

# Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:31-46



## Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay  
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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, YEAR A - 26 NOVEMBER 2023

### Judgment Near and Far

**W**E GO THROUGH repetitions and cycles so that the divine lessons may ever sink deeper into our lives. The virtues (or vices) and values we hold dear and live for certainly impact our relationships with God and others.

The article in the Creed that we recite every Sunday—*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end*—conveys a message that we should never forget as we come to the end of our Liturgical Year this week. Our **Gospel** this Sunday reinforces it even more: He will judge us in the end.

We need not wait for the end of time to peer into the verdict. The way we treat our sisters and brothers today says plenty about our soul's future.

The theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar once said, "Each person, whose life will someday be examined by the Judge, should ponder this constantly: in the most miserable of our fellow human beings we have already met our Judge."

As we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ the King** today, we are also confronted with the fundamentals of our faith: who or what dominates our life? Who or what demands our homage, loyalty, service, and sacrifice?

Last shot: "We sacrifice for what we love. And the passions and the people we are always willing to sacrifice for, no matter what? Those are our objects of worship. And, sooner or later, we as individuals and a society become what we worship" (from *It is Right and Just*, by S Hahn & McGinley, 2020).

Blessings,  
Rico Angelo



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** - The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

## EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW

*"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."* – 1 Corinthians 15:20



**B**UT NOW IS Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. (1) Christ was and is the first of those that rise again, both in order of dignity and of merit. (2) He was first in the Divine will and intention. (3) First causally, for by Him we shall all rise again. (4) Temporally, for Christ was the first in time to rise to everlasting life; for though some before Him were raised to life by Elijah and Elisha, yet they rose to this mortal life only, and again died; but Christ was the first to rise to the eternal life of bliss and glory. So explain Chrysostom, Anselm, Ambrose, Theophylact, Theodoret, and others. The word for first fruits properly signifies this, and implies others to follow. So is Christ called the "first-begotten of the dead," ie, rising before all others, and, as it were, being born again from the dead.

It seems from this to be a point *de fide* that no one rose before Christ to everlasting life. Those, therefore, who at the death of Christ are said to have arisen (S. Matthew 27:52), rose after Him in the way of nature, if not of time, for their resurrection depended on Christ's as its cause. Francis Suarez points out this (p3 qu53, art 3).

The earliest fruit of the earth, which under the Old Law was to be offered to God, was called the "first fruits;" so Christ, after His resurrection, was offered to God as the first fruits of the earth, into which He had been cast as a corn of wheat, and from which He sprang forth again in the new birth of the resurrection.- **Cornelius a Lapide**, *Commentary of 1 Corinthians*



### SAMOAN MASS

will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa at **12 noon, TODAY, 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 27 November - 3 December

*Monday:* Luke 21:1-4 ; *Tuesday:* Luke 21:5-11; *Wednesday:* Luke 21:12-19; *Thursday:* Matthew 4:18-22; *Friday:* Luke 21:29-33; *Saturday:* Luke 21:34-36; **1st Sunday of Advent, Year B:** Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8; Psalm 79; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

**MASSES:** Deceased members of the Cresswell, Prince & Smith families (27); Special Intention - surgery (28); Thanksgiving Mass (30); Elsie Thomas, RIP (1); Special Intention - surgery (3).



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Tom Cranney & John Meikle (29).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Raymond Lenihan, Dorothy Hill, Marion Hughes, Vailima Smith-Luani (27); Laurie Dowd, Kathleen Koschak, Eric Butts, Edna Mahony (28); Thomas Cranney, Terence Childs, Ronald Wulff, John Meikle, John Caskey (29); Lois McGrath, Carmelo (Mel) Bernardo (30); Elizabeth Gillett, Fritz Steiner (1); Douglas Whiting, Noleen Costello, Basil (Iwa) Brooking, Felix Kane (2); Maurice **R.I.P** Blacktop, Bernard Leigh, Colin Evans (3).

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

### 27 NOVEMBER - 3 DECEMBER: 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

<b>Parish Priest:</b> Fr Rico de la Torre	Ph: 021 205 6476	
<b>Parish Secretary:</b> Jane Lee	Ph: 232 5611	169 Main Road, Tawa
	Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-12 noon	
<b>Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson:</b> Marie Prescott	Ph: 232 7679	
<b>Parish Finance Committee Chairperson:</b> Graeme Hansen	Ph: 232 4360	
<b>St Francis Xavier School:</b> Joan Woods, Principal	Ph: 232 8927	
<b>St Pius X School:</b> Nenah Kelemete, Principal	Ph: 236 7006	
<b>Bishop Viard College:</b> Chris Theobald, Principal	Ph: 237 5248	
<b>Filipino Chaplaincy</b>	Web: www.filchap-adw.nz	

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

**19 November 2023 - \$1,798.30**

*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.*



## A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous support of the Life Teen Summer Camp participants. It was a big blessing. The chocolates all but sold out on the first weekend. We hope everyone has recovered from the sugar rush!



## CHRISTMAS TREATS FOR SVdP FOOD PARCELS

During the month of December, we like to include a few treats like fancy biscuits and crackers, tinned fruit, chocolate and sweets in our St Vincent de Paul food parcels. Over the next few Sundays please could you help us in spreading some Christmas joy by placing in our basket in the church foyers any of the above food items as well as any bottles of shampoo, hand cream, fancy wrapped soaps etc. *Many thanks and God Bless you all.*



## CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

Will you be attending Christmas Masses at either Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa or St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay? If so, we need people to assist with the following: -

### TAWA:

Eucharistic Ministers (7pm Vigil, Midnight & 10.30am); Reader, Prayer Leader, Offertory, Collectors, (Midnight, 10.30am). Flowers (Christmas/New Year weekends)

### TITAHI BAY:

Welcomer/Prayers of the Faithful, Eucharistic Ministers, Offertory & Collector, Altar Care (9am)

Please contact Jane in the office [ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz) or ph: 232 5611 by **11 December** if you can help, so rosters can be finalised. *Thanks*

**NZ Catholic** (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.



## ADVENT SERVICE - Everyone welcome

The parish Marian Mothers and Women of Faith groups are hosting an Advent Service (prepared by Marist Laity NZ) on **Monday 4 December at 10am in the foyer of Our Lady of Fatima church** (after the School Mass at 9am). The service will be followed by morning tea.

YOU are invited to join us as part of your preparation for Christmas. If you haven't done so already, please bring donations for the St Vincent de Paul appeal for their Christmas food parcels. For more information, you can contact Mary 232 2088 or Jane 232 7206.







### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

This programme, for adults who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith will begin with an Introductory/Welcome session. This is an opportunity for those interested in joining the Catholic Church family to come along and find out a little about the RCIA programme and

to ask questions.

This session will be held on *Sunday 10 December at 4pm in the Foyer of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa.*

This programme is designed for those wishing to become Catholic. If you or a friend would like to join this programme, please come along on the 10th or phone: Fr Rico 021 205 6476 or Jane at the Parish Office - (04) 232 5611 or email: [ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz)



### TUESDAY LUNCHEON

The Tuesday luncheon will finish the year with a **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**. It is always the highlight of the year. So do come and join us in this enjoyable parish get-together for everyone 60 years and over.

It will be held on *Tuesday 5 December at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer*. It will last a bit longer than our usual luncheons because of the extras you are served and the special 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 Sunday 3 December. **Late bookings can only be taken if there are cancellations.** We ask for \$6 to cover the cost and are looking forward to seeing you there!



### 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.



### VACANCY - Executive Assistant to the Archbishop (Full time position)

The Archdiocese of Wellington is seeking an Executive Assistant to Archbishop Paul. To obtain a job description, please contact Ngan Nguyen from McLaren associates - phone: (04) 472 8095 or go to: [mclaren.co.nz](http://mclaren.co.nz) or visit the

Archdiocese of Wellington website at: [www.wn.catholic.org.nz/vacancies](http://www.wn.catholic.org.nz/vacancies) Applications close on *1 December*

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

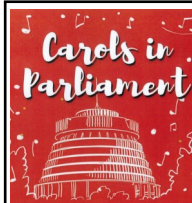
Our current Safeguarding Co-Ordinator is retiring and so we are seeking a dedicated and experienced Safeguarding Co-Ordinator to work closely with our parishes, clergy, volunteers and staff. The Safeguarding Co-Ordinator takes the lead in instituting a culture of safeguarding of children, young people 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.



### 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](http://fli.org.nz/prolifeevents)



### CAROLS IN PARLIAMENT

Greg O'Connor MP for Ohariu is hosting Carols in Parliament, a Christmas service in association with the Council of Wellington Churches on *Sunday 10 December from 7-8pm in the Banquet Hall of Parliament* (arrive around 6.20pm to enable you to be seated by 6.50pm).

This is a wonderful celebration of "the reason for the season", with a range of people from various Christian churches and cultures participating. Dignitaries from foreign embassies, government MPs, city councillors, along with leaders and people from city-wide Churches, schools and community groups, come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Music by the Wellington Regional Maori Choir, the Choir of Wellington Cathedral of St Paul and the Salvation Army Band. RSVPs to [carolsparliament@gmail.com](mailto:carolsparliament@gmail.com) are essential for security reasons by *1 December 2023*.