledge every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning the indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well-being."* Pope Francis 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Happy are those who fear the Lord.

## EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

**Immediately, the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. - Mt 25:16 [Gospel]**



IMMEDIATELY HE WHO had received the five talents went and traded with them. See the speed with which he acts, not in the least bit negligent, but immediately trading and doubling what he had received. For whether a man be gifted with speech, wealth, the authority of kingship, or any other power or skill, if he desires to benefit not only himself but others as well, he doubles what has been given to him.

But he who buries the talent is he who cares only for his own benefit and not for that of others, and he is condemned. But if you should see an intelligent and skilled man misusing his intelligence in various pursuits, in deceitfulness, and in earthly affairs, you may say that such a man has buried his talent in the earth, that is, in earthly matters. But after a long time he who bestowed the silver talent returns.

The silver talent may be in the form of a silver tongue, the gift of eloquence, for the eloquence of God is as silver that is tried by fire. Or, the silver talent may be any gift that makes one brilliant and glorious. He comes and demands a reckoning from those who received. - **St Theophylact of Ochrid, Commentary of Matthew**



### KIRABATI MASS

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



### SAMOAN MASS

will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa at **12 noon on Sunday, 26 November**. All welcome.



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

### Daily Readings 20-26 November

*Monday:* Luke 18:35-43 ; *Tuesday:* Luke 19:1-10; *Wednesday:* Luke 19:11-28; *Thursday:* Luke 19:41-44; *Friday:* Luke 19:45-48; *Saturday:* Luke 20:27-40;  
**Feast of Christ the King, Year A:** Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17; Psalm 23; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28; Matthew 25:31-46

**MASSES:** Paula McGlone, Pat, Rosaleen, Kathleen, Noel & Katie Smith, RIP (21); Sr Helena Fouhy (Mother Paulinus, Principal at St Pius X School 1957-1962) 100th birthday (23/25); Caroline Farraler (25).



**ANNIVERSARIES:** E

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Maximilian Koschak, Charles Gawn, Kathleen Hagan (20); Myrtle Bevan, Bruce Wardrop, James Hazlewood (21); John Clougherty, Kathleen Thresh, Carmel Cheshire (22); Eileen Hartigan, Leith Campbell, Wendy O'Daly, Michael Hall, Philip O'Donnell, Annie Clark, Moses Uiese (23); Jonathon R.I.P Clarke, Lionel O'Grady, Reginald Keating, Maxwell Truman, Christina Tomasi (24); Carrie McNeil, Mary Smith, Here Ashwell, Vera Morris, Cornelis Faber, Millie Henderson (25); Mary Power, John McGoldrick, Bob Prior (26).

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

### 20-26 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 12pm Samoan 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  
**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

**12 November 2023 - \$1,646.30**

*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.

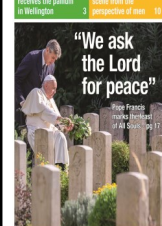
Eternal rest grant unto your faithful, O Lord.

*R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

*R. Amen.*

**NZCatholic** (19 November - 2 December) 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: Kiwi Sister of Sion working in Holy Land strife. Mothers who have four kids are tax-free for life in Hungary. Surprise pilgrimage in Scotland and York. Single Catholics and dating from the perspective of men.



## 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.



## LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISING

Ten of our young parishioners are preparing to go to the Life Teen Summer Camp in January. They will again be selling chocolates for \$2 per bar *after the Masses*

*this weekend 18/19 November* to fundraise for the camp fees. They will also accept donations. Please assist them on their way.



## LOW SENSORY MASS: 19 November, 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. Our next "low sensory" Mass is on **TODAY** 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 have any questions, please contact Rebecca on 022 169 3512.



## 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](http://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/stfrancisxaverschoolcolourrun](http://stfrancisxavier.raiseit.co.nz/stfrancisxaverschoolcolourrun)

Thank you for your generosity and support.





### 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 are available from the Parish Office between 9.30 -12 noon, Tuesday to Friday .*



### ROSA MYSTICA CELEBRATION

*Friday, 8 December 12.10-1.45pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa*

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm by Fr Kevin Connors.

Also, Reconciliation, Benediction, recitation of the Rosary, hymns and prayers to Our Lady.

Please join us and stay for afternoon tea. For any enquiries, please phone Stephen: 027 243 5119 or Mary 027 555 6333 or Lucia 021 022 89544.



### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

#### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023: Join us in Making a Difference

Sunday, 19 November marks the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in

need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, “Do not turn your face away from those who are poor” (Tob 4:7).

#### Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand’s Commitment

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand works tirelessly to empower communities. They partner with organisations around the world to build thriving lives by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their mission aligns with Pope Francis’ call to make a positive change in the world.

#### Get Involved!

Consider what you can do to recognise the World Day of the Poor 2023. Together, we can create a more just and compassionate world.

Find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand!

Caritas Website: [caritas.org.nz](http://caritas.org.nz) Facebook: [facebook.com/caritasaotearoa](https://facebook.com/caritasaotearoa)  
Instagram: [@caritasaotearoanz](https://instagram.com/@caritasaotearoanz)



#### VACANCY - Safeguarding Co-Ordinator, Archdiocese of Wellington (0.6-0.8 FTE position)

Our current Safeguarding Co-Ordinator is retiring and so we are seeking a dedicated and experienced Safeguarding Co-Ordinator to work closely with our parishes, clergy, volunteers and staff. The

Safeguarding Co-Ordinator takes the lead in instituting a culture of safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults in the Archdiocese.

For a copy of the position description and details on how to apply, visit the Archdiocese of Wellington website at: [www.wn.catholic.org/nz/vacancies](http://www.wn.catholic.org/nz/vacancies)  
Applications close on 7 January, although we will be reviewing applications and arranging interviews immediately.

PRAYER@PARLIAMENT  
FOR OUR LEADERS AND THE NATION



#### PRAYER @ PARLIAMENT

The final Prayer @ Parliament for 2023 is on **Thursday, 30 November starting at 7.20pm in the Grand Hall.**

With a new Government being formed, this is an important opportunity to gather and to pray for our future and those who will lead us!

If you can, we would love to have you join us as we press into God for our nation. You can register by going to: [prayeratparliament.org.nz](http://prayeratparliament.org.nz).



#### VACANCY - Manager

Pleroma Christian Supplies seeks a new Manager for its Central Hawkes Bay business. Founded in 1978 by Shirley & Ian Duthie, it

has been led in recent years by their daughter Malissa Webster, who is now moving on.

Pleroma Christian Supplies is a not-for-profit Catholic Christian resource supplier (retail and wholesale) serving our dioceses and faith communities. It is seeking someone who would welcome the chance to relocate to Central Hawkes Bay and lead this well-established and respected business.

For more details and to apply go to: [www.seek.co.nz/job/71340271](http://www.seek.co.nz/job/71340271) or to Pleroma’s website: [www.christiansupplies.co.nz](http://www.christiansupplies.co.nz)