ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Randall (30); Francisco Javier (31); Marie Highsted (1).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: John O'Driscoll, Cornelia Le Mey-Tielen (29); Agnes Murray (30); Rosina Snow, Eldon Armstrong, Fantino De Souza (31); Ivy Kershaw, Edward Hayes, Henry Kozinski, Irene Andrewartha (1); Elsie Shields, Mary Burke, Christopher Kenny (2); Eleanor Hynes, Jemal Higgison, Hilda Keating, Richard Murphy, John Gilhooly (3).

RECENTLY DECEASED:

R.I.P

Dorothy Mary Belz, RIP 2 January and Jean Evelyn Lundon, RIP 5 January (Their Requiem Masses were held at Our Lady of Fatima church)

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

29 JANUARY - 3 FEBRUARY: MASS & SERVICE TIMES **OUR LADY OF FATIMA** ST PIUS X CHURCH. **CHURCH TAWA TITAHI BAY** Monday 9am Mass 9am Mass Tuesday Wednesday 9am Mass 9am-9pm Adoration Thursday 9am Mass 10am Mass Friday 9am Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass Saturday 9am Mass 8.30am and 10.30am Mass Sunday Weekday Masses may be replaced by a Funeral Mass

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2024 COLUMBAN CALENDAR - for sale at Parish Office - \$12 cash.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

21 January 2023 - \$1,765.10

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



4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A - 28 JANUARY 2024

Harden not your hearts

HE READINGS THIS week reflect the **Psalm** response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your heart. This was the response of the Israelites when they grumbled at Meribah and Massah in the desert.

In the **First Reading**, Moses promises the tribes of Israel that the Lord will send them a prophet like himself, coming from within their midst, who will speak God's words. We meet this prophet in the **Gospel**. It is Jesus himself, who amazes his audience in the synagogue by curing a man possessed by an unclean spirit. They are particularly impressed by Christ's quiet authority. In the **Second Reading**, Paul seeks to reassure his audience in Corinth. They are worrying about marriage in the wider context of the end of time, which they think is imminent. They, too, must give their undivided attention to the Lord and ensure everything is as it should be.

This week, we might like to spend some quiet time with the Lord, perhaps resting in him without words and listening to his voice in the silence of our heart. He knows and understands our problems, and our great yearning for peace throughout the world.





Coming soon ...
New OPPORTUNITIES
New ways 2B INVOLVED



SIMBANG GABI

Thank you to those who gave so very generously at the Masses before Christmas. \$2,743.00 cash, plus several food items were received which have been given to the local St Vincent de Paul Society to help their charitable works.



Many thanks to all those people and groups who made our Christmas and New Year Mass Celebrations so vibrant and nappy. Special celebrations so vibrant and nappy. Special thanks to Salve for growing and providing the beautiful yellow lilies which brighten Our Certima church each year.



Tawa Tuesday Luncheons will start the New Year with a HIGH TEA on 30 January** at 2.30pm in the fover of Our Lady of Fatima & church. (Please note change in date due to ★ *Waitangi Day on 6 February*). We are always happy to welcome new people to join us in meeting other parishioners in a friendly atmosphere. So if you're 60 years and over, &

★ do come and enjoy.

★ We need to know how many people are coming for catering purposes, so to make a booking please phone Pat on 461 6122 or Peter on 232 8795 no later than TONIGHT, Sunday 28 January. Late bookings can only be taken if there are cancellations. For a cancellation on the day of the High ★ Tea, phone Jane on 232 5611.

★ We ask for \$6 to cover the cost, and look forward to seeing you there!



Reconciliation is available before Vigil and Sunday Masses or by appointment - please phone (04) 232 5611 or text 021 205 6476.

Daily Readings 29 January - 4 February

Monday: Mark 5:1-20; Tuesday: Mark 5:21-43; Wednesday: Mark 6:1-6; Thursday: Mark 6:7-13; Friday: Luke 2:22-40; Saturday: Mark 6:30-34; 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: Job 7:1-4,6-7; Psalm 147A; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39



YOUNG READERS REQUIRED

Are you a young person who would like to proclaim the Word of God at 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Masses? Training will be provided.

If so, can you please contact Kingsley - 021 085 90918 or kingsley.ihejirika2015@gmail.com



CANDLEMAS - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

On Friday, 2 February, the Blessing of candles will take place at the start of Mass. Please bring along your candles for home use to be blessed.

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed

Virgin Mary, is the day we commemorate the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is widely regarded as the end of the Christmas Season. Though not widely celebrated, it preserves a rich tradition of the Church. If you count 40 days after the celebration of Christmas you reach 2 February.



BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Baptism Preparation will resume on Saturday 10 February at 10am in the Our Lady of Fatima Church fover. It is a pre-baptism requirement that you attend a preparation course.

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



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from 5-9 February and will reopen on Tuesday, 13 February. A newsletter will be published on 4 February then on 18 February.

PART TIME

VIARD HOUSE COOK/CHEF

COOK/CHEF WANTED

The Archdiocese is looking for a cook/chef to prepare a midday meal for Archbishop Paul and two(?) other residents of Viard House, Thorndon.

12 hours a week, Wednesday to Friday (approx. 10am-2pm), with occasional extra hours when required.

Enquiries to the Archbishop's Office, phone (04) 496 1766.

FOUND - Apple Airpods at Our Lady of Fatima church. Please contact the Parish Office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz to arrange pickup. *Thanks*