

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

"Blessed are you"



"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1: 39-45

22 December: RESPONSORIAL PSALM -
Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.



Happenings

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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C — 22 DECEMBER 2024

Christ is Coming!

THE READINGS THIS weekend are full of an expectation. God's promise through Micah is fulfilled in the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth, and their faith. In the **First Reading**, Micah proclaims that the Messiah will come from Bethlehem and lead his flock back to their land in peace. The **Psalm** is a plea to the Shepherd of Israel for his return, and for the sending of the Messiah, the chosen one. The **Second Reading** from the Letter to the Hebrews emphasises the fact that the Christ who redeemed us took on a human body, like ours.

The **Gospel** helps us gather all these themes: obedience to God's will; faith in his promises; and especially faith in the Incarnation - Jesus our Saviour, already becoming flesh in Mary's womb. May we journey through these last days of Advent in Mary's company, so that Christ may be born in us.



And, blessed is the fruit of your womb

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS TIMETABLE

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa

Tuesday, 24 December - 7pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass

Tuesday, 24 December - Midnight Mass @ Midnight

Wednesday, 25 December - 10.30am Christmas Day Mass

Weekdays and Saturdays - 9am daily Mass; Sundays - 8.30am & 10.30am

New Years Day - 9am Mass

St Pius X Church, Titahi Bay


Wednesday, 25 December - 9am Christmas Day Mass

Thursdays - 10am Mass; Saturday Vigil Mass - 5.30pm


New Years Day - 10.30am Mass

THE CATECHISM CONNECTION - 4th Sunday of Advent

CCC : 516


 CHRIST'S WHOLE EARTHLY life - his words and deeds, his silences and sufferings, indeed his manner of being and speaking - is *Revelation* of the Father. Jesus can say: "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father", and the Father can say: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"¹⁷⁷ Because our Lord became man in order to do his Father's will, even the least characteristics of his mysteries manifest "God's love ... among us".¹⁷⁸

CCC : 517

 CHRIST'S WHOLE LIFE is a mystery of *redemption*. Redemption comes to us above all through the blood of his cross,¹⁷⁹ but this mystery is at work throughout Christ's entire life:

- already in his Incarnation through which by becoming poor he enriches us with his poverty;¹⁸⁰
- in his hidden life which by his submission atones for our disobedience;¹⁸¹
- in his word which purifies its hearers;¹⁸²
- in his healings and exorcisms by which "he took our infirmities and bore our diseases";¹⁸³
- and in his Resurrection by which he justifies us.¹⁸⁴

CCC : 518

 CHRIST'S WHOLE LIFE is a mystery of recapitulation. All Jesus did, said and suffered had for its aim restoring fallen man to his original vocation: When Christ became incarnate and was made man, he recapitulated in himself the long history of mankind and procured for us a "short cut" to salvation, so that what we had lost in Adam, that is, being in the image and likeness of God, we might recover in Christ Jesus.¹⁸⁵ For this reason Christ experienced all the stages of life, thereby giving communion with God to all men.¹⁸⁶

- 177 Jn 14:9; Lk 9:35; cf. Mt 17:5; Mk 9:7 ("my beloved Son").
 178 1 Jn 4:9
 180 Cf. 2 Cor 8:9
 182 Cf. Jn 15:3
 184 Cf. Rom 4:25
 186 St. Irenaeus, *Adv. haeres.* 3, 18, 7: PG 7/1, 937; cf. 2, 22, 4
- 179 Cf. Eph 1:7; Col 1:13-14; 1 Pt 1:18-19
 181 Cf. Lk 2:51
 183 Mt 8:17; cf. Isa 53:4
 185 St. Irenaeus, *Adv. haeres.* 3, 18, 1: PG 7/1, 932



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

MASSES: Maria Orfea Sison Cueto, RIP 7/12 (22); 25th Wedding Anniversary Luellyn & Celeste (23).



ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Miranda (21); Scruffy Silva & Gunadasa Rankothge (22).

