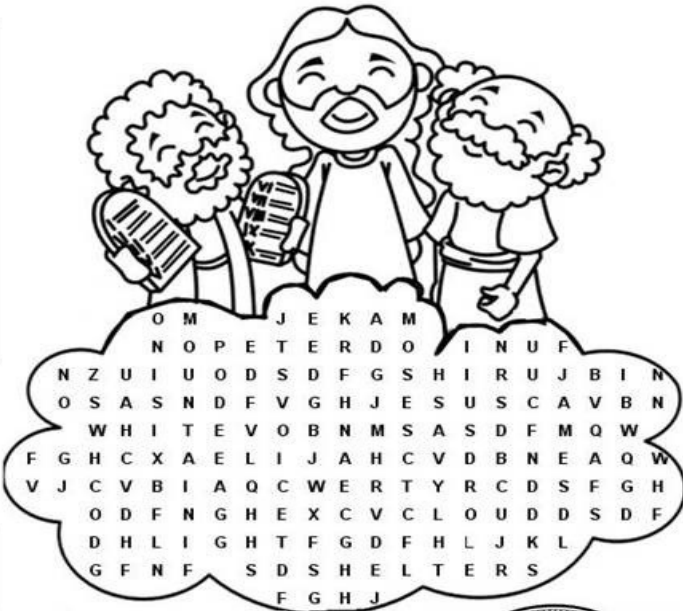


Second Sunday of Lent

“The Transfiguration of Our Lord”

Peter
James
John
Mountain
Sun
White
Light
Moses
Elijah
Shelters
Voice
Cloud
Lord
Jesus



Find the hidden words

This is my Son, whom I love;
with him I am well pleased.
Listen to him!



"Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Mark 9:2-10

25 February: *RESPONSORIAL PSALM* - I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.



Happenings

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A - 25 FEBRUARY 2024

This is my Son, the Beloved

TRUST IN THE Lord is the theme that links all this week's readings. As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded of the extent of the Lord's love and generosity—if we but listen to his voice and place our trust in him.

In the **First Reading** we see the depth of Abraham's trust in God as he is asked to sacrifice his beloved son. Abraham's faithfulness is rewarded with more blessings than he could ever have imagined. The **Psalmist** gives thanks and praise to the Lord who has freed him, reminding us that he trusted God even when sorely afflicted. Like him, we can rejoice as we walk in the presence of the Lord.

In echoing the story of Abraham and Isaac, St Paul challenges us to recall the immensity of God's love for the world in giving up his Son. With Jesus standing at the right hand of God pleading for us, we can have confidence in placing all our trust in him. **(Second Reading)** In the **Gospel**, Jesus asks Peter, James and John to trust him, without speaking of the wonder they have witnessed on the mountain top.

This week, we pray for the grace to trust and to listen ever more closely to the voice of the Lord, so that we, too, might walk in his presence.




New OPPORTUNITIES

New ways to meet others
and be active members of
our faith community and
take part in Parish life.

THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Here, some paragraphs from **the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)** are presented because they cite, or allude to, or treat topics found in the liturgical readings. We, therefore, encourage you to read them with the Catechism that we may grow deeper in our understanding of our Faith.

CCC 556:

 **IN THE THRESHOLD** of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration. Jesus' baptism proclaimed "the mystery of the first regeneration", namely, our Baptism; the Transfiguration "is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection.³⁰⁰ From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body."³⁰¹ But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God".³⁰²

Peter did not yet understand this when he wanted to remain with Christ on the mountain. It has been reserved for you, Peter, but for after death. For now, Jesus says: "Go down to toil on earth, to serve on earth, to be scorned and crucified on earth. Life goes down to be killed; Bread goes down to suffer hunger; the Way goes down to be exhausted on his journey; the Spring goes down to suffer thirst; and you refuse to suffer?"³⁰³

300 St Thomas Aquinas, *STh* III, 45, 4, *ad* 2

301 *Phil* 3:21

302 *Acts* 14:22

303 St Augustine, *Sermo* 78, 6: PL 38, 492-493; cf *Lk* 9:33



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

Daily Readings 26 February - 3 March

Monday: Luke 6:36-38; *Tuesday:* Matt 23:1-12; *Wednesday:* Matt 20:17-28; *Thursday:* Luke 16:19-31; *Frid:* Matt 21:33-43,45-46; *Saturday:* Luke 15:1-3,11-32;
3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19B; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25



MASSES: Romauldo, Clothilda, Rufus and Annie Pereira, RIP

ANNIVERSARIES: Sheryl Huggins (29).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Jillian Miller, Matthew Griffin, Michael Redden, Robert Stewart, Maurice Lang, Marget Cater, Ivy Fernando, Paul Mears (26); Kenneth Deacon (27); Irene Royal, William Smith (28); Teresa Thrall, Sheryl Huggins (29); Alfred Baker, Jane Irvine, Irene Prior, Bernadette Peters, Betty Berry (1); Dora Hurnan, Thomas Keogh (2); Edmond Sinclair, Johannes Veenswyk, Eileen Billing (3).

R.I.P

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

26 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH: 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 7pm Stations of the Cross	6pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9am Mass	5.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am and 10.30am 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: Philippa Matla, Acting Principal Ph: 236 7006

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

Filipino Chaplaincy Web: www.filchap-adw.nz

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

18 February 2024 - \$3,478.70

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



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life, prayer and fasting to end abortion will take place again in Wellington from *14 February to 24 March*.

For further information please phone Maria Hammond 027 354 7367 (Family Life International)



EMAILS, NEWSLETTERS & PARISHIONER UPDATES

Are you new to our parish?



