

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The power of Jesus



Draw a picture of yourself praying with Jesus and think about all the ways he gives you strength everyday.

**25 February:** *RESPONSORIAL PSALM* - Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!



# Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay  
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4th SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A - 10 MARCH 2024

### *We are created in Christ Jesus to live the good life*

**T**HIS FOURTH SUNDAY of Lent is traditionally known as "Laetare (Rejoice!) Sunday", and our readings today suggest many reasons for rejoicing. The **First Reading** from Chronicles describes the destruction of Jerusalem and the days of exile. But God, working through the Persian king, Cyrus, not only brings the Jewish people home to where they belong but also helps them rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem.

St Paul (**Second Reading**) writes that God, whose nature is Universal Love, brought us back to life in and with Christ Jesus through the gift of his infinite grace. Our good works and our lives lived in all their fullness are a grateful and authentic response to all we have been given by God.

The **Gospel** tells us that the resurrection of Christ Jesus, who was 'lifted up and exalted' on the cross, brings salvation to all who believe in him and in his teachings. Christ's Passion, for all its injustice and brutality, is a glorious revelation of God's love for all of humankind, and the source of our healing. Jesus calls us to live by his truth and light, where we can dwell in the flow of God's energy and love.

The **Psalm** of lament recalls the bitter days of exile in Babylon. For us today, 'Babylon' can stand as a symbol for all that threatens the fullness of human living. Hatred, selfishness, greed, and pride can all take us away from wholeness of life and into exile.

This week, we pray for the personal faith and humility to be open to God's infinite grace and light. We pray, too, that all of humanity might be open and receptive to God's life-giving energy.



**We Need YOU!**



**New OPPORTUNITIES**

**THIS weekend is SIGN-UP WEEKEND**  
**Please bring a pen to church to complete the Sign-Up form.**

## THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - 4th 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 710:

**T**HE FORGETTING OF the Law and the infidelity to the covenant end in death: it is the Exile, apparently the failure of the promises, which is in fact the mysterious fidelity of the Saviour God and the beginning of a promised restoration, but according to the Spirit. The People of God had to suffer this purification.<sup>77</sup> In Gods plan, the Exile already stands in the shadow of the Cross, and the Remnant of the poor that returns from the Exile is one of the most transparent prefiguration's of the Church.

<sup>77</sup> Cf. Lk 24:26.



### 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.



### 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 11-17 March

*Monday:* John 4:43-54; *Tuesday:* John 5:1-3,5-16; *Wednesday:* John 5:17-30; *Thursday:* John 5:31-47; *Friday:* John 7:1-2,10,25-30; *Saturday:* John 7:40-52; **5th Sunday of Lent, Year A:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33



**MASSES:** Gilda Morganti - sick (10/11); Teresita Tuason, RIP (9); Arnel Galvan & Eva Ocenar, RIP (15-27).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Frank Prescott (12); Erwin Guze (13); Henry Smith (14/16).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Anthony Thurston, Raymond Young, Bernard Quinn (11); Patrick Byrne, Richard McCarthy, Mark Stempa (12); Francis Prescott, Joan Waterston, Louisa Kane (13); Cecily Thomas, Jack Baker, Henry Smith (14); Maggie Nippert, Marie Hilder (15); Horace Green, Patrick O'Hagan, Marie Morris (16); Takuta Greenland, William Nesdale, Emmanuel Democoli, Matile Nui (17).

**R.I.P**

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

### 11-17 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		

<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> Philippa Matla, Acting 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 4 March 2024 - \$1,861.90

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



## ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE AND CONCERT

Celebrate St Patrick's Day on *Sunday, 17 March* along the Wellington waterfront. Entertainment begins at 12pm at Kumutoto Square (near Flamingo Joe's) with the annual Parade starting from there at 1pm. At 1.30pm the Concert under the sails at Queens Wharf will showcase Irish culture with Irish dancing and top local musicians. There's something for everyone with activities for kids and the popular 'best dressed in green'. More details on Facebook @wellingtonirish.



## JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us on *Thursday, 21 March* at 7.30pm at "Loaves and Fishes", next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul, corner of Hill and Molesworth Streets. **Theme:** "God reigns - no doubts".

**Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra on 027 4477 280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com



## 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.



**NZ CATHOLIC (10-23 March)** Now for sale in church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for 8 years).

**Please put money in blue cash box on foyer table**

Some headlines for this issue: NZ Catholic Church faces engagement and giving challenges, survey shows; Wellington priest appointed seminary Rector; PN Bishop argues for Catholic thought in the public square today.

As a promotion, this entire edition is supplied at this

link: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/ea5d571d-2901-4438-ade4->



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

The remaining schedule is as follows:

*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



## 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.

## WOMEN OF FAITH

Our next meeting will be on *Tuesday, 12 March at 10am* at 66 Collins Avenue. Our topic this month is "Mary at the Foot of the Cross". We will have a time of socialising then sharing and prayer. All women welcome. Transport available from church after 9am Mass, or phone Jane: 232 7206. Also, if you require any more information, please phone too.



## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

### 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. We require 12 people of all ages, ethnicities, males and females to take part in the "washing of the feet". This ritual takes place after the Homily and celebrates in a special way the Last Supper of Jesus, before which he washed the feet of his twelve apostles.

Please contact either the Parish Office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz OR Marie Prescott: the.mothership@xtra.co.nz or phone: 027 200 737 or 232 7679 if you would like to be one of the 12 people to have their feet washed.



**HELP  
WANTED**



### ROSTERS FOR EASTER CEREMONIES

A special roster is being drawn up covering Easter ceremonies, ie Holy Thursday (7.30pm Mass Tawa), Good Friday (3pm Service Tawa), Easter Saturday Vigil Mass (8pm Titahi Bay) and Easter Sunday Mass 10.30am (Tawa).

We're looking for people to be Readers & Prayer Leaders, Offertory Procession, Collectors and Eucharistic Ministers at these.

If you are available can you please email: [ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz) or phone 232 5611 (and leave a message), by **20 March** - so rosters can be finalised.



### ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for a selection of beautiful Easter Baskets are on sale at the Parish Office. Tickets cost \$1 each; closes: 22 March; drawn on 25 March.

Proceeds towards outdoor play and sports equipment. *Thanks*



### INDONESIAN COMMUNITY MASS

On *Saturday, 16 March at 5pm* a Vigil Mass with the Indonesian Community will be held at Our Lady of Fatima church.

Msgr Giosue Busti will be the celebrant. (Mass is in English and Indonesian). All are welcome.



### 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.



### QUIET DAYS, WITH SISTER SUE COSGROVE

*Thursday, 14 March 10.30am-2.30pm at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, Island Bay*

In these quiet times, let's gently reflect on insights from the life and works of Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert and, in peace, draw fresh strength and hope.

There is no fee, however, a koha is greatly appreciated. To register, please email: [sr.sue@compassion.org.nz](mailto:sr.sue@compassion.org.nz) Refreshments are provided.

## 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](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz) - phone: (04) 232 5611.

You can also email Marie Andrewartha ([m.g.andrewartha@gmail.com](mailto: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 14 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](mailto:m.g.andrewartha@gmail.com). *Thanks*