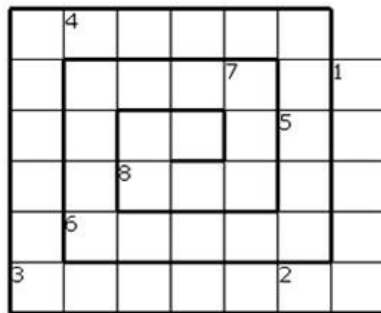


17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus feeds the crowd of 5,000"



1. A large number of persons gathered together
2. Opposite of large
3. The number equal to 6 plus 6
4. Bread baked in one long piece (plural)
5. Human beings -- as a group
6. A container made of woven materials such as straw or twigs
7. A cold-blooded animal with fins and gills that lives in water
8. A male child

WORDS USED

loaves	people	basket	crowd
twelve	fish	boy	small

28 July: RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.



Happenings

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B — 28 JULY 2024

Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted

THE READINGS THIS week focus on the generosity of the Lord who feeds his children "till they want no more", both physically and spiritually. In the **First Reading**, Elisha, the man of God, feeds 100 people with only 20 barley loaves. Despite the misgivings of Elisha's servant, everyone is fed and there are some left over. This story is of course the precursor of the feeding of the 5,000, which is today's Gospel. Despite Philip and Andrew's doubts, five loaves and two fish feed everyone, and yet 12 baskets are still left over.

The **Psalm** continues the same theme of God feeding his creatures, using the image of God opening his hands to give his people the spiritual or physical food they desire. In the **Second Reading**, Paul reminds us that we must preserve unity and peace as we are all part of one Body, sustained by one faith in God the Father of all

This week then, I might pray that all those who hunger for food and for God may be satisfied. I also ask the Lord to help me give generously when I come across people in need, and to find ways of working towards greater unity and peace.



This year's theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps 71:9), recalls the heartfelt plea to the Lord not to be left alone in old age. All too often, in fact, loneliness is a bitter companion in the lives of the elderly due to numerous contingent situations. Yet, as the Holy Father reminds us, God never abandons His children. Not even when strength wanes or life seems less productive. Indeed, in the Bible growing old is a sign of blessing.

THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - 17th Sunday

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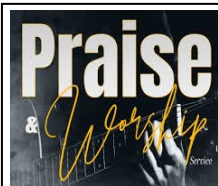
FROM THE BEGINNING, this one Church has been marked by a great *diversity* which comes from both the variety of God's gifts and the diversity of those who receive them. Within the unity of the People of God, a multiplicity of peoples and cultures is gathered together. Among the Church's members, there are different gifts, offices, conditions, and ways of life. "Holding a rightful place in the communion of the Church there are also particular Churches that retain their own traditions."²⁶³ The great richness of such diversity is not opposed to the Church's unity. Yet sin and the burden of its consequences constantly threaten the gift of unity. And so the Apostle has to exhort Christians to "maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."²⁶⁴

CCC : 815

WHAT ARE THESE bonds of unity? Above all, charity "binds everything together in perfect harmony."²⁶⁵ But the unity of the pilgrim Church is also assured by visible bonds of communion:

- profession of one faith received from the Apostles;
- common celebration of divine worship, especially of the sacraments;
- apostolic succession through the sacrament of Holy Orders, maintaining the fraternal concord of God's family.²⁶⁶

263 LG 13 § 2. 264 Eph4:3. 265 Col3:14. 266 Cf. UR2; LG14; CIC, can. 205



A GENTLE TIME OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

We meet on the last Sunday of each month at the same time and venue for praise and worship.

Next prayer time is: **TODAY, Sunday, 28 July at St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay. Starts promptly at 1.30pm and includes Adoration for 1 hour. Finishes between 3.30pm-**

4pm. Open to everyone.

For more info please contact Stephen and Judy Bailey: 021 183 2445.



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

Daily Readings 29 July - 4 August

Monday: John 11:19-27; *Tuesday:* Matt 13:36-43; *Wednesday:* Matthew 13:44-46; *Thursday:* Matt 13:47-53; *Friday:* Matt 13:54-58; *Saturday:* Matt 14:1-12; **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B:** Exodus 16:2-4,12-15; Psalm 78; Ephesians 4:17,20-24; John 6:24-35

MASSES: Novena for Holy Souls in Purgatory (23-31); Althea Galicia, RIP (Birthday) (28).

ANNIVERSARIES:



ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Glen Julius, Arthur Savery, Valmai Parker, William Harbidge, Apolonia Cabrera, Theresa Martin (29); Irene Mouat, Agnes Regan, Cornelius McGrath, Carol O'Neill (30); Ivy Herriot, James Roberts, Russell Snell, Margaret Brooky, Murray Dick (31); Jennie Broderick, David Ratana, Barry Kortegast, Eileen Flemming, Henry Redden, Marie Morley, Murray Henderson (1); Peter O'Neill, Dorothy Moylan, Benjamin McGlone, Rae Mielnik, Margaret Howe **R.I.P** (2); Frederick Borlase, Mary Burns, Alice Hughes, Wallace Johnston, Apolinario D'Souza (3); Winifred Kennedy, Valentine McSweeney, Louis Smith, Beatrice Lander, Bridget Garrat, James McGurk (4).

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

29 JULY - 4 AUGUST: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

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

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St Pius X School: Philippa Matla, Acting Principal Ph: 236 7006
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PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION

21 July 2024 - \$1,746.10

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

UPDATE FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ABUSE IN CARE

On 25 June, the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care presented its final report. Church leaders have publicly thanked the Inquiry for the work they have done in preparing this report.

The Catholic bishops and congregational leaders acknowledge the Church's history and the ongoing trauma of those who have been harmed. Over the past 30 years, the Catholic Church in Aotearoa has made significant progress in responding to reports of abuse and safeguarding. Our focus on safeguarding and care is informed by the past and aims to ensure that people are safe in care today.

All are encouraged to engage with the work of the Royal Commission via their website - www.abuseincare.org.nz/

The Church's response has been co-ordinated by Te Ropu Tautoko - visit their website - tautoko.catholic.org.nz/

The Church takes all complaints of abuse seriously. Complaints of sexual abuse against church personnel in New Zealand are referred to the Church's National Office for Professional Standards (NOPS). Increased public discussion, such as the with the Inquiry, can be the catalyst for people to come forward. We encourage anyone who has been abused by a priest or religious to contact NOPS, for your story to be heard and your complaint to be investigated. Alternatively you may choose to go directly to the Police, and the Church will support anyone who requires assistance to do this.

Email: prof.standards@nzcbc.org.nz

Phone: 0800 114 622

Web: safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/



MARIAN MOTHER'S AUGUST MEETING

The next Marian Mother's meeting will be held on **Monday, 12 August at 10am**. We use material provided by Marist Laity.

We usually talk about what has been happening in our lives with our families, and discuss the topic of the day.

Pre-schoolers are very welcome. Rides can be provided.

Please contact Monique 021 194 1208 for more information.

PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2024

*Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every season of life,
do not abandon us, take care of us,
and grant us, once again,
the ability to discover ourselves
and recognize that we are Your children.*

*Renew our hearts with your Word
and do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness
and teach us to say:
"I will not abandon you!"
to those we meet on our journey.*

*With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
a day without loneliness, and a day abundant
with the first-fruits of Your peace.*

Amen