Would you like to receive the email version of the Parish newsletter or other emails we occasionally send out?

This is a vital way to keep in contact, so we can update parishioners quickly about Mass times etc.

Please send your email details to the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz so you can be included in our emails and database. Also, if you have changed your email address, moved to a new address or have a new phone number, please let us know.

Thanks Jane Lee, Parish Secretary



FOR SALE: COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2024

Did you miss out on getting a 2024 Colulmban Calendar?

If so, we still have copies left for sale at the Parish office
(Tuesday-Friday 9-noon)

Columban Calendars \$12 each (cash only)



NZ CATHOLIC (25 February - 9 March) Now for sale in church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for 8 years).

New college blessed

Please put money in blue cash box on foyer table



Some headlines for this issue: St Ignatius of Loyola Catholic College opens. Pounamu taonga for national shrine. Campaign for living wage for lowest-paid school workers. Chch Catholic women encouraged to form little communities.

As a promotion, this entire edition is supplied at this link: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/d4629192-9888-4a1c-9815-cd34d35c7953>

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024

TIME TO ENROL YOUR CHILD



Each year, our children are invited to continue their faith journey through joining the Parish Sacramental programme, which includes making their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. For each Sacrament, children and their parents or guardians join others for learning sessions which begin in **March**. You are warmly invited to register your child/children. There will be sign-up forms in both our churches and also at St Francis Xavier and St Pius X Catholic schools.

Please enrol your child/children as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are also available from the Parish Office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz - phone: (04) 232 5611.

You can also email Marie Andrewartha (m.g.andrewartha@gmail.com) to enrol.

Please include:

- a) your child's name and age;
- b) your name, and
- c) your contact phone number.

Children must be eight years of age or over and have been baptised.

Sessions will be on Sundays at **4pm**, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa.

The programme begins on **Sunday 17 March 1pm-4.30pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church** with an **Introduction to the Sacramental Programme**. Please bring *some photos or special things from your child's Baptism e.g. candle, gown etc.* **(This day is a special part of the programme and it is important that you and your child attend).**

ENROLMENT MASS - *Sunday 24 March, 8.30am*, Our Lady of Fatima Church

FIRST RECONCILIATION - *Sunday 28 April, 3pm*, Our Lady of Fatima Church

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - *Sunday 16 June, 2pm*, Our Lady of Fatima Church

FIRST COMMUNION - *Sunday 24 November, 2pm*, Our Lady of Fatima Church

Please contact Marie Andrewartha if you have any questions - 021 476 153 or m.g.andrewartha@gmail.com. *Thanks*

HELP NEEDED

STORIES OF HOPE - HELP REQUIRED

Volunteers required for the delivery of Stories of Hope magazine. Is this something you would be willing to do just 3 times a year? (March, July, November). Please contact Maureen if you are interested: okeeffolk@xtra.co.nz or 027 624 4556 or Jane in the Parish Office. All help is very much appreciated.

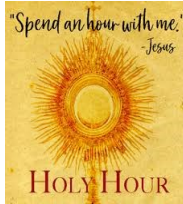


STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

On Fridays during Lent, Stations of the Cross is held at 6pm at *St Pius X Church* and 7pm at *Our Lady of Fatima Church*.

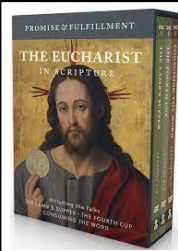
Would you like to lead the Stations on one of the Fridays?

If so, can you please email the Parish Office which day you are available - 16, 23 February, 1, 8, 15, 22 March. Thanks



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on *Tuesday, 27 February at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30pm* to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. All are welcome.



BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Eucharistia Young Adults (EYA) is a Catholic community for young adults to come together for regular faith formation and community. It's an opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in the Catholic faith and journey together.

The group will be starting a six week Bible Study called "The Eucharist in Scripture" by Scott Hahn on *Wednesday 28 February until 3 April and will meet in the St Mary of the Angel's hall. Doors open at 6pm and sessions start at 6.30pm.*

In the Eucharist in Scripture Bible Study, discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and Mass. This six lesson study will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible from Genesis through to Revelation.

We would love to see you all there. For more info, contact eucharistiawgtn@gmail.com or visit our FB page Eucharistia



HEALING SERVICE

Fr John Rea will conduct a Healing Service at *St Teresa's Church, Plimmerton on Tuesday, 12 March at 7.30pm.*

All are welcome. Please invite all those in need of Jesus' healing.



GET EXCITED FOR AN ALL IN YOUTH HANGOUT

Gather your friends, your schools and your youth groups for an afternoon of games, activities and faith. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

Sunday, 3 March 2-5pm at Avalon Park, Lower Hutt

For more info go to: @ADWyoungchurch



COME AND BE INSPIRED

Vocations Morning: *Saturday, 9 March at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa*

Mass at 9am followed by breakfast and a time of input, fellowship and discussion.

Spend a morning with like-minded young

Catholic men. Meet some of our priests and hear their vocation stories. Grow your faith through input and reflection.

To register, please contact: l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz



VIDEO OF NZ EXPERIENCES OF THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Archbishop Paul Martin SM of Wellington, Fr Dennis Nacorda Wairarapa Parish Priest and Auckland Vicar for Maori Manuel Beazley have shared their experiences of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome last October. This YouTube video is a recording of a Zoom session they held with a live

audience on Thursday 15 March 2024.

Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COKdE6mlojU>



CARITAS LENTEN GIVING ENVELOPES

The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive! Lenten Giving envelopes for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024 have been distributed today at Mass. This year, we are using a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or

weekly, as is your preference. You can return the envelopes during the parish offertory collection. Thank you for your generous support.