

Third Sunday of Easter

"Christ's witnesses"



"Peace be with you."

Dear Jesus,
Send us your spirit to give us strength
to live as you taught us. Help us to be
true witnesses to your actions by loving
others as you have loved us.
Amen.

7 April: *RESPONSORIAL PSALM* -
Lord, let your face shine on us.



Happenings

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B - 14 APRIL 2024

Peace be with you!

IN THE MIDST of the joy and exuberance of Easter, this Sunday's readings allow us to consider our sinfulness, our doubts and our weakness. This is not to weigh us down, but to bring us peace and encourage us to live the new life won for us.

In the **First Reading** from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter is gentle with those responsible for the death of the 'Prince of life'. They must now turn back to God. The **Psalm** is both a cry for help and a song of hope and trust. John in the **Second Reading**, speaks of Christ as our Advocate with the Father. Not only does he take our sins away, he fills us with God's love.

Jesus appears to his doubting disciples in the **Gospel**. He reassures them by inviting them to touch him and by eating with them, before increasing their understanding and hinting at their mission.

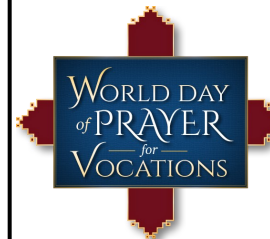
Let us continue our Lenten journey this week, strengthened by the gift of Christ's peace, and conscious of being his witnesses - even if, at times, we are confused and doubtful.



VOCATIONS SUNDAY - 21 April

Next Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for *Joseph Mijares* a seminarian from our parish; plus seminarians from our Diocese and for all discerning the call to priesthood.

Please remember your special Seminary Appeal envelope next Sunday or if an automatic payer, please make a 'one-off' donation with Seminary Appeal as the reference. Thanks



THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - 3rd Sunday of Easter

CCC 597:

THE HISTORICAL COMPLEXITY of Jesus' trial is apparent in the Gospel accounts. The personal sin of the participants (Judas, the Sanhedrin, Pilate) is known to God alone. Hence we cannot lay responsibility for the trial on the Jews in Jerusalem as a whole, despite the outcry of a manipulated crowd and the global reproaches contained in the apostles' calls to conversion after Pentecost.³⁸⁵ Jesus himself, in forgiving them on the cross, and Peter in following suit, both accept "the ignorance" of the Jews of Jerusalem and even of their leaders.³⁸⁶ Still less can we extend responsibility to other Jews of different times and places, based merely on the crowd's cry: "His blood be on us and on our children!", a formula for ratifying a judicial sentence.³⁸⁷ As the Church declared at the Second Vatican Council:

... [N]either all Jews indiscriminately at that time, nor Jews today, can be charged with the crimes committed during his Passion... [T]he Jews should not be spoken of as rejected or accursed as if this followed from holy Scripture.³⁸⁸

385 Cf. *Mk* 15:11; *Acts* 2:23, 36; 3:13-14; 4:10; 5:30; 7:52; 10:39; 13:27-28; *1 Thess* 2:14-15

386 Cf. *Lk* 23:34; *Acts* 3:17

387 *Mt* 27:25; cf. *Acts* 5:28; 18:6

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

Daily Readings 15-21 April

Monday: John 6:22-29; *Tuesday:* John 6:30-35; *Wednesday:* John 6:35-40;

Thursday: John 6:44-51; *Friday:* John 6:52-59; *Saturday:* John 6:60-69;

4th Sunday of Easter, Year B: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18



MASSES: Thanksgiving Mass (70th birthday) (16); Soul of Agnes Lopez and Holy Souls & Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (17); Mary & Molly Varghese, RIPs (19).

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat O'Connor (14); Nelson Langford (18) Maria Varghese (19).

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Margaret Hoare, Ramona Mar (15); Betty Riordan, Ian Stuart (16); Margaret Clifford, Margaret Butters, Allan Rattee (17); Lydia David, Alexander Hewson, Ian Summers, Ellen Thompson, Alan Cheshire, Patrick Corbett, John de Bernardo (18); Elizabeth Nye, Andrina Attapattu, John Hoare, Dominique Hawinkels, Bernard O'Callaghan (19); James Long, Lorna Farrow (20); Angelo Jahnke-Taniotaiaola (21).

R.I.P

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

15-21 APRIL : MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Liturgy of the Word and 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: 027 679 0968

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

7 April 2024 - \$1,920.60

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



POPE FRANCIS HAS DECLARED 2025 AS A YEAR OF JUBILEE WITH THE THEME "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

"The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope." Pope Francis

The 2025 Year of Jubilee will give voice to Pope Francis' desire to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment. Preparations are underway. All parishes are encouraged to become involved in this Jubilee Year. The 2024 focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope.

The NZCBC has created an informative webpage. Please visit the website: www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/ to find out more information and watch this space for opportunities to become involved in Jubilee 2025.



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

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>

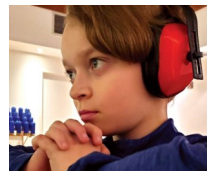
Hi everyone, I'm Katie Fouhy!

Recently I've been given the awesome opportunity to serve as a Summer Missionary for Lifeteen Summer camp in the US, and have started my fundraising journey. Thank you so much for the donations I have already received! I am still only partway to my goal and every bit counts. To know more or to contribute to my fund-raising please visit: <https://donate.lifeteen.com/fundraiser/5330682>



Or email me at: katiefouhy@gmail.com

Thank you so much everyone, your prayers are appreciated.
God bless!



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.


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.



FOUND - USB 4 in 1 cable on driveway (near garage) at Our Lady of Fatima church. Please contact the office: ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz if it belongs 2u.



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*



THE FIFTH GOSPEL PROJECT

Fr John O'Connor's Food For Faith forum is collecting and collating for publication stories of personal experience of God. Please share this invitation and send an experience (up to 400 words) before the end of April to: john@fff.org.nz

More information on this mission is available at: foodforfaith.org.nz/2024/03/telling-the-story



LAST DAYS!

Joshua Wellington invites men to join us this coming *Thursday, 18 April at 7.30pm to the “Loaves and Fishes” next to Anglican Cathedral of St Paul* followed by supper.

Speaker: Fr Kevin Mowbray SM on “How good is our God”
Want to know more? Ring David Monastra 027 4477 280 or email: joshua.wgtn@gmail.com




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



CALLED AND SENT!

A day for the whole family to explore living the Gospel and reaching out to society at large. A programme for children will be provided.

An initiative of the Focolare Movement.
 When: *Saturday, 20 April 9am-4pm* - byo shared finger lunch
 Where: *Home of Compassion, Rhine Street, Island Bay*
 Cost: \$10 per adult, children by donation
 Contact: Gloria - 022 193 1957 or email: mariapolis.nz@gmail.com



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