

## Second Sunday of Easter

“Peace be with you” – “Sunday of Divine Mercy”

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



# Happenings

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**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C — 27 APRIL 2025**

## NZ Catholics mourn death of Pope Francis

**A**UCKLAND BISHOP STEVE LOWE said Catholics across New Zealand are praying for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and in thanksgiving for his servant leadership.

Pope Francis, who was elected Pope in March 2013, died on Monday evening NZ time. He became the first Pope from outside Europe in 1200 years and the first Pope from the Southern Hemisphere.

“While he didn’t set foot on our shores, we know the deep love that Pope Francis had for the Catholic faithful scattered across the world,” said Bishop Lowe, who is president of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference.

“Through his visits to places like Papua New Guinea, Mongolia and Indonesia, Francis knew the appeal and the impact of the papacy in all corners of the globe.”

Bishop Lowe said one of Pope Francis’ lasting legacies will be his encouragement for the Church to be a place of listening, of dialogue and of discernment.

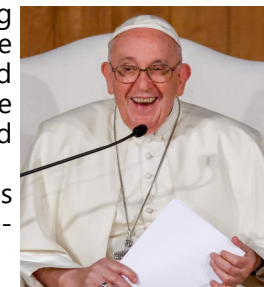
“The Holy Father reminded us of the importance of walking together as the entire People of God - lay people, religious women and men, and clergy - following the path of Jesus,” he said.

“New ways of engaging with one another and new styles of leadership have emerged and are emerging, and we will have Pope Francis to thank for much of that renewal.”

Bishop Lowe said Catholic communities across NZ will be holding special Masses to allow people to pray for Pope Francis.

“There is an obvious and an enduring connection that we Catholics have with Pope Francis, but we invite our Christian brothers and sisters, other people of faith and people who are searching to join us in lifting up our departed brother in prayer,” he said.

“In that sense, we are following the Church’s practice of praying for any person who has died - albeit a Pope on this occasion.” *Courtesy of NZCBC*



## 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>

526 Lk 24:47

527 2 Cor 5:18

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

529 *Roman Catechism* I, 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: 28 April - 4 May

Monday: John 15:12-17; Tuesday: John 3:7-15; Wednesday: John 3:16-21;

Thursday: John 3:31-36; Friday: John 6:1-15; Saturday: John 14:6-9

3rd Sunday of Easter, Yr C: Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Ps 30; Apocalypse 5:11-14; John 21:1-19



**MASSSES:** Thanksgiving Mass 40th Wedding Anniversary Nelson & Kori Laureles (27); Thanksgiving Mass (30).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Francis Higgins (27); Patrick Highsted (29).

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Cora Paddison, Emily Sutherland (28); Geoffrey Merson, Fr Albert Krielen, Morton Wilson (29); Kevin O'Rourke, Ian Morley, Mary McKenna, Bebe Gallagher, Elizabeth Dorgan (30); Mary Taylor, Mark Waite, Kolotita Tomasi, Samuel Langham, John Nelson, Les Denham (1); Alfred Burns, **R.I.P** Nicholas Pulman, John Periman (2); Constance Barker, Martha Collins, John Juchnowicz (3); Lily Smith (4).

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

### 28 APRIL - 4 MAY: MASS & SERVICE TIMES

	OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, TAWA	ST PIUS X CHURCH, TITAHIBAY
Monday	9am Mass	
Tuesday	9am Mass	
Wednesday	9am Mass followed by Adoration to 9pm	
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

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Pene Patelesio

**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: 027 2000 737

**Parish Finance Committee Chairperson:** Brian Lang Ph: 021 241 2113

**St Francis Xavier School:** Joan Woods, Principal Ph: 232 8927

**St Pius X School:** Dr John Young, Principal Ph: 236 7006

**Bishop Viard College:** Chris Theobald, Principal Ph: 237 5248

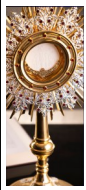
**Filipino Chaplaincy** Web: www.filchap-adw.nz

### DONATIONS

Casual cash donations can now be made using the new EFTPOS machine located in the foyer, enter the amount and then follow screen instructions.

Donations can also be made by direct debit to the Parish bank account:

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### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

All are welcome to join us at a Holy Hour for Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life on *Tuesday, 29 April from 7.30pm-8.30pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon.*



### HOURS OF MERCY

Eucharistic Adoration at *Sacred Heart Cathedral, Thorndon on Fridays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May and 6 June from 10am-2pm.*

Please register as per the poster in the church foyer or call: 022 517 8988.



### JUBILEE FOR WORKERS

Mass for St Joseph the Worker - *St Joseph's Church, Mt Victoria at 9.30am on Sunday, 4 May.* Come and join in this Jubilee Year Mass and reflect on the importance and value of work and the needs of all workers. Catholic teaching encourages us to take actions that support and respect the dignity of human persons, the common good and the importance of work. There will be a 15-minute conversation after Mass for those who would like to consider possible actions.



### ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

*Love is a Decision* - register for the June course on the Archdiocesan website, consecutive *Sundays 8 & 15 June at St Catherine's College, Kilbirnie from 10am-4pm.* Register early as there are limited spaces. Courses available for 2025 will be in September and November. Couples are encouraged to enrol in a course well in advance of their wedding in case they need to defer due to illness etc. For info, email: [marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:marriage@wn.catholic.org.nz)



### ST JOSEPH'S HAWERA - 150 YEARS

St Joseph's Parish and School, Hawera will be celebrating 150 years over Labour Weekend, 24-26 October 2025. All past and present members of the parish and school community are invited to participate in the Jubilee celebrations.

Registration forms and event calendar are available at: [www.stjoeshawera150celebration.co.nz](http://www.stjoeshawera150celebration.co.nz)

For further details, email: [stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com)

A **B I G** thank you to all who assisted with the various ministries at our Holy Week liturgies. You made the liturgies special for those attending.



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 27 April

For those who cannot attend the service at the Cathedral, there will be an opportunity to recite the chaplet at Our Lady of Fatima church after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to join us.



### OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Next gathering - *Sunday, 27 April from 2-4pm at Our Lady of Fatima church, Tawa.*

Join us for games, music, rosary, fun and food. We look forward to seeing you there for a fantastic afternoon together!

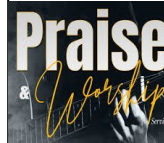
OLOH Parish Tawa-Titahi Bay Youth Group meets twice a month:

- 2nd Sunday at St Pius X School, Titahi Bay, and
- 4th Sunday at Our Lady of Fatima church, Tawa

For more details, contact the leadership team at [olohparishyouth@gmail.com](mailto:olohparishyouth@gmail.com) or call Rebekah Siave on 021 073 6829.

### TALITHA KUM INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP MEETING

*27 April - 2pm-4.15pm - St Pius X Church, Te Pene Ave, Titahi Bay*



Gentle praise and worship, praying against Human Trafficking, praying for our world etc All are welcome to attend. Cuppa to finish. For more info, please contact Stephen & Judy Bailey - 021 183 2445



### DIVINE MERCY FEAST

For this year of Jubilee, the Divine Mercy Feast will be celebrated at *Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hill Street on Sunday, 27 April at 2pm.* It will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul Martin. All are welcome. **There will be no gathering in Tawa this year.** You can bring Holy objects to be blessed. Refreshment and fellowship follows - please bring a plate.

**CAUTION**



**ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORK IN PROGRESS**

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Next week, contractors will be at Our Lady of Fatima church doing essential work on leaks in the church roof. This is a temporary measure until substantive repairs can be carried out in summer. Apologies for any inconvenience.



**TUESDAY LUNCHEON**

Our next luncheon on *Tuesday 6 May at 12 noon in the Our Lady of Fatima church foyer* has an Easter theme.

Everyone 60 years and older is invited. Do come and enjoy this lovely parish lunch. You

will be served sandwiches, savouries and slices and as always some entertainment.

For catering purposes we need you to book your place in advance by phoning either Pat on 461 6122 or Peter on 232 8795 no later than

**Sunday 3 May. Late bookings can only be taken if there are cancellations.** For a cancellation on the day of the luncheon, please

phone Jane in the church office on 232 5611. We ask for \$6 to cover the costs and are looking forward to seeing you!



**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 *Monday, 5 May at 7.30pm in the side chapel of Our Lady of Fatima church in Tawa.* For more info, text Pablo on 021 1650 473.



**PLANNED GIVING**

*New sets of weekly envelopes and tax receipts for the financial year (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025) will be available at all masses on 3/4 May.*

If you give by Automatic Payment and we have your email address, your tax receipt will be emailed to you.

If you are not on planned giving and would like to help the Parish financially, please consider signing up to Automatic Payments or weekly envelopes by emailing the Parish Office: [ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ourladyofhope@xtra.co.nz).

**JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER**

*Written by Pope Francis*

Father in heaven may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

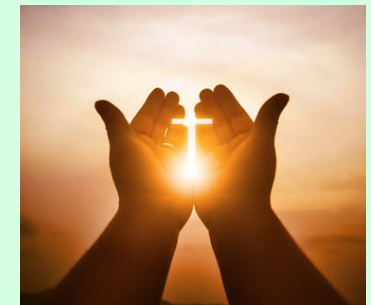


May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

*Amen*



**FOUND**

- 1: Gold bracelet at St Pius Church after 5.30 Mass on 12 April.
- 2: Gold ring at Our Lady of Fatima church after the Easter Vigil on Saturday, 19 April.

Please contact the parish office to claim.