ANNIVERSARIES NOW TO 20 JANUARY: Avis Fitzpatrick, Jean Ellis, Eileen Houston (23); Owen Harris, Clive Barry, Norman Hodge, Geoffrey Ellis, Mura Pignet (24); Phyllis Cameron, William Wyatt, Patrick Bolton (25); Jean Holyoake, Vernon Beveridge (27); Claude Taylor, Kevin McCool, Soonafai Ah Kiong (28); Rosetta

R.I.P Rolston, Stanley Alekna, John Leamy, Lorraine Moore (29); Wayne Butler, Alfred Gibbons, Lawrence Gage, Catherine Buckley, Tael Carter, Mary Glover (30); Grace Reilly, Marie Sharp, Mary Sinclair, Maureen McCarron, Louise Heraud, Teresa McKerlie, Jack Kidd (31); Hilda Quinn, Josef Hribar, Imelda Brookings (1 Jan); Kenneth Keleher, Doris Woolcott (2); Margaret Neal (3); Alphonso Mahony, Simon Waugh, Dora Crawford, Robert Delany (4); John Ross, Annie Madams, Denis McGirr, Elsie Farrell (5); Edward Gunson, Donald MacDougall, Sheila Ruddock, Robert Peters, Denis Whooley, Andrea D'Souza, Jason North, Lafaele Mapusua (6); Beryl Smith, John Johnston (7); Francis Sheedy, Ivan Marsden, Constance Stewart (8); Kathleen Brown (9); Jean Clark (11); Faye Moy, Malia Latu (12); Thomas Magee, Kenneth Tofts, Elizabeth Ellis, Eileen Montgomery (13); John Kennedy, Anna Muhary, Mason Cupples-Howard, Agnes Szabo (14); Russell Riordan (15); Christopher Ebert, Dennis Thrall, Robert Kelly, John Tiller, Marie McGahey (16); Joseph Duffy, Armando Mangat (17); Maurice O'Connell, Arthur Tait (18); Mary Hall, Mary O'Brien, Roberta Herron, Peter Parker, Anne McNab, Frank Simonsen, Shirley de Veld, Troy Matthews, Stephanie Jago (19); Doris Nippert, Herman David, Mary Manners (20).

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

23-30 DECEMBER: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHI BAY
Monday	9am Mass, 7pm Simbang Gabi	
Tuesday	9am Mass, 7pm Christmas Family Mass	
Wednesday	Midnight Christmas Mass 10.30am Christmas Day Mass	9am Christmas Day Mass
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

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS will be held at *Our Lady of Fatima Church at 9am* and at *St Pius X Church at 10.30am*.

A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROPSAL TO REPLACE THE RIBBON FENCES IN FRONT OF THE TAWA AND TITAHI BAY CHURCHES

Feedback on the proposal has been positive; in fact, we have had no negative feedback at all.

It is intended to proceed with the design of the structure in the new year, some preliminary designs have already been suggested as well as various religious icons. Fr Rico will lead the design team.

The Finance Committee will be responsible for the construction of the sites, including improving the ground area at the base of the tower (in Tawa) which is inclined to flood.

Regular progress reports will be forthcoming as progress is made to completion of what we hope will become ‘special places’ at Our Lady of Fatima and St Pius X churches.

Helping your Parish financially

Our parish relies on offertory collections to maintain and grow our mission. We are each responsible for the upkeep of our parish. If you would like to join Planned Giving, please contact Jane in the Parish Office - ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz or phone 232 5611. You can give by either weekly envelopes or Automatic Payments with your bank.

We really need and appreciate your support. Our bank account details are: Account Name: Our Lady of Hope Parish - Account No. 02 0552 0033740 00. When making a payment, please include your name and whether the payment is for Parish, Youth etc. in the Particulars and Reference fields. *Thanks*

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**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS/WEEKLY COLLECTION
 15 December 2024 - \$1,869.10**

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



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

24 December 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa
 Join us for this special celebration. Children can come dressed as angels or shepherds and participate in the Christmas play.
 For more info please contact Marie Andrewartha: 021 476 153.



THE WORD IN OTHER WORDS Bible Diary 2025

A helpful companion for those who continually seek to encounter Christ in the Scriptures. The Bible diary 2025 is a decent, meaningful, and useful Christmas Gift. A beautiful way to say, “God loves you!” A limited number are now available for sale at the Parish Office for **\$25** - [cash or payment to Parish A/c: 02 0552 0033740 00. Please include your surname and Bible Dairy in the reference and details - *thanks*].



