

**SIXTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
18 JULY 2021**

REFLECTION

In last week's gospel, we read of the disciples being sent out on their mission to preach, cast out devils and cure the sick.

Their mission has been a great success and now they excitedly return to tell Jesus of 'all they had done and taught'.

They are weary but still the people come. They are so busy that they don't even have time to eat! Jesus is aware of their needs and insists that they find a quiet place to rest. But the crowds too have their needs and they follow Jesus and the disciples, yearning for answers to their problems.

Jesus is also moved with compassion when he sees the needs of the people. They are like lost sheep who are desperately searching for truth but don't know where to find it, so he sets himself the task of teaching them and bringing them closer to that truth. Jesus meets the needs of both the disciples and the crowds and thus becomes the 'good shepherd' who will look after his flock.

- In what ways is Jesus meeting your needs at the moment?

SEA SUNDAY THANK YOU!

"I am Captain Percival of Siangtan, a container vessel berthed in Auckland Wharf last Sunday. It so happened to be Sea Sunday. On behalf of my crew and myself, I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support. The plight of seafarers are well highlighted in the media during these Covid times. Many of us have difficulties in returning home to our families with many countries' borders closed. It is good to know we are thought of.
May God bless you all."

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Please make a note in your diary that we will be having a get together and refresher on your ministry at St Mary's at 3PM ON SATURDAY 31st JULY in the church. We would like all Ministers to attend and will send a further email with details shortly.

VACANCY - WOMEN'S PRISON CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY

Permanent part-time position of 24 hours per week. To view the position description and to download an application form, please visit the Auckland Diocese's website
www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz Diocesan Services & Staff Vacancies.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. 10.30am Jose Arcos RIP & Terry Dwyer RIP (died in Brisbane)

CARING FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL

Please support Bishop Pat's Annual Appeal this July. Through your generosity, grants are given to over 60 agencies who care and support the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. If you can support the work of the Foundation on Caring Sunday July 25th or visit our website:
www.caringfoundation.org.nz

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS RCIA AND FOR CHILDREN RCIC

If you have been thinking about becoming a Catholic... Or if you have questions about the Catholic Faith Or if you missed receiving the Sacraments of the church....

Please join us on an unforgettable journey of discovery, discernment and discipleship! The RCIA (adults) next enquiry session will be on 22nd July from 7 to 8pm. RCIC (8-17yrs) parents enquiry/information evening will be on Wednesday 21st July 7 to 8.30pm. To register for either programme or for more information please call the parish office 480 7357 or email adultformation@northcotecatholic.org.nz

YOU ARE INVITED!

To an evening where you can hear about what a "vibrant parish" might look and feel like post Covid-19. Kevin Bailey, Regional Director of Divine Renovation, Australia will be visiting and speaking on Thurs. 29 July 6.30 to 8.30pm Pompallier Centre. Divine Renovation ministry is helping Parishes become more invitational, more welcoming and vibrant in drawing people into and engage with parish life. If you are interested please rsvp to stephenf@cda.org.nz
Registration essential.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMUNION

We will be having two refresher course opportunities for you. We would like all ministers to attend please. You need attend only ONE session either **Wednesday 21st** or **Wednesday 28th July both at 7pm in the church.** You can ask any questions and get to know others in your ministry. We will email you again shortly by way of a reminder.

HOLY ROSARY SERIES

A 6 session series to learn about the history, the prayers and the mysteries of the Rosary, with hands on teaching to make your own Rosary 2 to 4pm Sunday 18 July & 8 Aug. (\$15 per session includes all Rosary making materials and pm tea. To register or more info. Contact rosaryworkshopnz@gmail.com

ALONE AGAIN?

A weekend away to help those suffering the Heartache of Separation, Divorce or Widowhood. On 13-15 August. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organisation that provides support for the grieving single again, Offering an opportunity to turn pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Cost is \$350 or early bird \$325 by 23 July more info. Lynda 027 489 8003 or Kelly 027 686 4416

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please continue to bring non-perishable food along for us to distribute to those families in need in our area. You can leave it in the church or take it directly over to De Paul House. We are in need of Tea, Coffee, Milo, Sugar, Tinned Fish and Meat, Breakfast cereals, Jam, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Pasta & Pasta Sauces, As well as Shampoo, Soap, Toilet Rolls, toothpaste/toothbrushes. Thank you for your monthly cash Donations, if you don't carry cash you can donate online directly to ASB ACCOUNT 12-3035-0505571-00

ACCOMPANYING MINISTRY

Need a listening ear? Journeying through a challenging and difficult time? Our trained mentors are ready to walk with you in such times. Our Parish Office is ready to help you make an appointment. Appointments are available Monday to Friday 10.30am to 3.00pm and Saturday 10am to 12pm. Strict confidentiality and safeguarding Principles are in place for you.

WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO Fr Marchellino who celebrated his 5th Anniversary of Ordination on Friday!!

MONTHLY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Friday 6th August 7 to 9pm at St Benedict's Eden Terrace, Soup and Buns to follow. Come and pay for vocations in our Diocese.

WEAVING TOGETHER LITURGY AND LIFE CONFERENCE

Promises to be a moment of joy, delight and insight along the way of our post-Covid journey. Come!! Let the deep spirituality of the Catholic Church surround, inspire and fill you. Venue: Baradene College of the Sacred Heart. Date/time 4.00pm 7th October to 6.00pm 9th October. Info from website: <https://wuss.org.nz>
Registrations now open

IMPORTANT NOTICE - PARKING !

We have had some complaints from our neighbours on Onewa Road, advising that some parishioners, when coming to Mass at the weekend, are parking in such a way that they are blocking driveways and obscuring the view of traffic movements making entering or leaving their properties extremely dangerous. You should park 1 metre away from a driveway for safety. Please be more careful to avoid being towed away and fined.

TIME OUT DAYS 9.30 AM - 2.30PM

(\$30 includes lunch) 28 July, 24 Aug. 15 Sept. book admin@stfrancisretreatcentre.org.nz

GARAGE SALE

FUNDRAISER FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Venue St Mary's Parish Hall Saturday 24th July 9.00am to 1pm - more donations would be welcome & appreciated. **Please bring small change as there will not be Eftpost or much cash on site.**

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE GROUPS

In recession for the school holidays

DE PAUL HOUSE - FOOD BANK THE CUPBOARD IS BARE!

Can you help to replenish our food bank? Basics needed breakfast cereal, tin fish or meat, rice, pasta, long life milk, jam, honey, peanut butter, shampoo, toothpaste, Tea, coffee, milo etc! All donations much appreciated Telephone (09) 480 5959

HALL FOR HIRE - phone 480 7357 or Email info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

Is responsible for the training of indigenous priests, brothers & sisters in mission countries. NZ contributed NZ\$80,000 which this year has been allocated to assist seminarians in India, Angola & Cameroon. If you would like to send a donation BNZ Missio Ak Account is 02-0506-002247-066

VACANCY AUCKLAND CATHOLIC DIOCESE - TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY

We are looking for a faithful and creative team-player for our team which provides services to students at Auckland University and other Tertiary institutes. While it is a permanent full-time position we are open to two part-time positions (20hrs per week). The focus of the Chaplaincy is to develop a vibrant young adult Catholic ministry providing spiritual and pastoral care through peer support. Visit www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz staff vacancies to view full job description and apply. Applications close 30 July.

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

Online evening sessions: Psalms from the heights of Hymns to the lows of laments! With Br Kieran Fenn Mon 19 & 26 July 7-8.30pm \$25/ session ZOOM for more information and to register: info@studjoy.nz

FAMILY ROSARY IN ST MARY'S PARISH

The family Rosary will be introduced in the parish. It is a devotion wherein a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary visits the home of a Family or an individual for a week (Saturday to Saturday). It encourages the family to pray the Rosary for their own intentions and for the intentions of the world. This will commence on the first Saturday of September 2021. We will organise a roster of families/homes who wish to be visited. If interested, please email your name, address and preferred Saturday date and month to the familyrosary21@gmail.com

REJOICE - AUCKLAND CATHOLIC FESTIVAL 2021

Bishop Pat is pleased to invite you to come together to be inspired, encouraged and strengthened as Catholics at a Diocesan Festival on Saturday 16th October (Last Saturday of school holidays) at St Luke's Catholic Church and Sancta Maria College-Save the date!

Please pray : For the elderly and frail and the sick in our parish, especially, Philip, Johann, Linda F, John McC, Megan S, Peter D, Peter C, John W, Mary L. Shannon, Owen B, Susan C. Brian, Neil M, Katya, S Perry, Kathy M, Matthew S. Ronald B. Paula & Peter O'S, Syrel C, Billy G M. Angus C, Eileen Kit Yung D, Keira, Mark B, Kelly & Craig N, Max W, Ava, David P, Anne C, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Jill O'N, Adam S, Roxanne V-R, Marie B, Colleen S, James F, Lu P, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia, Jenny F, Victoria R, Huda AW, George & Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Sharon L, Alice C, Najla Petros A, Elliot T, Denise C, Jocell D-V

DAILY READINGS

Monday -			
Reading	Exodus	14: 5-18	Cant Exodus
Gospel	Mathew	12:38-42	
Tuesday-			
Reading	Exodus	14:21-15: 1	Cant Exodus
Gospel	Matthew	12:46-50	
Wednesday			
Reading	Exodus	16: 1- 5,9-15	Ps. 78
Gospel	Matthew	13: 1- 9	
Thursday – St Mary Magdalene			
Reading	Songs	3: 1- 4	Ps. 62
Gospel	John	20: 1- 2,11-18	
Friday -			
Reading	Exodus	20: 1-17	Ps. 19B
Gospel	Matthew	13:18-23	
Saturday -			
Reading	Exodus	24: 3- 8	Ps. 50
Gospel	Matthew	13:24-30	
Sunday - Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time			
1st Reading	II Kings	4:42-44	Ps. 145
2nd Reading	Ephesians	4: 1- 6	
Gospel	John	6: 1-15	

NGA TAPUWAE PILGRIMAGE

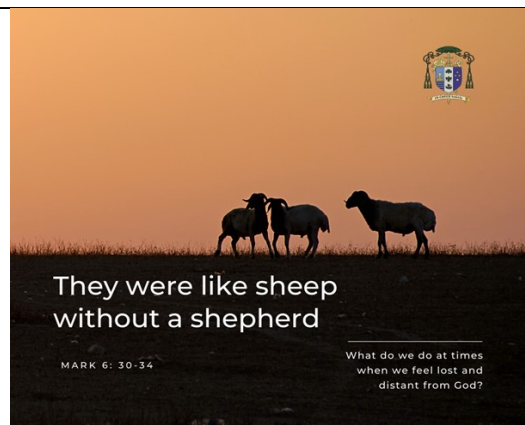
Auckland Diocese are planning a Northland historical pilgrimage, Nga Tapuwae (sacred footsteps) for any parish or group or community who would like to participate. All parishes are cordially invited to get a group of people together, to travel the road, hear the stories and remember our Catholic roots in Aotearoa New Zealand. This will occur from 6th through 9th January 2022 culminating in the celebration of the remembering of Bishop Pompallier's first Mass at Totara Point in 1838. Start planning your group of young adults (20 years and above), hire a van and gather some chaperones now, and we will keep you updated with details of what package we will provide for your group. Formal announcement and registrations of Nga Tapuwae, registration packs will be provided prior to travel. Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Email info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

COVID_19 HYGIENE

Please continue with your good personal hygiene, frequent washing of hands and sanitise when entering the church. PLEASE SCAN OR SIGN-IN WHEN YOU COME TO MASS and continue to follow the 'rules' according to which Covid level we are in! Please stay at home if you have a cold or are unwell and contact your medical Practitioner or the Healthline 0800 611 116 for advice Regarding Covid testing.

CARE OF CHURCH LINEN - 18 July Jane M - 25 July Jan S
CHURCH CLEANING 24 July Malia & Tofu O - 31 July Joy T

FIT FOR MISSION



WEEKEND 24/25 JULY

MASS	ALTAR	PROJECTIONIST
5.30pm	Lily P, Max & Chloris W	Gen L
8.30AM	Zachary S, Gene S, Amelia & Benjamin W	Doristie L
10.30AM	Odette M, Jaiden R, Joseph W, Natalie Rose P	Sheryl M
5.00PM	Dheryl N, Julianne O, Justine R	Jessica K

PRO-LIFE FACTS

The Communist Party of China has recently announced that married women will be encouraged to have three children. This is a dramatic reversal of the 40-year old One-Child policy. Former US anthropologist Steve Mosher, writing in LifeSite News, recounts how he was in China in 1980 when the One-Child policy was ordered nationwide, and witnessed first-hand the forced abortions of baby girls. There is now a shortage of women of child-bearing age, and if the new policy of three children works, it will take a generation to recover. Mosher states that this is a man-made disaster which creates the problem of an estimated 100 million workers reaching retirement age over the next decades, with no one to replace them

For more information visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz