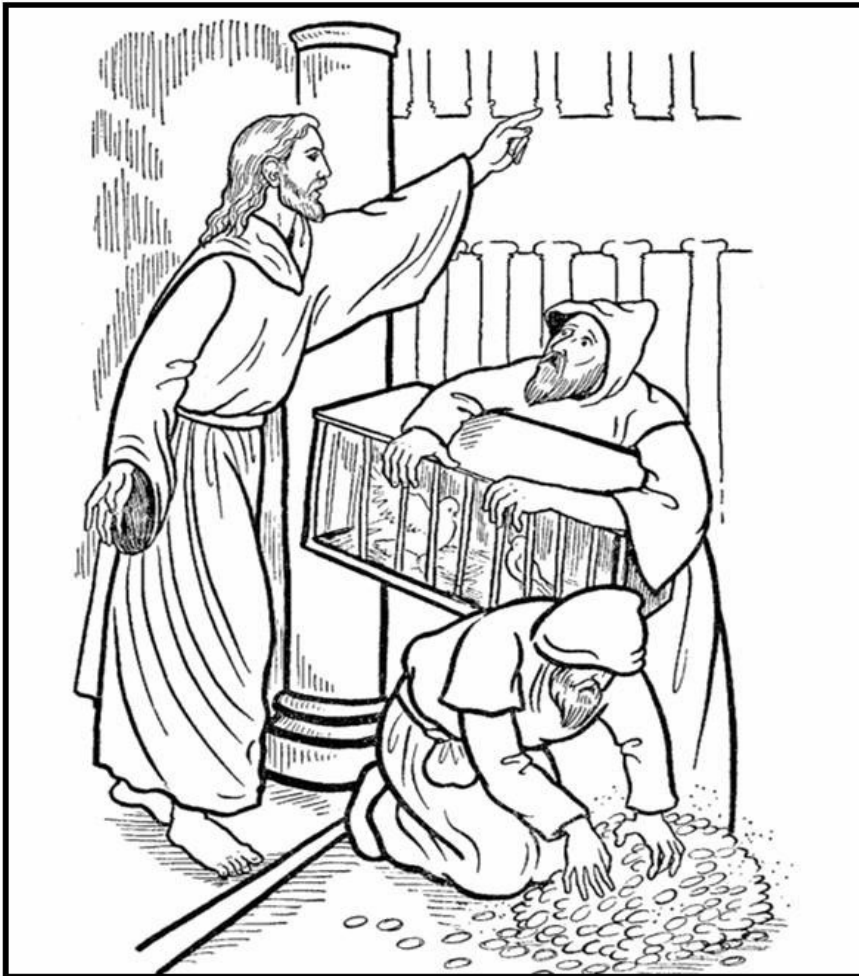


Third Sunday of Lent

"My Father's house is a house of prayer"



"Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." John 2:13-25

25 February: *RESPONSORIAL PSALM* - Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.



Happenings

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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A - 3 MARCH 2024

Christ, the power and the wisdom of God

AS WE ENTER this third week of Lent, our readings remind us of God's love for us, soon to be witnessed in the suffering and death of Christ Jesus. In the **First Reading**, God speaks to the people of Israel after their release from slavery in Egypt. The Ten Commandments show his people how to freely live in service of the One who has liberated them. The **Psalm** speaks of the gifts the law of God brings in terms of wisdom, truth and life.

St Paul reflects on the way in which those who are called to follow Jesus see the crucified Christ. For those early Christians, and ourselves, this is not a sign of God's foolishness or weakness, but a demonstration to the world of God's power and wisdom. (**Second Reading**)

In this week's **Gospel**, we see Jesus sweep away the buyers and sellers from the Temple, which should be revered as the house of God. We are reminded that it is through Christ's suffering and death that salvation will come, and the power and wisdom of God will be revealed.

This week, perhaps we can pray for all those areas of the world where places of holiness and sanctuary are debased and devalued. We pray too, for all people who are prevented from worshipping openly, and from practising their faith in freedom.



We Need YOU!



New OPPORTUNITIES

Next weekend is SIGN-UP WEEKEND.

Please bring a pen to church to complete the Sign-Up form.

THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - 3rd 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 586:

FEAR FROM HAVING been hostile to the Temple, where he gave the essential part of his teaching, Jesus was willing to pay the Temple tax, associating with him Peter, whom he had just made the foundation of his future Church.³⁵⁹ He even identified himself with the Temple by presenting himself as God's definitive dwelling-place among men.³⁶⁰ Therefore his being put to bodily death³⁶¹ presaged the destruction of the Temple, which would manifest the dawning of a new age in the history of salvation: "The hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father."³⁶²

359 Cf. Mt 8:4; 16:18; 17:24-27; Lk 17:14; Jn 4:22; 18:20.

360 Cf. Jn 2:21; Mt 12:6.

361 Cf. Jn 2:18-22.

362 Jn 4:21; cf. Jn 4:23-24; Mt 27:5; Heb 9:11; Rev 21:22.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

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

All are welcome to attend.



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

Daily Readings 4-10 March

Monday: Luke 4:24-30; Tuesday: Matt 18:21-35; Wednesday: Matt 5:17-19;
Thursday: Luke 11:14-23; Friday: Mark 12:28-34; Saturday: Luke 18:9-14;
4th Sunday of Lent, Year A: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; Psalm 137;
Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21



MASSES: Tina White (3); Special Intention of the Weaver family (5); Deceased members of the Randall Family (6); Holy Souls & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (8).

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Chris Penders (7).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: William Paul, Margaret Gallen (4); Catherine Trask, Frederick Cunliffe, Robert Ward, Tony Shirnack (5); Martinus Janssen, William Baker (6); Fr Chris Penders AA (7); Bernard Brown, Rebecca Miller (8); Alice Davis, Catherine Blackbee, Stanley Bucknor, Nola Armstrong (9); William Costello, Irene Morgan (10).

R.I.P

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

4-10 MARCH: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	
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

25 February 2024 - \$1,983.20

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



ST JOSEPH'S DADS GROUP

Kia ora koutou, we are a group of dads who get together monthly to pray and meditate on our faith. We want to have a better relationship with God so that we can guide our families to grow in their Catholic faith.

Our next gathering is on *4 March at 7.30pm in the side chapel of Our Lady of Fatima church in Tawa*. For more info text Pablo on 021 1650 473.



MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING FOR MARCH

We are a group of young (and not so young) mothers, who meet monthly. We share about what has been happening in our lives, with our families, and to pray together. We use material provided by Marist Laity for discussion and as talking points, and scripture.

The group will meet on **Monday, 11 March at 10am**. If you have pre-schoolers they are most welcome to attend.

If you need help with transport, please contact: Mary Rayner 021 1204 717 or 232 2088.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



CHRISM MASS

We need representatives from our Parish to attend the *Chrism Mass at St Theresa's Pro-Cathedral, Karori on Wednesday, 27 March at 7pm* and then to bring the oils to *Holy Thursday Mass on 28 March at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church*.



WANTED - 12 FEET

At the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday (7.30pm on 28 March at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa) we will re-enact the washing of the disciples feet.

Please contact Marie Prescott: the.mothership@xtra.co.nz or phone: 027 200 737 or 232 7679 if you would like to be our representative at the Chrism Mass or be one of the 12 people to have their feet washed.



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

GUIDE TO THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Confession

1 You can begin your confession by making the sign of the cross and saying: **“Bless me father, for I have sinned.”**

2 The priest gives you a blessing and you may continue with: **“My last good confession was ...** (how many weeks, months or years approximately).”

3 Say the sins that you remember. Start with the one that is most difficult to say, after this it will be easier to mention the rest. Sin declared is half-conquered, according to St Francis de Sales.

4 If you do not know how to confess, feel uneasy or ashamed, simply ask the priest to assist you. Be assured he will help you make a good confession. Simply answer the questions without hiding anything out of shame or fear. Place your trust in God: he is your merciful Father and wants to forgive you through His ministers (see Jn 20:23; 2 Cor 5:18).

5 If you do not remember any serious sins, be sure to confess at least some of your venial sins, adding at the end: **“I am sorry for these and all the sins of my past life, especially for ...** (mention in general any past sin for which you are particularly sorry, for example all my sins against charity, purity, etc).”

6 The priest will assign you some penance and give you some advice to help you to be a better Christian. If you are not sure how to go about with your penance, don't be afraid to tell the priest. Some priests would ask you to recite the *Act of Contrition* (see over the different versions) as he gives you the absolution.

7 Listen to the words of the absolution attentively. At the end answer: **“Amen”**. Be willing to do the penance as soon as possible. This penance will diminish the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

