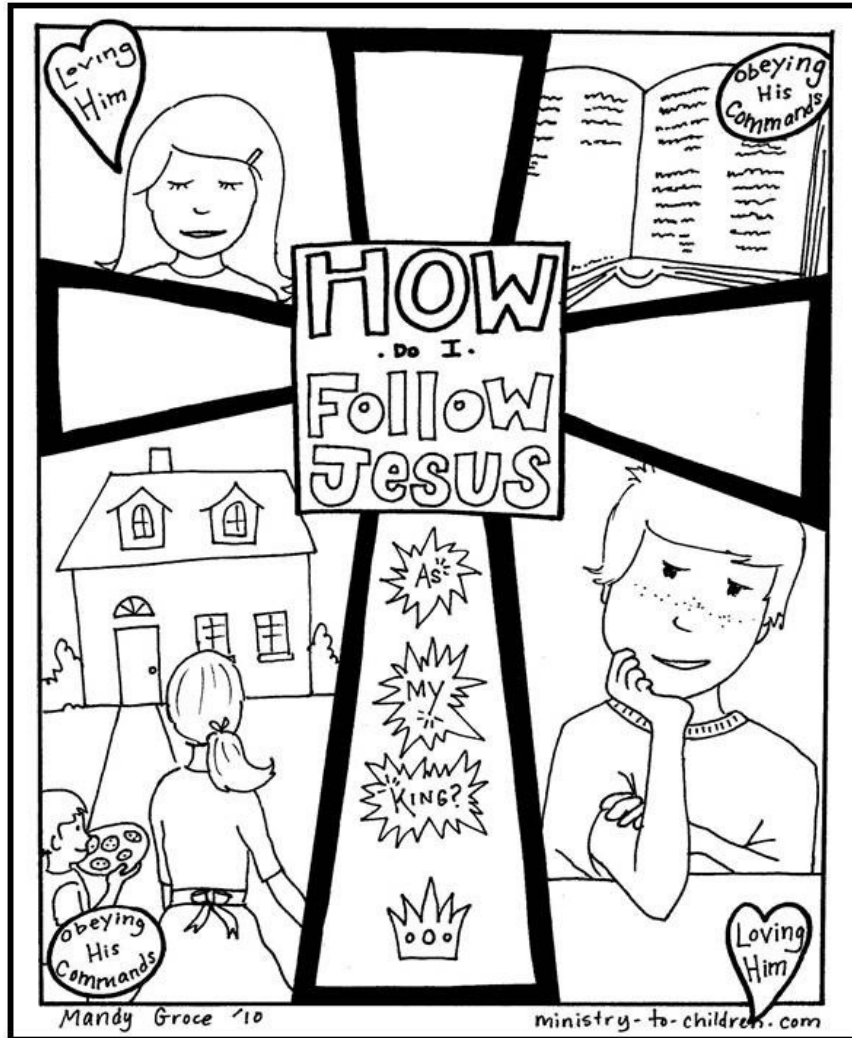


## Fifth Sunday of Lent

"The Parable of the Grain of Wheat"



"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

John 12:20-33

**25 February: RESPONSORIAL PSALM -**  
Create a clean heart in me, O God.



# Happenings

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**5th SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A - 17 MARCH 2024**

### *I will write my Law on their hearts*

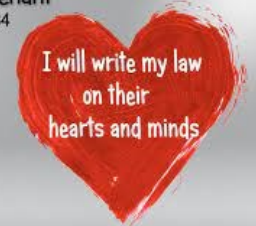
THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS encourage us to turn towards growth and transformation out of pain and suffering. The prophet Jeremiah makes a great proclamation: 'See, the days are coming .. when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel'. God's eternal covenant of love and forgiveness is written deep within our hearts (**First Reading**).

It is because of this same promise, that Christ became human to share with us in our suffering, forever praying for us and with us (**Second Reading**). In Christ, all suffering and death are transfigured into growth and new life through his resurrection. This Sunday's **Psalm** would have been familiar to Jesus as he prayed for us during his time on earth, earnestly encouraging us to turn from our sinful ways towards God's love and compassion.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus speaks of the personal suffering and death that he will soon be facing. He knows that he could ask his Father to save him from this fate, but instead he willingly makes a choice that leads to our salvation. Jesus invites us to follow his way of living. It is not an easy path to travel, but Christ is always with us, helping and sustaining us.

Let us pray for each other that through God's infinite grace, we will remain true to the law of love that is written deep within us.

God's new covenant  
Jeremiah 31:31-34



We Need YOU!



**A big thank you to all those who completed the Time & Talent forms last weekend. You will be contacted soon about the roles/ministries you would like to join.**

**If you haven't completed a form, please take the opportunity to fill one out so you can be included in our parish roll, ministries and activities.**

## THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - 5th 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 606:

**T**HE SON OF God, who came down "from heaven, not to do [his] own will, but the will of him who sent [him]",<sup>413</sup> said on coming into the world, "Lo, I have come to do your will, O God." "And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."<sup>414</sup> From the first moment of his Incarnation the Son embraces the Father's plan of divine salvation in his redemptive mission: "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work."<sup>415</sup> The sacrifice of Jesus "for the sins of the whole world"<sup>416</sup> expresses his loving communion with the Father. "The Father loves me, because I lay down my life", said the Lord, "[for] I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father."

413 Jn 6:38.  
416 1 Jn 2:2.

414 Heb 10: 5-10.  
417 Jn 10:17; 14:31.

415 Jn 4:34.



### 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 18-24 March

*Monday:* Luke 10:1-2,17-20; *Tuesday:* Luke 2:41-51; *Wednesday:* John 8:31-42;  
*Thursday:* John 8:51-59; *Friday:* John 10:31-42; *Saturday:* John 11:45-57;  
**Palm Sunday, Year B:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11;  
Mark 14:1-15:47



R.I.P

**MASSES:** Norah Clarkin, RIP Ireland (17); Arnel Galvan & Eva Ocenar, RIP (19-24).

### ANNIVERSARIES:

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Sidney Ross, Patricia Allen (19); Simone Smith, Dorothy Hopkins, William O'Leary, John Keenan, Margaret MacDougall (20); Colleen Wilkinson (21); Bernard Riddiford, Margaret O'Donnell, Patrick McSweeney (22); Hugh Murray (23); Eric Pearson, Brian Martin (24).

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

### 18-24 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

**11 March 2024 - \$1,680.40**

*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.



### JOSHUA WELLINGTON

Last Days! 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*, followed by supper. **Speaker:** Michael Powell on "God reigns - no doubts". **Want to know more?** Ring David Monastra on 027 4477 280 or email: [joshua.wgtn@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.wgtn@gmail.com)



**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:

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



### **VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY 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](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz) OR Marie Prescott: [the.mothership@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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.



### **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*



### **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 add your name to the form in the church foyer OR 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 VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

A big Thank you to our regular supporters who put food items in the baskets at the churches.

Demand for food parcels has increased with over 20 parcels being distributed each month.



Please consider adding a non-perishable item to the basket as an extra thing for Lent.

We need cereals, jam, peanut butter and other spreads but anything will be gratefully received. *God Bless, Marie*

### EASTER @ CHURCH with your children

*Palm Sunday (24 March) 8.30am Mass* - the children will process out with Jesus and the donkey to Children's Liturgy!

*Good Friday (29 March) 3pm* - the children will go across the road to the Emmaus Centre behind the Tawa Anglican church and watch a Holy Week video.

*Easter Sunday (31 March) 8.30am Family Mass*

The children will be acting out the Gospel and we will have special Easter treats for the children. We look forward to you and your children joining us.

Helpers are always welcome! Please contact Marie Andrewartha 021 476 153 for more information.



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP

The St Vincent de Paul shop in Mungavin Avenue, Ranui is seeking volunteers to work at the shop (various shifts) and on the truck crew (Friday mornings). If you have time to spare to help us with our mission of helping people in need, please contact our Manager, Vicki, on

(04) 237 5968 or 027 636 2984 or email: svdpporirua@gmail.com.

*Thank you and God Bless*



### 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.

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

## 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.

