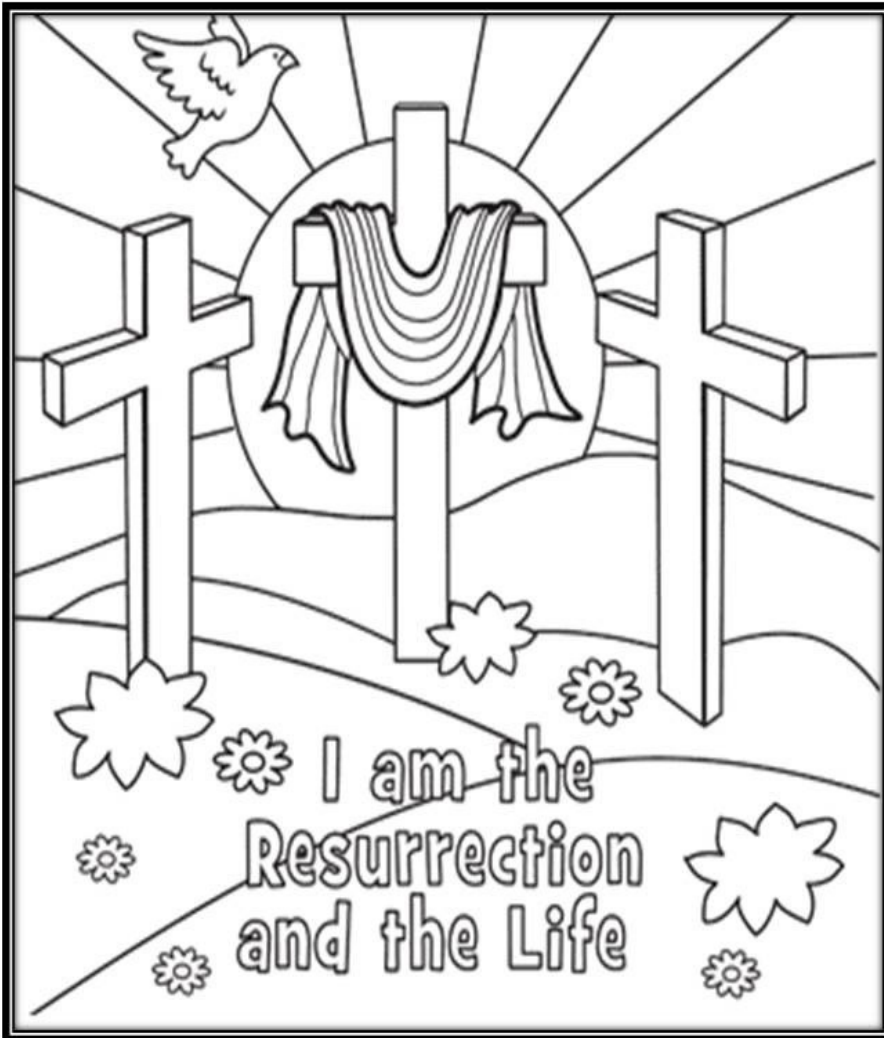


Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord



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31 March: RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

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Happenings

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EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR B - 31 MARCH 2024

Children of the Covenant

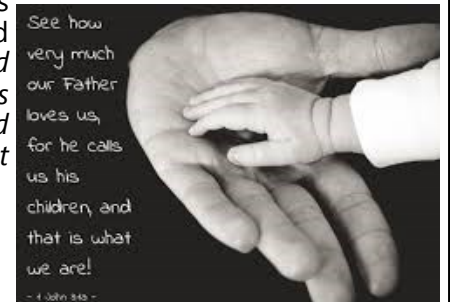
THE EASTER LITURGY includes the *Renewal of Baptismal Promises*. Saint Paul understands our baptism is a participation in Christ's Paschal Mystery—his passion, death, and resurrection (and our own future resurrection). The resurrection is the centre of our faith. *"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life"* (Rom 6:3-5; see also 1 Cor 15:13-14).

We are asked to reject the person of Satan who desires through his works and his deceptions to unseat God's place in our lives. And thus, we are asked to accept, profess, and renew our belief in God, in whose name we were baptised (cf Mt 28:19): in our Father who created us, in the Son who redeemed us, and in the Holy Spirit whose works sanctified us.

Once a year, together as a Church we renew the promises we made during our baptism. Some of us were too young to make and remember those promises so, our parents helped us in everything, as was expected of them, including those matters of Faith. After all, no one is too young to be admitted into God's universal family! For, even in the Old Testament, eight day-old babies were admitted into God's covenant family (cf Gen 17:11-12).

St John's Epistle gives us another reason to celebrate and rejoice in our baptism: *"Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are!"* (1 John 3:1)

Blessings,
Rico Angelo



THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - Easter Sunday

CCC 638:

“**W**E BRING YOU the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this day he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus.”⁴⁸⁹ The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross:

Christ is risen from the dead!
Dying, he conquered death;
To the dead, he has given life. ⁴⁹⁰

CCC 639:

THE MYSTERY OF Christ's resurrection is a real event, with manifestations that were historically verified, as the New Testament bears witness. In about AD 56 St Paul could already write to the Corinthians: "I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve ..." ⁴⁹¹ The Apostle speaks here of the living tradition of the Resurrection which he had learned after his conversion at the gates of Damascus. ⁴⁹²

489 Acts 13:32-33

490 Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion of Easter

491 1 Cor 15:3-4

492 Cf. Acts 9:3-18



KIRABATI MASS

will be held at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay at 12 noon,
TODAY, Sunday 31 March. All 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 1-7 April

Monday: Matthew 28:8-15; *Tuesday:* John 20:11-18; *Wednesday:* Luke 24:13-35;
Thursday: Luke 24:35-48; *Friday:* John 21:1-14; *Saturday:* Mark 16:9-15;
2nd Sunday of Easter, Yr B: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31



MASSSES: Fr Mark Lemmens AA, RIP (2); Francis Samuels, RIP (3); Thelma Sevilla, RIP (4).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Michael Huddleston, Jaqueline Wilton, Felicia Juchnowicz (1); Teresa O'Hagan, Mary O'Hara, John Sloan (2); Mary Senior, Mary Hobbs, Stanislaw Krejczisz, Thomas Whelan (3); John Kemsley, Jennifer Bartosh, Frank Ford (4); Catherine Blight, Jack Glocking, Alfred Levick (5); Loris Pearson, Bryan McLaughlin (6); George Ivamy (7).

R.I.P

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

1-7 APRIL : MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHİ 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	
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

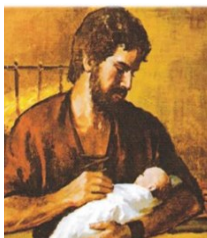
Bishop Viard College: Chris Theobald, Principal Ph: 237 5248

Filipino Chaplaincy Web: www.filchap-adw.nz

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

25 March 2024 - \$2,095.20

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 *8 April at 7.30pm in the side chapel of Our Lady of Fatima church in Tawa*. For more info text Pablo on 021 1650 473.

We Need YOU!



TIME AND TALENT FORMS

Did you miss out completing a form?

This is in 3 parts - update your info for the parish database; sign up to parish ministries/activities; join planned giving by either automatic payments or envelopes.

It's not too late to complete a form - they're available in the church foyers or by emailing the parish office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz



LITURGY WORKSHOPS 2024

Fr Patrick Bridgman will present four workshops on **The Sunday Eucharist** - 1: What do we believe? (20 April); 2: Liturgy of the Word (26 June); 3: Liturgy of the Eucharist (17 August); 4: It's impact in our lives (16 October).

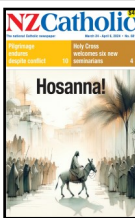
These workshops are for anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of The Sunday Eucharist. Please see poster for more info. Registrations are appreciated: c.walkerline@wn.catholic.org.nz



ERSKINE COLLEGE REUNION

All Erskine Old Girls and Staff are invited to a reunion at *Erskine Chapel, Avon Street, Island Bay from 9.30am on Saturday, 8 June* with a service starting at 10am followed by mingle and morning tea etc. The chapel will be open for old

girls and staff to visit from 12.30 to 2.30pm. Please register by contacting monicatresch@gmail.com



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>

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Priest: Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:



Do you renounce Satan?

All respond: I do

And all his works?

All respond: I do

And all his empty show?

All respond: I do

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All respond: I do

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

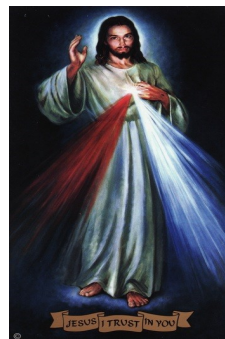
All respond: I do

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All respond: I do

And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

All respond: Amen



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.

HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: 25-31 March

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

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!

NO PARKING ON YELLOW LINES

PARKING AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

NO PARKING ON THE FOOTPATH

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.
(Please note the commercial building behind the church now has licence plate recognition cameras and fines will be issued for unauthorised parked vehicles)
- no parking on the lawns at the Tawa Anglican Church
- no parking on the lawn under the trees on the main road
- no parking on the footpath

PLEASE 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

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

Our next Baptism Preparation class will be held on *Saturday 6 April* at 10am in the *Our Lady of Fatima Church foyer*. It is a pre-baptism requirement that you attend a preparation course.

So if you're planning on having a baptism, please register your intention to attend the course by contacting the Parish Office 232 5611 or ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz. Please do not just turn up in case there has been a change in time or venue.

MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING FOR APRIL

The next meeting will be held on the Feast of the Annunciation, *Monday, 8 April at 10am*.

We are a group of mothers who meet to talk about what's been happening in our lives and share experiences. We also pray together. We use material provided by Marist Laity. All new mothers are welcome, including pre-schoolers.

If you need a ride, please contact: Mary Rayner 021 1204 717.