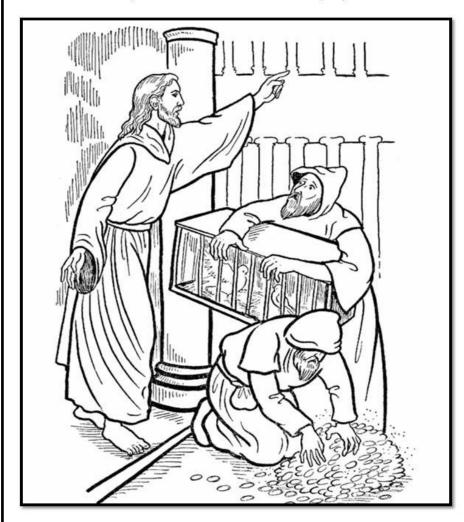
# Third Sunday of Lent

"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.



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

## Christ, the power and the wisdom of God

S 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.





# **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:

AR FROM HAVING been hostile to the Temple, where he gave the essential part of his teaching, Jesus was willing to pay the Temple essential part of his teaching, Jesus was willing to pay the Temple that, associating with him Peter, whom he had just made the foundation of his future Church. He even identified himself with the Temple by presenting himself as God's definitive dwelling-place among men. Therefore his being put to bodily death 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."

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.

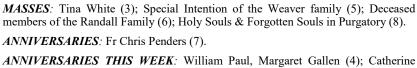
All are welcome to attend.



**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



R.I.P

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).

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.

## **Act of Contrition**

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because of Your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

#### **Act of Contrition**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, Whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

### **Act of Contrition**

O my God, I am sorry for my sins because I have offended you. I know I should love You above all things. Help me to do penance, to do better, and to avoid anything that might lead me to sin. Amen.



#### WELLINGTON ORGAN PROMS

Sunday 10 March, 2.30-4pm at St Mary of the Angels Church, Boulcott Street, Wellington International organist, Christopher Hainsworth will present a special concert on the Fernie Organ from Dubois to Mendelssohn and Bach. All proceeds go to the Maxwell Fernie Trust,

supporting young New Zealand organists. Entry by koha.

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





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. Cheh Catholic women encouraged to form little communities.

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

# **★ TUESDAY LUNCHEON**

The monthly Tuesday luncheon will be held on 5 March at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer. Everyone 60 years and older is invited. Do come and enjoy this very enjoyable parish lunch.

You will be served lovely sandwiches and slices. And as always, some

★ 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 TONIGHT, ★
★ Sunday 3 March. Late bookings can only be taken if there are ★
★ cancellations.

For a cancellation on the day of the luncheon, please phone Jane in the office on 232 5611.

We ask for \$6 to cover the costs. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



Rite II Reconciliation will be held in and around our Pastoral area during Lent.

The full schedule is as follows:

Sunday, 3 March - Our Lady of Hope Parish Tawa at 7pm

Sunday, 10 March - St Theresa's Church Plimmerton at 4pm

Thursday, 14 March - St Francis of Assisi Church, Johnsonville at 6pm

Wednesday 20 March - Holy Family Church, Porirua at 6pm



# STORIES OF HOPE—Help required

Labelling and sorting will be done in the foyer of Our Lady of Fatima Church on Monday, 4 March from the end of 9am Liturgy.

All help, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

Tea and coffee provided.



#### 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.

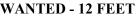
If you need help with transport, please contact: Mary Rayner 021 1204 717 or 232 2088.

# **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.



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 likeminded 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."
- 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).
- 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.

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