

**TWENTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
12 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**REFLECTION**

Mark's Gospel contains many instructions on what it means to be a disciple. Ironically, it is often the twelve who fail the test of discipleship, while many of the minor characters in Mark provide wonderful models of true understanding. In this text, we have one example of Peter's imperfect understanding of the mission and ministry of Jesus. The question as to who Jesus is leads to one of the great acclamations of faith in the gospels:  
'You are the Christ.'

Peter knows that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who is to come. What he fails to understand is the type of messiah that Jesus is. Peter refuses to accept that Jesus will suffer rejection and be put to death. He cannot comprehend such an end!

Peter may well have wanted the Davidic messiah who would liberate Israel from Roman occupation. He is thinking in the ways of man, not in the ways of God. He is an obstacle in the path that Jesus knows he must follow. His will be a messiahship of service, of suffering and of self-giving love. There is no triumph apart from the cross. To be a disciple is to walk this same path of service, suffering and self-giving love.

**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)

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

**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)

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

**COVID LEVEL 4 LOCKDOWN**

Unfortunately, this means our church and office will be closed 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.  
Fr's Lio & Marchellino



**PRAY MASS**  
**SUNDAYS @ 2.00pm SHINE TV**  
Free-to-air TV Channel 25  
SKY TV Channel 201

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

**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](http://www.tearaamaria.nz) contains details of the project. It will be updated regularly to include the schedule of the nationwide hiko of the artwork created for the project.

**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, evenings 7.30-8.45  
Seven in the evening  
Seven Deadly sins, Lively Virtues— A Robert

**WEAVING TOGETHER LITURGY AND LIFE CONFERENCE  
REGRETFULLY CANCELLED DUE TO COVID LOCKDOWN!**

**THIS WEEK ON LINE**

**Monday 13/09, 6:15pm CYAC Vocations Series: A Journey to the Priesthood**

The Catholic Young Adults Community continues their Vocations Series this week! Tune in to hear newly-ordained priest, Fr. Isaac Fransen, share about his personal journey towards priesthood.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1298302237259435>

**Tuesday 14/09, 7pm**

**Exploring the Book of Revelation with Robert Loretz**

Looking for an evening of faith formation? This Tues. Robert Loretz and the Auckland Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy team will be exploring one of the most fascinating books of the Bible, the book of Revelation.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1011473819426730/>

**Wednesday 15/09, 7pm**

**Livin' in Lockdown #4 // Mental Health**

Join the ACYM team for a laid-back, radio talk-show style event for youth & young adults on Facebook Live. We're tackling the very important topic of mental health.

<https://www.facebook.com/AKCYM>

**Saturday 18/09, 8pm**

**An Evening with Internationally Acclaimed Speaker and Musician, Fr Rob Galea!**

Join us for a night of formation, music and Q&A with internationally acclaimed speaker and musician, Fr. Rob Galea! Fr. Rob will be joining us on Zoom to share practical ways that we can overcome fear and pursue our God-given potential.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82124381475>

**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 \(aucklandcatholic.org.nz\)](http://Justice & Peace - Catholic Diocese of Auckland (aucklandcatholic.org.nz)) at the Environment & Sustainability tab.

**SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION 2021/2**

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

**TO BE RESCHEDULED WHEN COVID LOCKDOWN LEVEL PERMITS**

**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/2021/09/24th-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>

Parent Ponderings

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2-Important-keys-to-great-parenting.pdf>

**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**

**Monday - St John Chrysostom**

Reading I Timothy 2: 1- 8 Ps. 28  
Gospel Luke 7: 1-10

**Tuesday - Exaltation of the Cross**

1st Reading Numbers 21: 4- 9 Ps. 78  
2nd Reading Philippians 2: 6-11  
Gospel John 3:13-27

**Wednesday - Our Lady of Sorrows**

Reading Hebrews 5: 7- 9 Ps. 31  
Gospel John 19:25-27

**Thursday - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian**

Reading I Timothy 4: 12-16 Ps. 111  
Gospel Luke 7:36-50

**Friday -**

Reading I Timothy 6: 2-12 Ps. 49  
Gospel Luke 8: 1- 3

**Saturday -**

Reading I Timothy 6:13-16 Ps. 100  
Gospel Luke 8: 4-15

**Sunday - Twenty Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading Wisdom 2:12,17-20 Ps. 54  
2nd Reading James 3:16-4:3  
Gospel Mark 9:30-37

**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-mOW1mJSzfw>.

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](https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/ritual-prayers)

Daily Reflections by Bishops Pat and Michael Reflections on Facebook [Bishop Pat and Bishop Michael](https://www.facebook.com/BishopPatandBishopMichael)

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/Itsckak22/>

**FIT FOR MISSION**



**WEEKEND**

MASS	ALTM	PROJECTIONIST
5.30pm		Gen L
8.30AM		Doristie L
10.30AM	Rose P	Sheryl M
5.00PM	Joebie S, Savannah V-R, Niketa F	Daniel N

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

**PRO-LIFE FACTS**

The pro-life cause met major obstacles last year, with a majority of MPs voting for abortion on demand in March 2020. But there are signs of hope, as new younger pro-life advocates emerge. For instance, as a result of attending the 2021 ACTIV8 week-long pro-life training retreat for young pro-lifers, a young student nurse has deepened her commitment to promoting a culture of life in New Zealand. She wrote a long letter of thanks to Voice for Life, which covered her fees for attending the course. She wrote: "I am vowing to become an advocate for the pro-life movement in my circles of influence, using my experience in social media as an effective platform. "I cannot emphasise how much I appreciate the experience you have enabled me to have at ACTIV8. The ways in which you have upskilled, empowered and inspired me to make a difference in the world from here on!".

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