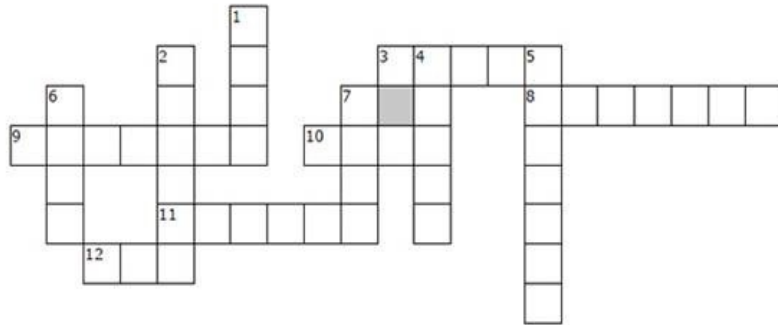


Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."



ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

DOWN

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

VILLAGE	JESUS	SHOUTED	ENTER
COLT	SPREAD	PRAISE	NAME
TIE	ROAD	HOSANNA	KING



Happenings

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PALM SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A - 24 MARCH 2024

Oh Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me

WE HAVE JOURNEYED with Christ through Lent, from the silence of the wilderness, to the dawning realisation that his whole life has been a preparation for the events that will unfold on Good Friday.

This Sunday, we see the contrast of Jesus's joyful yet humble procession into Jerusalem. We witness how the same crowd turn against his message of love and compassion and now call for his death. (*Gospel*)

The *First Reading* from Isaiah is a prophecy of the suffering servant. It tells of the willingness with which Jesus enters into his Passion, confident that the Lord will give him strength.

The *Psalm* continues to describe the insults and humiliation that Jesus took upon himself in order to set us free from sin. The response draws on the words that Jesus cried out as his earthly life drew to a close.

In the *Second Reading*, St Paul reveals the hidden truth of Christ. Jesus embraced the frailty and mortality of humanity, so that we could be drawn into the circle of the Trinity, and acclaim with the whole of creation that Jesus Christ is Lord of all.

Let us pray for each other as we enter into this Holy Week, that we will each make time to sit in silence with Jesus.

Let us be willing to journey with Jesus through his Passion, death and Resurrection.

We may choose to be with him when he is anointed with oil in Bethany, as he eats the Passover meal with his friends, as he prays in earnest in Gethsemane, and during his arrest and betrayal; or we may walk alongside him as he carries the cross, and then stand with him at its foot as he gives up his spirit.



24 March: RESPONSORIAL PSALM -
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Holy Week
timetable is in
this newsletter

HOLY WEEK



THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - Palm Sunday

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 607:

THE DESIRE TO embrace his Father's plan of redeeming love inspired Jesus' whole life,⁴¹⁸ for his redemptive passion was the very reason for his Incarnation. And so he asked, "And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour."⁴¹⁹ And again, "Shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?"⁴²⁰ From the cross, just before "It is finished", he said, "I thirst."⁴²¹

418 Cf Lk 12:50; 22:15; Mt 16:21-23
420 Jn 18:11.

419 Jn 12:27.
421 Jn 19:30; 19:28.



Let us once again welcome Seminarian Gerson Badayos as he stays with us for Holy Week. We hope he enjoys his stay in our Parish.



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 25-31 March

Monday: John 12:1-11; *Tuesday:* John 13:21-33,36-38; *Wednesday:* Matt 26:14-25;
Thursday: John 13:1-15; *Friday:* John 18:1-19:42; *Saturday:* Mark 16:1-8;
Easter Sunday, Year B: Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9



MASSSES: Arnel Galvan & Eva Ocenar, RIP (24-27).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Isabella Kennedy, Brian Davis, Torina Willetts, George Buckley, Teresa Ilton, Shirley Bucknor (25); Brenda Norris (26); Daniel Collins, Ronald Blair, Edna Mattar (27); Mary Smith, Jane Alsford (28); Sydney Dennett, Allan McIntosh, Terence Campbell (29); Terrence Lloyd (30); Theresa Murphy, Minnie Lockhart (31).

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

25-31 MARCH: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

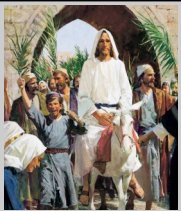
	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHU BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Wednesday	9am Mass 9am-9pm Adoration	
Thursday	9am Mass 7.30pm Mass followed by Adoration to 11pm	10am Mass
Friday	11.30am Stations of the Cross 3pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	3pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday		5.30pm Vigil Mass 8pm Easter Vigil
Sunday	8.30am and 10.30am Mass 12 noon Kirabati Community 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
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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

18 March 2024 - \$2,115.80

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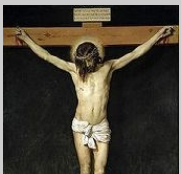
PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage.

HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is about:

- commemoration of the Last Supper, with Jesus saying: This is my body ... this is my blood ...
- He also establishes the special priesthood for his disciples, which is distinct from the "priesthood of all believers." Christ washed the feet of his Disciples, who would become the first priests.



GOOD FRIDAY

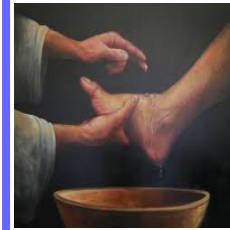
"It is finished"; and he bowed his head and handed over his spirit." On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption.

The Church - stripped of its ornaments, the altar bare, and with the door of the empty tabernacle standing open are signs of mourning. The omission of the prayer of consecration deepens our sense of loss because Mass throughout the year reminds us of the Lord's triumph over death, the source of our joy and blessing. The desolate quality of the rites of this day reminds us of Christ's humiliation and suffering during his Passion.

HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)

The Easter Vigil liturgy is the most beautiful liturgy in the Roman Catholic Church. The vigil is divided into four parts:

- 1) Service of Light - A new fire is lit and blessed. The Paschal candle symbolises Christ, the Light of the World.
- 2) Liturgy of the Word - Nine readings are provided: seven from the Old testament and two from the New Testament. Not all are required to be read. These readings help us to meditate on the wonderful works of God for his people since the beginning of time.
- 3) Liturgy of Baptism - New members are brought into the Church through baptism, part of the liturgy includes the Litany of the Saints.
- 4) Liturgy of Eucharist - The whole church is called to join at the sacrificial table that Christ prepared for us through his death and resurrection. The Lord is risen, alleluia, alleluia!



VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

STILL WANTED - 6 FEET

For the last two weeks we have asked for volunteers to help re-enact the washing of the disciples feet at the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday (7.30pm on 28 March at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa). To date only six people have offered, meaning we still require 6 more people. Therefore, if no one else volunteers to have a foot washed, we will not be able to do the re-enactment.

So, if you'd like this ceremony to take place and you'd like to be a part of it, please urgently email the Parish Office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz OR phone/email Marie Prescott: the.mothership@xtra.co.nz or phone: 027 200 737 or 232 7679.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: 25-31 March

Monday: 9am Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church

Tuesday: 9am Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church

Wednesday: 9am Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church followed by Adoration to 9pm

Holy Thursday: NO MORNING MASSES IN TAWA or TITAHI BAY

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, then Adoration to 11pm, Our Lady of Fatima Church

Good Friday: 11.30am Stations of the Cross, Our Lady of Fatima Church

Good Friday: 3pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion, Our Lady of Fatima Church. Young children are invited to watch an Easter DVD at a nearby venue during the 3pm service (*Our Lady of Fatima Church will be open from 8am-8pm for visitations*)

Good Friday: 3pm Stations of the Cross, St Pius X Church

Easter Saturday: 8pm Easter Vigil Mass, St Pius X Church

Easter Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am Masses, Our Lady of Fatima Church

Easter Sunday: 12 noon Kirabati Community Mass, OLOF Church, Tawa

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.



DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS

All are invited to join in the celebration of the Divine Mercy on **Sunday, 7 April after 10.30am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.**

The celebration will have the blessing of religious objects, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. Reconciliation will be available from 9.45am through to Mass starting at 10.30am. Reconciliation will be in the Crying room. Refreshments and nibbles will be served after the service.

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TUESDAY LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon is on *Tuesday, 2 April at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer* and has an Easter theme. 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 entertainment.

If you have not been before ... do come ... you will not be disappointed.

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 *Sunday evening*

31 March. Late bookings can only be taken if there are cancellations. For a cancellation on the day of the luncheon, phone

Jane in the office on 232 5611.

We ask for \$6 to cover the costs and look forward to seeing you there!

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MEAL ROSTER

Thank you to everyone who is making a meal for Alyluz Olofernes and her boys. The roster is now full.

If you would like to join the email list to hear about future meal needs or know of another parishioner who needs support, please contact: Rebekah Siave, OLOH

Meal Roster Co-Ordinator - 021 073 6829 or danandrebekeh@gmail.com



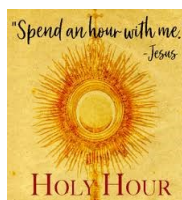
PARKING AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH



As we approach one of the busiest weeks in our Church calendar, please be mindful of where and how you park:

- no parking on yellow "no parking" lines;
- no parking on neighbours roadside/front lawns or on their properties
- no parking on the lawn under the trees on the main road
- no parking on the footpath
- leave parking in church carpark for the elderly, disabled and those with babies/young children

Please have consideration for members of the Tawa community who often have to walk on the road with families, pushchairs, mobility scooters etc because of where church attendees park illegally. **Please find a legal park elsewhere.** Thanks



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to a Holy Hour on *Tuesday 26 March beginning at 7.30pm in the Connolly Hall Chapel* to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. This Holy hour will include prayers, scripture, singing, times of silence and conclude with Benediction. All are welcome.



NZ CATHOLIC (24 March - 6 April) 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: Dunedin diocese eyes self-insurance as premiums soar; Holy Cross welcomes six new seminarians; Pilgrimage endures despite Holy Land turmoil.

As a promotion, this entire edition is supplied at this link: <https://indd.adobe.com/view/a8a79db0-cdb5-472a-85e0-06c5df51e0e9>