FOR SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE

2025 Columban Calendars - \$12 [cash only]



Adoration has ceased for 2024 **and will resume on Wednesday, 15 January 2025 following 9am Mass.**

If you would like to join the Adoration roster and commit to spending an hour a week with the Lord, please email the Parish Office - ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz



SIMBANG GABI

SIMBANG GABI / AGUINALDO MASS

This is a series of 9 Evening Masses in anticipation of Christmas and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the Novena Masses which will be held at **7pm from 15-23 December at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Tawa**

and celebrated in English.

DATE	SPONSORS	CHOIR
Saturday 21 December 7pm	Tawa Filipino choir	Tawa Filipino Choir
Sunday 22 December 7pm	Couples for Christ	CFC Choir
Monday 23 December 7pm	Balay, Pinoy SelectionNZ, BM Express and MOA family	Song of Mary

Thank you for your support.

May we have a fruitful celebration of the Birth of Jesus.



ARCHBISHOP OF WELLINGTON

18th December 2024

To the Parishioners in the Archdiocese

Dear brothers and sisters

This year has flown by, and you have all been in my prayers, particularly as we approach the birth of the Christ-child in just over a week's time. I hope and pray that your Advent has been graced; and that you have had an opportunity among all the busy-ness of Christmas preparations to ready your hearts to be filled with the wonder and hope that the birth of Jesus gives to each one of us.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your witness to faith and for the life of our church communities this last 12 months. Thriving parishes and schools are signs of God in our midst, and as I have journeyed around the Archdiocese throughout 2024 I have been filled with gratitude for the ministry I have seen. I want to thank you also for your care of our priests and the support you give to them in their ministry.

I hope that during this Christmas season you may have an opportunity to rest and revitalise your spirits. Thank you to those of you who work during this time so that others may rest, it is very much appreciated.

I look forward to celebrating the Jubilee year of Hope with you in 2025 as we find ways to thank God for all we have and to grow in the virtue of hope.

May the joy and peace of this Christmas season be with and your families.

Yours in Christ

✠ Paul Martin SM
Archbishop of Wellington

Daily Readings 23-29 December

Monday: Luke 1:57-66; *Tuesday:* Luke 1:67-79; *Wednesday:* John 1:1-18;
Thursday: Matthew 10:17-22; *Friday:* John 20:2-8; *Saturday:* Matthew 2:13-18;
Feast of the Holy Family, Year C: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12-14; Psalm 128;
Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

Daily Readings 30 December - 5 January

Monday: Luke 2:36-40; *Tuesday:* John 1:1-18; *Wednesday:* Luke 2:16-21;
Thursday: John 1:19-28; *Friday:* John 1:35-42; *Saturday:* John 1:35-42;
Epiphany of the Lord, Year C: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Daily Readings: 6-12 Jan

Monday: Matthew 4:12-17.23-25; *Tuesday:* Mark 6:34-44; *Wednesday:* Mark 6:45-52;
Thursday: Luke 4:14-22; *Friday:* Luke 5:12-16; *Saturday:* John 3:22-30;
Baptism of the Lord, Year C: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mark 3:15-16.21-22

Daily Readings: 13-19 Jan

Monday: Mark 1:14-20; *Tuesday:* Mark 1:21-28; *Wednesday:* Mark 1:29-39;
Thursday: Mark 1:40-45; *Friday:* Mark 2:1-12; *Saturday:* Mark 2:13-17;
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11;
John 2:1-11

Daily Readings: 20-26 Jan

Monday: Mark 2:18-22; *Tuesday:* Mark 2:23-28; *Wednesday:* Mark 3:1-6;
Thursday: Mark 3:7-12; *Friday:* Mark 3:13-19; *Saturday:* Mark 16:15-18;
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10; Psalm 19B;
1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4 4:14-21

Daily Readings: 27 Jan - 2 Feb

Monday: Mark 3:22-30; *Tuesday:* Mark 3:31-35; *Wednesday:* Mark 4:1-20;
Thursday: Mark 4:21-25; *Friday:* Mark 4:26-34; *Saturday:* Mark 4:35-41;
Presentation of the Lord, Year C: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40



PARISH OFFICE

The office will be closed from Tuesday 24 December. From 13 January it will be open on Mondays from 9.30am-12 noon. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday 28 January 2025.

If you require anything over the holidays I will be monitoring emails, so if you have any queries, please email - ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz. I will also be checking the phone (04) 232 5611, but please use email as your first point of contact over this time.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and safe holidays. *Jane*