

**TWENTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
05 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**REFLECTION**

The geographical indicators in this gospel are very important. Mark is at pains to tell us exactly which way Jesus travels. (Maps are readily available using a quick internet search. Where you can locate the places mentioned in this gospel. Following the route as outlined, Jesus would not have set foot on Jewish territory. He remains in Gentile land.) The healing offered by the Good News is for all people to access. The miracle is not wrought by the use of gestures alone. Placing his fingers in the ears and his own spittle on the tongue of the man produces no magic results by itself. To these gestures are added Jesus' gaze towards heaven, a sign of his union with God, and the commanding word of Jesus. It is this combination of the actions and the words of Jesus that produces the results. This man is now open to a whole new way of living in the world, no longer dependent on others but free to take his place in the community. The prophecy of Isaiah in today's first reading has been fulfilled. When the Lord comes, the ears of the deaf will be opened and the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. These are signs of the advent (coming) of the Messiah. In last week's gospel, Jesus had clashed with the religious leadership of Israel and their lack of understanding of who he is. In this text, however, we see that it is the Gentiles who recognise Jesus and are open to his message and ministry.

- What message may Mark's audience have taken from this point? What message may we take from it?
- What are the things of the world today that may cause people to fail to recognise Jesus?

**TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY  
ON LINE EVENING SESSIONS**

**The Gospel of Luke - Introduction** with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 06 September, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM.

**The Gospel of Luke – The Gospel of the New Church Year** with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays, 13 September -11 October, 7-8.30pm. Free. ZOOM. Series of 5 parts.

All sessions are connected but also stand alone. \$25/session or \$90/series of 5 sessions. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-gospel-of-luke/>

For more information and registration: [info@studyjoy.nz](mailto:info@studyjoy.nz)

**COVID LEVEL 4 LOCKDOWN**

Unfortunately, this means our church and office will be closed until at least until at least Tuesday, 14th September. This does not mean that we cannot be contacted, we are still here to help. So please do email us ([info@northcotecatholic.org.nz](mailto: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



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

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

Both of our Fathers (Lio and Marchellino) and all of our parish Dad's and Granddad's - God's blessings on you all!

**N.Z. CATHOLIC AVAILABLE ON LINE**

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/25f770ac-5f43-4534-abc8-db3a6d9c451e>

**THURSDAY SCRIPTURE GROUPS**

continue this Thursday mornings 10.15-11.30, eve- nings 7.30- 8.45  
Seven Dead-ly sins, Seven  
**SUSPENDED WHILE ON LEVEL 4 LOCKDOWN**  
Lively Virtues– A Robert Barron series.

**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**



The event link: <https://fb.me/e/4EoJXQt6j>  
When: 9am on Saturday morning **The Zoom details are** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82541885204?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82541885204?pwd=NTFXFS21HRM1VTUNYMy0STGZjYjYUOT9)  
[pwd=NTFXFS21HRM1VTUNYMy0STGZjYjYUOT9](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82541885204?pwd=NTFXFS21HRM1VTUNYMy0STGZjYjYUOT9)  
Meeting ID: 825 4188 520 Passcode: 087756

**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](mailto:info@northcotecatholic.org.nz)

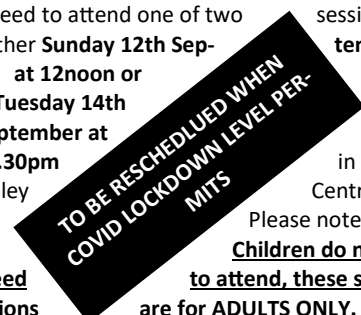
**THE SEASON OF CREATION**

is celebrated worldwide in the month of September ending with the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on 4<sup>th</sup> October. This year the global Christian family will participate in initiatives of **prayer, sustainability, and advocacy to care for our common home**. This year's Season of Creation symbol is **Abraham's tent**. It expresses the ecumenical call of radical hospitality, safeguarding a place for all creatures, human and non-human in the household (oikos) of God. Further info. prayers and other liturgy resources can be found at [Justice & Peace - Catholic Diocese of Auckland \(aucklandcatholic.org.nz\)](https://www.justiceandpeace.org.nz/) at the Environment & Sustainability tab.

**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



**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"

**MORE LINKS FOR YOU**

Kids Corner

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/23rd-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Some-Ideas-for-Activities-for-Children-in-Lockdown.pdf>

Staying alive in 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

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Monday -</b>			
Reading	Colossians	1:24- 2: 3	Ps. 62
Gospel	Luke	6: 6-11	
<b>Tuesday-</b>			
Reading	Colossians	2: 6-15	Ps. 145
Gospel	Luke	6:12-19	
<b>Wednesday - Birth of Blessed Virgin Mar</b>			
Reading	Micah	5: 1- 48	Ps. 13
Gospel	Matthew	1: 1-16,18-23	
<b>Thursday -</b>			
Reading	Colossians	3: 12-17	Ps. 150
Gospel	Luke	6:27-38	
<b>Friday -</b>			
Reading	I Timothy	1: 1- 2,12-14	Ps. 16
Gospel	Luke	6:39-42	
<b>Saturday -</b>			
Reading	I Timothy	1:15-17	Ps. 113
Gospel	Luke	6:43-49	
<b>Sunday - Twenty Fourth Week in Ordinary Time</b>			
1st Reading	Isaiah	50: 5- 9	Ps. 116A
2nd Reading	James	2:14-18	
Gospel	Mark	8:27-35	

**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-mOW1mJSzfo>.

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](http://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](mailto:anita@stpatricks.org.nz) to join at 10.00am and 8pm from the team at the Cathedral Parish

This week is 'Safeguarding week' with Child Protection as the focus, a **Child Protection Week** the Safeguarding Children link <https://safeguardingchildren.org.nz/child-protection-week/>

Diocesan vacancies Counsellor & Chief Financial Officer go to [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz) Staff Vacancies

**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.

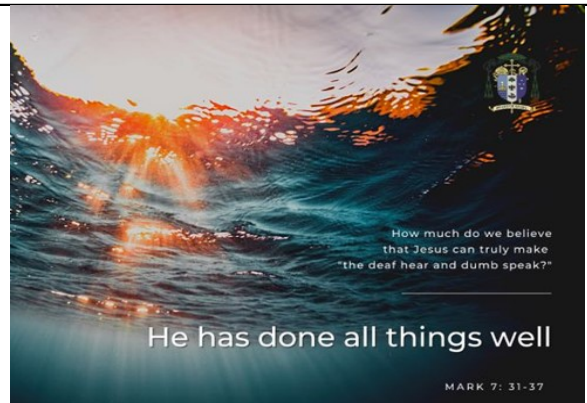
Please get in touch with us ASAP on email:

[stmaryslifeteennorthcote@gmail.com](mailto: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/Itsck22/>

**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!**

**PRO-LIFE FACTS**

While pro-life activities involving gatherings are prevented during covid, signing the petition calling for the House of Representatives to repeal the Abortion Legislation Act 2020 is one way to continue to be a voice for unborn children (visit <https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/petition>). Letters to the editor and use of social media can also help to maintain awareness of this important issue. You could take the time to learn more about the different organisations that work to protect the lives of unborn children, or offer counselling and practical support to expectant mothers considering abortion, or have had abortions, and their whānau, and consider becoming involved and supporting this important work when it is possible.

For more pro-life information, visit [voiceforlife.org.nz](http://voiceforlife.org.nz)