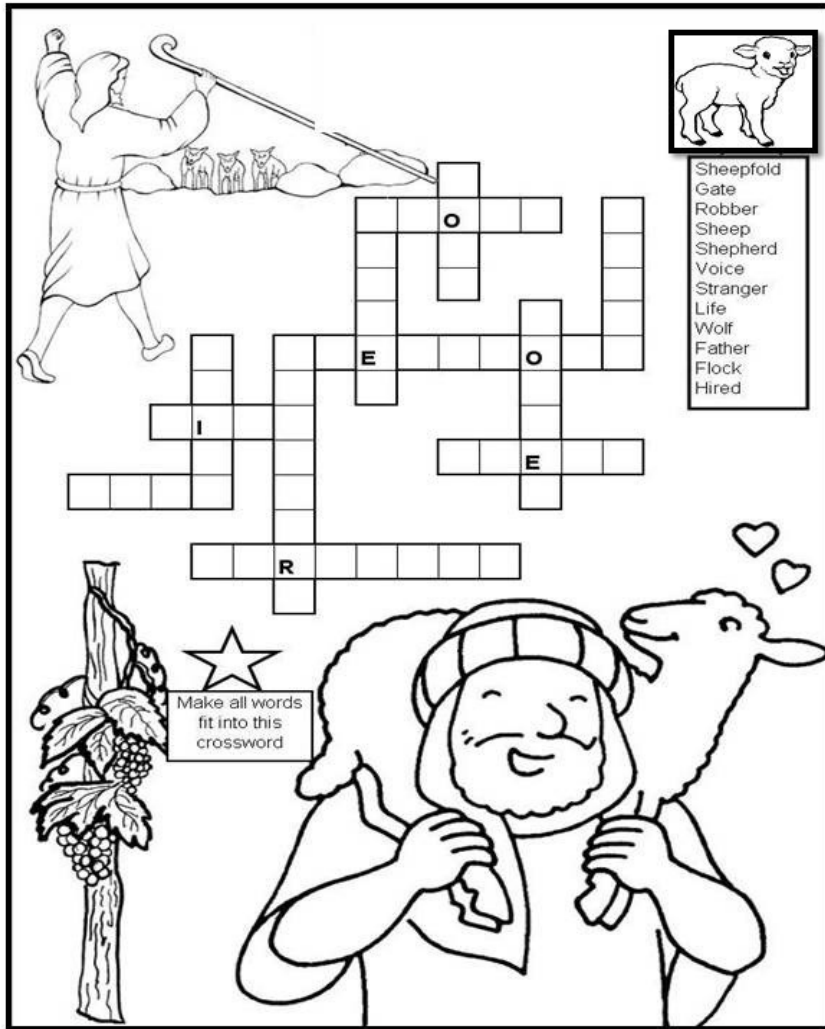
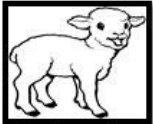


Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The Good Shepherd"





Sheepfold
Gate
Robber
Sheep
Shepherd
Voice
Stranger
Life
Wolf
Father
Flock
Hired

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Make all words
fit into this
crossword

Read John 10:11-18 as a family and fill in the crossword puzzle. Learn how Jesus is the Good Shepherd and how he cares for us.

14 April: RESPONSORIAL PSALM -
The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.



Happenings

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B - 21 APRIL 2024

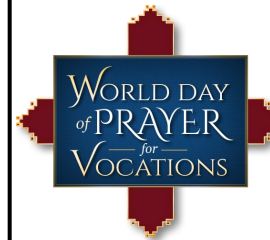
They too will listen to my voice

WE CONTINUE OUR journey through Eastertide, experiencing the joy of the Risen Lord. This fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally features Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and is also kept annually as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

In the **First Reading**, Peter explains that the miracle he has been able to perform came not from him, but from the name of Jesus Christ, the keystone rejected by the builders. The **Psalm**, normally sung by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem, is a thanksgiving prayer from someone who has been rescued from an ordeal. It uses the same cornerstone image as the First Reading. Like Peter, the psalmist acknowledges the Lord as his Saviour.

The writer of the **Second Reading** stresses that we are God's children. Although we might find the path difficult, and feel unsure of what the future holds, we will be transformed into God's likeness when we meet him. In the **Gospel**, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, who is prepared to lay down his life for us; he knows us intimately and wants to bring everyone into his fold.

On this Day of Prayer for Vocations, we might pray that everyone should be willing and able to fulfil their own vocation. We continue to pray for war-torn countries, that they will find a Good Shepherd to guide them out of conflict.



VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is a special day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Please pray for **Joseph Mijares** a Marist seminarian from our parish and **Teresa Rayner** who made her promises with the Missionaries of God's Love in Australia earlier this year. Please also pray for seminarians from our Diocese (including Gerson who spent time in our Parish at Easter) and for all discerning the call to priesthood.

THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - 4th Sunday of Easter

CCC 857:

THE CHURCH IS apostolic because she is founded on the apostles, in three ways:
 - she was and remains built on "the foundation of the Apostles,"³⁶² the witnesses chosen and sent on mission by Christ himself;³⁶³
 - with the help of the Spirit dwelling in her, the Church keeps and hands on the teaching,³⁶⁴ the "good deposit," the salutary words she has heard from the apostles,³⁶⁵
 - she continues to be taught, sanctified, and guided by the apostles until Christ's return, through their successors in pastoral office: the college of bishops, "assisted by priests, in union with the successor of Peter, the Church's supreme pastor":³⁶⁶

You are the eternal Shepherd who never leaves his flock untended. Through the apostles you watch over us and protect us always. You made them shepherds of the flock to share in the work of your Son ...³⁶⁷

362 Eph 2:20; Rev 21:14

363 Cf. Mt 28:16-20; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor 9:1; 15:7-8; Gal 1:1 etc.

364 Cf. Acts 2:42.

365 Cf. 2 Tim 1:13-14.

366 AG 5.

367 Roman Missal, Preface of the Apostles 1



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.



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

Daily Readings 22-28 April

Monday: John 10:1-10; *Tuesday:* John 10:22-30; *Wednesday:* John 12:44-50;

Thursday: John 12:23-28; *Friday:* Mark 16:15-20; *Saturday:* John 14:7-14;

5th Sunday of Easter, Year B: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8



MASSES: Katarina Tokakece, RIP (21).

ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Bernard O'Brian, Gwladys Perrett, Mary Moxey, Mary Coughlan (22); Eileen Gillingham, May Southee, David Nippert, Harold Farrell, Denise Karam (23); Dermot Wilson, Patrick Stephens, Florence Hoare, Raphael Smith (24); Magdalen Walters, Brian McKeown (25); Ita Kemsley (26); Evelyn Falvey (27); Cora Paddison, Emily Sutherland (28).

R.I.P

RECENTLY DECEASED: Katarina Tokakece, RIP 15 April
 (Requiem Mass will be held at 10am at Our Lady of Fatima church on Tuesday 23 April)

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

22-28 APRIL : MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	NO 9am Mass 10am Requiem 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
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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

14 April 2024 - \$2,451.50

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.



HOLY HOUR

You are invited to come to a Holy Hour on *Tuesday, 23 April at the Connolly Hall Chapel beginning at 7.30pm* to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Included in the hour will be prayers, praise and worship, scripture reading and silence, concluding with Benediction. 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 to you.



NZ CATHOLIC (21 April-4 May) Now for sale in church foyers. **Price: \$4** (unchanged for 8 years).

Pope Prays for Peace



Please put money in blue cash box on foyer table

Some headlines for this issue: Call to reduce pressure on costs for integrated schools. Gaza solidarity pilgrimage in Wellington. Universal safeguarding framework published. Feeling at home in a Christian 'ethos'.

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

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/11d1d2cb-8032-42fc-a997-f5e77a1a32e0>

PARISH EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE

After consultation with Our Lady of Hope parishioners and others, the Parish Finance Committee has made the decision **not to continue insuring Our Lady of Fatima church for earthquake damage.**

The decision not to insure St Pius X against earthquake damage was made many years ago.

We did not believe it was prudent use of Parish funds to continue insuring for earthquake damage.

The parish will continue to be insured for damage resulting from other perils like fire, vandalism, storm and flood etc

On top of the increasing premiums there is currently an approximately \$200,000 earthquake damage excess so the package becomes extremely expensive.

The committee was aware that some other Parishes in the Wellington Diocese have come to the same conclusion and are intending to not insure for earthquake damage.

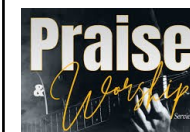
The committee did not make this call lightly. If we were to continue insuring for earthquake damage for another year the reality is that next year the premiums will likely be much higher and we will be in the same position as we are now.

The clear and obvious downside of this decision is that it may put a financial burden on parishioners in the future should we suffer earthquake damage.

We will leave the decision on the table for the next week to allow parishioners to put any compelling argument, not already voice, against the decision.

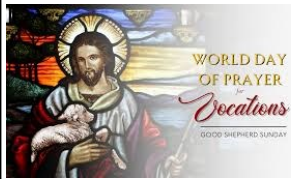


Regards
Graeme Hansen



PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday of the month at *1.30pm at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay*. There will be a time for praying afterwards and a cuppa to finish.



VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today is the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray that more young people will generously say yes to God's call in their lives, and that they will find a supportive community around them.

WHO CAN YOU ENCOURAGE?

Pray for them. Invite them to consider priesthood or religious life. Affirm their gifts and qualities. Encourage them to be open to God's call.

Visit wellingtonpriests.org to explore the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The website features vocation stories of local priests and seminarians, as well as helpful materials for anyone discerning a vocation.

For more info contact Fr Andrew Kim at wellingtonpriests@gmail.com or Lucienne Hensel at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

LORD OF THE HARVEST

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may co-operate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen



SEEK EXPLORE & DISCERN

BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO BE, AND YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA



SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024

@ 12:30PM - 4:30PM

FOLLOWED BY MASS @ 5PM

ST ANNE'S HALL

EMMETT STREET NEWTOWN



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.



GAME ON!

We will be running GAME ON!, our 8 week parenting course for Dads by Dads, in Wellington at the Catholic Social Services premises. Details are as follows:

Starts: *Wednesday 8 May 6.30-8.30pm for 8 weeks*

Venue: *Level 1, 132 Tory Street (upstairs of the Compassion Soup Kitchen)*

Registrations: Please email: reception@wn.catholic.org.nz or phone: (04) 385 8642 or text 027 40 55 469



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All engaged couples are strongly encouraged to attend the Archdiocese of Wellington's flagship marriage preparation course, "Love is a Decision", the next course is on **9 & 16 June at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie.**

For further details or to register, visit: wn.catholic.org.nz/about/church-mission/marriage-ministries or email: marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz

Explore the realities of a lifetime of married love through a variety of relevant topics.

NZ PRIEST TO REPRESENT PRIESTS AT PRE-SYNOD GATHERING OF PRIESTS IN ROME

Fr Craig Butler, Wanganui Parish Priest will represent the Catholic priests of Aotearoa NZ at a gathering of 300 priests from around the world at the Vatican at the "Parish Priests for the Synod: An International Meeting" in Rome from 28 April to 2 May. Further information is online here: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/300priests/

David McLoughlin, Communications Adviser, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference