

**TWENTY SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
29 AUGUST 2021**

REFLECTION

This is one of those wonderful examples in Mark's Gospel where he gives an explanation for an audience who may be unfamiliar with the practices of Judaism. (It is widely held that the Gospel of Mark was written in Rome.) He explains the idea of ritual cleanliness as practised by Jews. The Pharisees were a group of especially observant Jews. They took ritual observance very seriously and criticise Jesus' disciples for their lack of observance. In this gospel text, Jesus makes two very important points. First, he observes that the Pharisees are presenting human observances as God's law, binding them to external practices. In doing this they are missing the point of what God truly wants from his people. Becoming obsessed with external practices and rituals is not what God asks of us. The prophet Micah famously put it this way: This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

- Look at today's second reading from the Letter of James. What does that say true religion is really about? The second point that Jesus makes is that it is not what goes into people from the outside that makes them unclean but what is harboured in their hearts and minds. It is the thoughts, words and actions that come from within that truly show what a person is like. Mark is no doubt addressing these comments to his own community, where there may have been a similar tendency to concentrate on the externals of religious practice rather than on what God really asks of his people.
- What might Jesus affirm in your own heart and how might he challenge you to grow further?

ROLE VACANCY

Deputy Executive Officer, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. The Deputy Executive Officer provides support for the work of the Catholic Bishops and their agencies at national level in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. Based at the Catholic Centre Hill St. Wellington visit www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-deputyeo/ for more info

TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY

The Eucharist a Gospel event and sacramental follow-up. We will watch the video recording of the presentations by Prof. Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn fms from 23 August, followed by Q & A with Kieran Fenn fms
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-eucharist-a-gospel-event-and-sacramental-followup/>
More info. & registration info@studyjoy.nz

COVID LEVEL 4 LOCKDOWN

Unfortunately, this means we have to close our church and office until at least Tuesday, 31st August. This does not mean that we cannot be contacted, we are still here to help.

So please do email us

(info@northcotecatholic.org.nz) or leave a message on the answer phone (480 7357) if you need any help, our living church, St Mary's family, does not close!

We will help where we can.

Please keep in touch with your neighbours especially elderly or those you know maybe unwell and/or alone in their bubble.

To know that someone cares and have a friendly chat would cheer them up. Perhaps you could do their shopping, or let us know and we could arrange it.

Keep an eye on the news for developments and we will update on our web or Facebook.

Hopefully we can get back to normal very soon.

Meanwhile keep well and stay safe in prayer.

God bless you all.

Frs Lio & Marchellino



THURSDAY SCRIPTURE GROUPS

continue this Thursday mornings 10.15-11.30, evenings 7.30-8.45
SUSPENDED WHILE ON LEVEL 4 LOCKDOWN
Seven Deadly sins, Seven
Lively Virtues— A Robert Barron series.

ALL SCHEDULED MEETING DATES/TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO COVID LEVELS !!

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

If you are expecting a baby or have an infant you would like to be baptised our next preparation course will be in early September. Two 1 ½ hrs sessions from 7.30 to 9pm. For registration or more information please email the parish office. info@northcotecatholic.org.nz
Attendance at a Preparation Course is mandatory for your first baby.

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

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.

**PARISH RETREAT 2021
"VACATION WITH GOD"**

We are planning a Parish Retreat led by Fr Lio- Friday 26 November 4pm to Saturday 27 November 4pm, venue St Francis Retreat Centre, Hillsborough. Cost is \$135per person includes accommodation and meals. Limited to 25 places on a "first come first served " basis. Please register by emailing info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

**WEBSITE FOR TE ARA A MARIA:
MARY'S WAY PROJECT**

A website has been created to help promote the bishop's renewal of the dedication of the country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. The renewal project has the title *Te Ara a Maria: Mary's Way* and runs for twelve months from 15 August. Website www.tearaamaria.nz contains details of the project. It will be updated regularly To include the schedule of the nationwide hikoī of the artwork created for the project. The hikoī starts on August 18th in Invercargill.

**SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION 2021/2
RECONCILIATION/CONFIRMATION/FIRST
HOLY COMMUNION**

To register your child/ren should be 8 years old by October this year, or older. You will need to attend one of two sessions, either **Sunday 12th September at 12noon or Tuesday 14th September at 6.30pm** in the Foley Centre. Please note that **Children do not need to attend, these sessions are for ADULTS ONLY.** You will need to bring your child/ren's Baptism Certificates, if they were not baptised here at St Mary's & a fee TBA per child which will cover all three Sacraments plus photos of Confirmation/1st Holy Communion liturgies and their celebration supper after Confirmation. We do not take registrations online or via the phone as the registration sessions are important information/teaching sessions. Further info. please call 480 7357 or email: info@northcotecatholic.org.nz

**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

INVITATION FROM BISHOP PAT

"I am writing to invite you to the **Rejoice: Auckland Catholic Festival** to be held on **Saturday 16 October 2021** at Sancta Maria College/ St Luke's Church, Flat Bush.

Come and gather to be affirmed, inspired, encouraged and strengthened as Catholics so as to continue to love and serve as missionary disciples in parishes, ethnic communities, schools and our wider society. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** Everyone in the Diocese, no matter how young or old, is invited to be part of this exciting event. Here is an opportunity for the Diocese to come together to rejoice in the Lord - the source of our joy. As Pope Francis says *'Now, more than ever ... we need a movement of people who know we need each other, who have a sense of responsibility to others and to the world.'* (Let Us Dream 2021). So please bring your community to join Bishop Michael and myself in Flat Bush for this all day event on Saturday 16 October. As a Diocese, let us take this opportunity to encounter Christ afresh and celebrate our Faith.

We begin with a Festival Mass at 9.00am and the day concludes at 5.0pm. There will be talks, workshops, prayer fellowship and fun. A separate programme for children will be offered alongside the main programme. This is a family-friendly event! Lunch will be provided and the whole celebration is free. Registrations open in August and further announcements will be made on the line-up of speakers. In the evening, a Youth Festival will be held from 7 to 10pm at the same venue.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Patrick Dunn Bishop of Auckland"

DIOCESAN RESOURCES IN TIMES OF LOCKDOWN

Sunday Mass is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb7o1XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow>.

Mass also on Shine at 2pm Sunday.

Liturgy of the Word for Sunday with links to appropriate music videos, suggestion for reflections, accompanied with a Power Point for Sharing aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/ritual-prayers

Daily Reflections by Bishops Pat and Michael Reflections on Facebook [Bishop Pat and Bishop Michael](#)

Online Rosary contact anita@stpatricks.org.nz to join at 10.00am and 8pm from the team at the Cathedral Parish

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP LAUNCH PARTY

An exciting online event for Teens and young adults kicking off the registration for Life Teen Summer Camp 2022 with ACYM Sun. 29 Aug. 7pm. All details on Facebook.

LIFE TEEN SUMMER CAMP AUCKLAND

Organised by the Catholic Diocese of Auckland will take place from 14 to 18th January 2022 at YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua. We welcome all Teens (13 to 17 years) to join St Mary's Northcote as a large group.

Please get in touch with us ASAP on email: stmaryslifeteennorthcote@gmail.com expressing your interest. Parents please encourage your teens to attend as it will be an amazing experience for them. For more information visit <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/acym/itscak22/>

MORE LINKS FOR YOU

Kids Corner

<https://aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/22nd-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings

<https://aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Top-encouraging-phrases-for-children.pdf>

Staying Alive During Lockdown A fun, radio talk-show style event for youth and young adults on Instagram live, sharing our top tips and hilarious stories for staying alive in lockdown. With ACYM. Wednesdays 7pm [Instagram](#)

Please pray : For the elderly and frail and the sick in our parish, especially, Philip, Yohann, 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, Luca M

FIT FOR MISSION



WEEKEND

MASS	ALTAR	PROJECTIONIST
5.30pm	Ch...	Gen L
8.30AM		Doristie L
10.30AM		Sheryl M
5.00PM	S... V-R, Niketa F	Daniel N

LEVEL 4 LOCK DOWN NO MASS AT ST MARY'S!

DAILY READINGS

Monday -			
Reading	I Thess.	4:13-18	Ps. 96
Gospel	Luke	4:16-30	
Tuesday-			
Reading	I Thess.	5: 1- 6,9-11	Ps. 27
Gospel	Luke	4:31-37	
Wednesday			
Reading	Colossians	1: 1- 8	Ps. 52
Gospel	Luke	4:38-44	
Thursday -			
Reading	Colossians	1: 9-14	Ps. 98
Gospel	Luke	5: 1-11	
Friday - St Gregory the Great			
Reading	Colossians	1:15-20	Ps. 97
Gospel	Luke	5:33-39	
Saturday -			
Reading	Colossians	1:21-23	Ps. 54
Gospel	Luke	6: 1- 5	
Sunday - Twenty Third Week in Ordinary Time			
1st Reading	Isaiah	35: 4- 7	Ps. 146
2nd Reading	James	2: 1- 5	
Gospel	Mark	7:31-37	

PRO-LIFE FACTS

Our previous abortion law permitted a lawful late term abortion only if two doctors agreed it was necessary to save the life of a mother or to prevent serious permanent injury to her mental or physical health. Under the Abortion Legislation Act 2020, a late term abortion may be provided if a qualified health professional considers it clinically appropriate. They are required to consult with another qualified health professional, but a consensus is not required. Furthermore, Parliament rejected amendments which would have made it an offence to abort an unborn child based solely on grounds of sex selection or disability.

For more information visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz