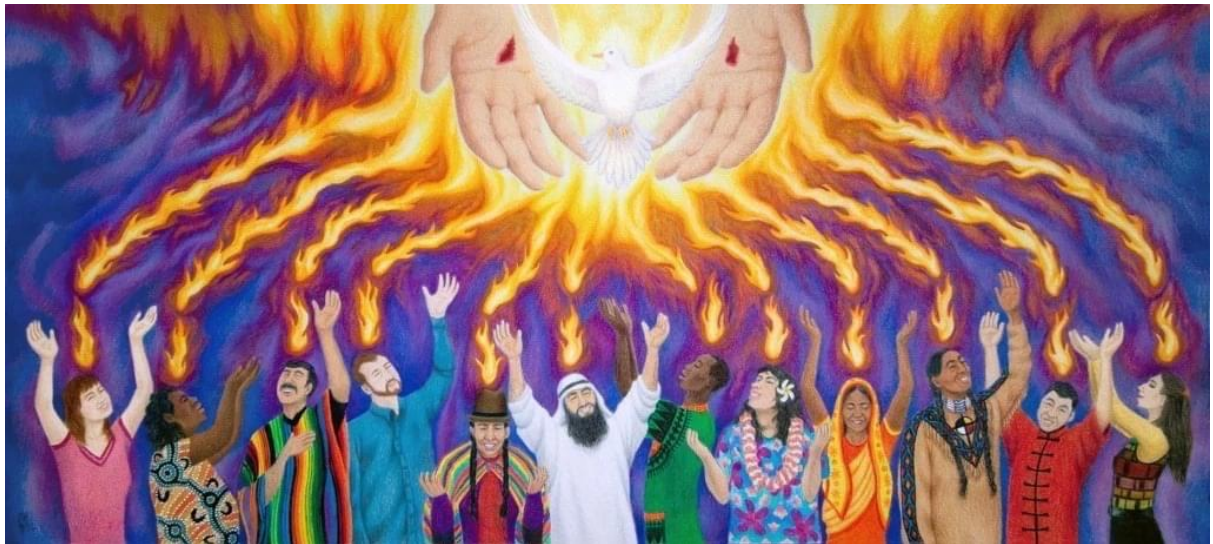




All Saints by the Sea

*Papamoa Coast.*



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## Tauranga Moana Interfaith Council (TMIFC)

### Week of Prayer for World Peace Tauranga Event



The TMIFC very blessed to hold the Week of Prayer for World Peace event in the beautiful Balcony Room at the Historic Village. There was an excellent turnout. Those who attended came from a wide range of faith groups. Even though we came from many different faith backgrounds the message was the same...

#### *Let there be peace on Earth*

Sharing prayers for world peace in this way empowered us with strength in unity and reminded us of the many similarities each faith group has. This meant that we were able to join in most of the prayers and songs presented. If you would like to know more about the TMIFC please 'Like' our Facebook page and follow us. The following is a brief synopsis of some of the prayers that were shared during the event.



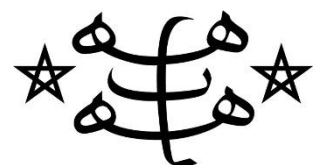
#### Catholics



Give us a vision of our country as a land of tolerance, where all lands and creeds can live together in unity; a land of justice where basic human rights are protected; a land of compassion where poverty is unknown and oppression is ended; and a land of peace where order does not depend on force.

#### Baha'i

Gather all people beneath the shadow of Thy bounty and cause them to unite in harmony so that they may become as the rays of one sun, as the waves of one ocean, and as the fruit of one tree.





*Hare Krishna*

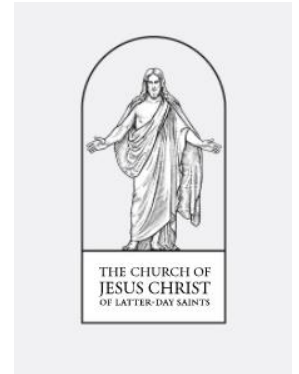
*Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare  
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare*

(The sound vibration of the mantra has a direct impact on the soul)

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



The harmonious singing, bible readings and thoughtful prayer for unity enriched all present.



### Religious Society of Friends, Quakers

Quakers call on every person in Aotearoa New Zealand to bring about whatever changes they can to enable us to live in harmony with one another and with the planet. This included:-



- The hope in the communal response to the Covid-19 crisis across our nation
- A vision is of a society that is inclusive and respectful of all people.
- The sanctity of creation which stops putting profit and consumption above other considerations because the earth's natural limits have been exceeded.



Quakers also encouraged all of us to place peace poles around Tauranga and New Zealand. 'May Peace Prevail on Earth'



### Methodists

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be

### Sikh

The local Sikh Jathedar led us in prayer





## Anglican

Concluded the meeting by leading us in night prayer including this blessing.

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
deep peace of God to you.

**Go in peace and may the God of peace go with you.**

*Report compiled by Shona Woodhead*

### News from our schools....

St.Thomas More Catholic School will be returning to Friday morning Mass from October 30 th. With COVID 19 restrictions it has been difficult for our students to participate in weekly Mass – we have been aware of the need to keep our parishioners safe especially over the winter months. Next Friday our children will be singing, reading the scriptures, sharing the Prayers of the Faithful and participating fully in Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our senior students visited Trevelyan’s Kiwifruit in Te Puke this week to learn more about business and sustainability before they start their own.

Father Stuart and the leaders of learning (teachers) from Suzanne Aubert School have been

on an inspirational trip to the Old Convent on the Whanganui River where they have explored the charism of the Sisters of Compassion.

Aquinas College has featured several times this month in the local news and the Herald. Students from Aquinas have been involved in the Young Innovators Awards, swimmers have returned with medals from national competitions and senior Outdoor education students have experienced the thrills of the rapids at Okere Falls. Try liking our facebook pages to find out more about our schools.

