

## Second Sunday of Easter

“Doubting Thomas” – “Sunday of Divine Mercy”

### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25



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JESUS	TOGETHER	DOUBTING	RECORDED
MIRACLES	SIGNS	SHOWED	BELIEVED
DOORS	LIFE	HANDS	DISCIPLES
TOUCHED	THOMAS	SIDE	LOCKED

**7 April: RESPONSORIAL PSALM -**  
 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.



# Happenings

Our Lady of Hope Parish, Tawa-Titahi Bay  
 OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH - 169 Main Road, TAWA  
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**2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B - 7 APRIL 2024**

### Divine Mercy

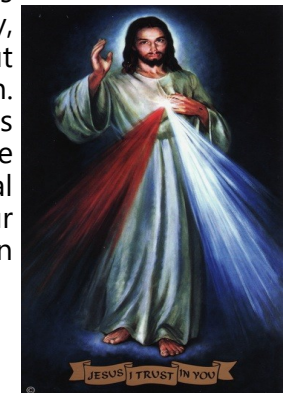
THE ANCIENT RITE of Reconciliation begins from Ash Wednesday and ends on the Octave of Easter (the Second Sunday of Easter) which we now call Divine Mercy Sunday.

In teaching about the Easter Octave, the eight days following Easter, St Augustine called them “the days of mercy and pardon,” and the Octave Day itself “the compendium of the days of mercy.”

So, liturgically, this day has always been centred on the theme of divine mercy and forgiveness. It points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery - the whole mystery of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ - made present for us in the Eucharist. It is important to remember that the message of Divine Mercy, revealed to St Faustina and to our present generation, is not new. It is a powerful reminder of who God is and has been from the very beginning.

Celebrating Divine Mercy is simple. First, ask God for His Mercy. Second, show mercy to others. Third, trust in Jesus. And so, therefore, we have to be clear that this celebration is not so much about St Faustina, or the private revelations she received.

Actually, we are not obliged to do this extra activity. Devotions, like Rosary, novenas, the chaplet, are not obligatory; but they greatly help us in our spiritual growth. No one wins spiritual battles alone. That is why, many saints recommended praying the rosary or advocated other forms of spiritual devotion because when it comes to our spiritual battles, we need all the help we can get.



Easter Blessings,  
 Rico Angelo

## THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - 2nd Sunday of Easter

### CCC 981:

**A**FTER HIS RESURRECTION, Christ sent his apostles "so that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations."<sup>526</sup> The apostles and their successors carry out this "ministry of reconciliation," not only by announcing to men God's forgiveness merited for us by Christ, and calling them to conversion and faith; but also by communicating to them the forgiveness of sins in Baptism, and reconciling them with God and with the Church through the power of the keys, received from Christ.<sup>527</sup>

[The Church] has received the keys of the Kingdom of heaven so that, in her, sins may be forgiven through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit's action. In this Church, the soul dead through sin comes back to life in order to live with Christ, whose grace has saved us.<sup>528</sup>

### CCC 982:

**T**HERE IS NO offense, however serious, that the Church cannot forgive. "There is no one, however wicked and guilty, who may not confidently hope for forgiveness, provided his repentance is honest."<sup>529</sup> Christ who died for all men desires that in his Church the gates of forgiveness should always be open to anyone who turns away from sin.<sup>530</sup>

527 2 Cor 5:18

528 St Augustine, *Sermo* 214,11:PL 38, 1071-1072

529 *Roman Catechism* 1, 11, 5

530 Cf. *Mt* 18:21-22



**Reconciliation** is available before Vigil and Sunday Masses or by appointment - please phone (04) 232 5611 or text 021 205 6476.

### Daily Readings 8-14 April

*Monday:* Luke 1:26-38; *Tuesday:* John 3:7-15; *Wednesday:* John 3:16-21;

*Thursday:* John 3:31-36; *Friday:* John 6:1-15; *Saturday:* John 6:16-21;

**3rd Sunday of Easter, Yr B:** Acts 3:13-15,17-19; Psalm 5; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48



**MASSES:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Pat O'Connor (14).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Robert Carswell, Sharon McCallum, Trevor Phillips (8); Monica Lyall, Eleanor Cardno, Rosaleen Hurnen, John Gray (9); Gerardus Jansen, Elizabeth Holes, Elizabeth Denham, Louise Nightingale, Edward Sexton, Alice Barber, James Duncan (10); Thomas Ilton (12); Mary Pike (13).

**R.I.P**

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

### 8-14 APRIL : 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	
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

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**Parish Secretary:** Jane Lee

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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

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**St Francis Xavier School:** Joan Woods, Principal

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**St Pius X School:** Philippa Matla, Acting Principal

Ph: 236 7006

**Bishop Viard College:** Chris Theobald, Principal

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**Filipino Chaplaincy**

Web: www.filchap-adw.nz

### PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

**31 March 2024 - \$3,111.30**

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



### 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.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:c.walkerdine@wn.catholic.org.nz)



### GOD'S PLAN FOR A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE PROGRAMME FOR ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES

Joy-Filled Marriage is a marriage programme designed to help engaged and married couples embrace God's plan for the sacrament of matrimony. It offers a comprehensive approach to marriage that covers not only the sacramentality and theology of marriage but also the practical life skills necessary to live out the rich Catholic vision of marriage. The first component about the sacramentality and theology of marriage will be covered on the weekend of **4 and 5 May at Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay.**

For more information or to register, visit: [www.marriageandfamily.org.nz](http://www.marriageandfamily.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](mailto:monicatresch@gmail.com)



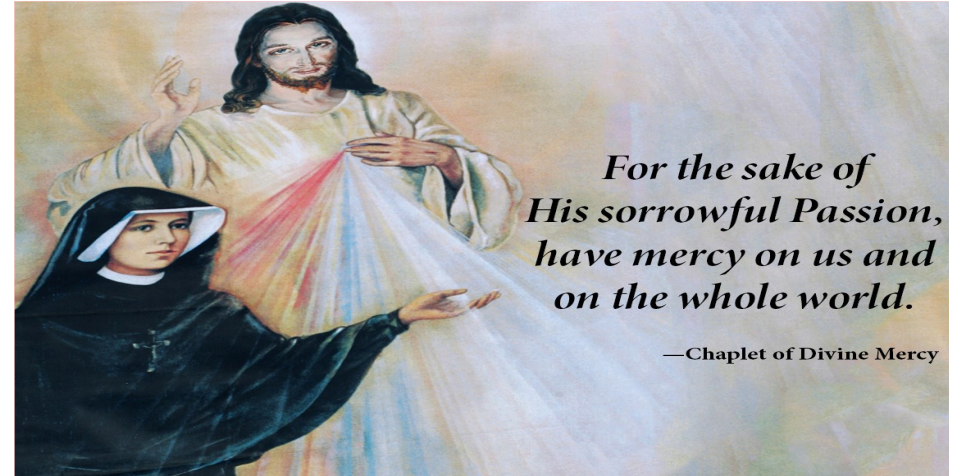
**NZ CATHOLIC** (7-20 April) Now for sale in church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for 8 years).

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

Some headlines for this issue: Relics of 11 saints coming to NZ. Hamilton bishop urges blokes to know Jesus. Wellington cathedral to open in June. Divine Mercy advert controversy surprises advertiser.

As a promotion, this entire edition is supplied at this link:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/9b10ab70-d931-4a07-9169-5930888a2cda>



*For the sake of  
His sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us and  
on the whole world.*

—Chaplet of Divine Mercy

### DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS

All are invited to join in the celebration of the Divine Mercy **TODAY, 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.



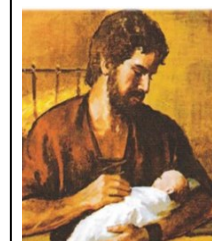
### MARIAN MOTHER'S MEETING FOR APRIL

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.



### 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.

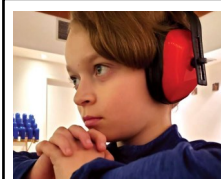


**HOLY PLACES COLLECTION**  
 T H A N K S to those who generously gave to the Collection held on Good Friday. We collected \$1,070.30 which will be forwarded to the Holy Land.



**WOMEN OF FAITH GROUP**

The April meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 April at 10am at 212 Westchester Drive, Churton Park. Our reflection this month is on the Annunciation. We will have a time of praying and socialising. All women are welcome. Transport available from Tawa after the 9am Mass or phone 232 7206 for more information.



**LOW SENSORY MASS: 21 April, 2pm, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa**

Sunday Mass can be challenging for the neurodiverse. It can be loud, busy, bright and longer than they are able to comfortably cope with. Our next “low sensory” Mass is on **Sunday, 21 April at 2pm at Our Lady of Fatima**

**Church** and each third Sunday of the month.

- No music
- Low lighting
- Feel free to bring your own noise cancelling headphones, or whatever you need.

All are welcome, especially those who are autistic, intellectually disabled or neurodiverse and their families or support.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca on 022 169 3512.

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](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz)



**INDONESIAN COMMUNITY MASS**

On *Saturday, 20 April 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.



**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. *(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*



**FROM MAINTENANCE TO MISSION - GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT!**

Divine Renovation (DR) is a Catholic organisation focused on parish renewal. Fr James Mallon, DR’s founder, introduced DR to NZ in 2018 at the national clergy assembly in Christchurch. Since then, the model has continued to inspire and facilitate renewal parishes all over the world.

The Archdiocese is delighted to welcome Dan O’Rourke (DR’s current president) to Wellington for an evening specifically focused on strategies for renewal in our parishes. Parish Pastoral Council members and everyone interested in parish leadership are warmly invited to join us for a thought-provoking evening of inspiration as we ponder where to for our parishes. We strongly recommend being there in person, but if distance is going to be awkward you can join us on Teams.

Please email: [l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz) for more details.

**Date:** *Thursday, 18 April - 6.30pm (cup of tea); 7-9pm session*

**Venue:** *St Francis of Assisi Church, Dr Taylor Terrace, Johnsonville*