

**24 JULY 2022**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**REFLECTION**

The God of this gospel text is not a vague and distant God but one who is in an intimate relationship of love—that of a father. If ordinary parents know what is good for their children and want to give them all that is good, how much more will our Father in heaven give us what we need. Asking our Father for the things that we need (rather than the things we want) is an expression of our dependence on God. To ask is to place ourselves in a state of cooperation with God. We also have to commit ourselves to working towards that which we pray for or else prayer becomes a way of evading responsibility and we make God into some kind of Santa Claus.

- So often we abuse this privilege of asking God for the things we need. In what ways can this happen?
- In what ways can we turn prayer and petition into something inappropriate?
  - Persistence is praised in this text. Have there been times when you have felt like giving up on your journey?
  - What has kept you persevering?

**GUITARS WANTED**

Catholic Prison Chaplaincy is seeking any unwanted working guitars for use within the Prisons in the Auckland Diocese. If you would like to donate a guitar please call John (021 0865 2181) to arrange a drop off at Catholic Social Services.

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME**

If you are involved in our Planned Giving Programme and would like a Tax receipt Please email the office at [info@northcotecatholic.org](mailto:info@northcotecatholic.org).

**COVID\_19 HYGIENE**

Please continue with your good personal hygiene, frequent washing of hands and sanitise when entering the church. Please stay at home if you have a cold or are unwell and do a Rapid Antigen Test, if you test positive then please contact your medical Practitioner or Healthline 0800 611 116 for advice.

The parish have some RAT's Test Kits available if you are unable to source them yourselves. Please enquire at the Parish Office

**YOUR PARISH STILL NEEDS HELP!**

Ministers of the Word @ 10.30am 5pm  
Church Cleaners-good family job  
Care for Altar Linen  
Mass Coordinators 8.30am 10.30am & 5pm  
Projectionists 5.30pm & 10.30am  
Training given to all and these ministries are rostered  
On a monthly or six weekly basis contact the office if YOU can help please 480 7357 or [info@northcotecatholic.org](mailto:info@northcotecatholic.org)

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

New sets of envelopes through to end of June 2023 are now available in the church for collection. Please take yours today. If your set is not there please email the parish office [info@northcotecatholic.org](mailto:info@northcotecatholic.org) or call on Monday 480 7357 and we will ensure that your set will be available next week.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME THE EASY WAY TO CONTRIBUTE IS ONLINE (FEW PEOPLE CARRY CASH ANYMORE). TO ARRANGE FOR ON LINE DONATIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE**  
[info@northcotecatholic.org](mailto:info@northcotecatholic.org)  
Or call (09) 480 7357.

**If you join you can obtain a Tax Receipt at the end of the Financial Year and claim back 1/3rd of your donations, a great form of saving!!**

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING**

A training/retraining of all Altar Servers has been set down as Follows:  
4.30pm on Friday 26th August & 4.00pm on Saturday 27th August  
Once you have attended ONE of these sessions, we will again be able to roster you at the Mass your family usually attends.  
Any queries please contact the office on 480 7357.

**JOSHUA CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP JULY MEETING**

Wednesday 27th July, 7.30 to 9.30pm  
At St Joseph's Centre, Takapuna.  
The meeting will reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel reading (Luke 12:13-21) What does it say about our attitudes to-wealth-Greed and Detachment. Come and join other men of faith in the spirit of prayer, fellowship and meet over a cuppa All men welcome!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat. 5.30pm** Warren Fayers—taking his Vows as a Franciscan Monk & Mark Manuel on his birthday: **Sun. 5pm** Phyllis O'Sullivan RIP mother of Mary, Paula, Peter & Margaret **Thurs. 9.15am** Ismael RIP (39th Anniv.)

**COVID UP DATE**

**Numbers in church UNRESTRICTED**  
**You no longer have to book for Mass.**

However, we are still in Level Orange, so we would still encourage you wear a mask while in church and sanitise your hands as you enter. You may keep up-dated by visiting our homepage at [www.northcotecatholic.org](http://www.northcotecatholic.org) or our Facebook Page [facebook.com/northcotecatholic](https://www.facebook.com/northcotecatholic) or Email [info@northcotecatholic.org](mailto:info@northcotecatholic.org) If all else fails then call the office 480 7357



**HEARTS AFLAME**  
*Fides et Scientia*

**HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL**

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back this summer with ten days of world-class lecturers, uplifting prayer and authentic Community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing Experience for young adults 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton from 30/12/22 until 8/01/23! You can register at [www.heartsaflame.org.nz/registration](http://www.heartsaflame.org.nz/registration) or find out more at our website or on social media.

**RESOURCES IN TIMES OF COVID-19 PROTECTION FRAMEWORK**

Diocese has a page dedicated to key info. places of worship at this time go to [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/covid-protection-framework/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/covid-protection-framework/)

**We pray for all the sick , especially those in our parish and for all those who care for them.**

**TITIPOUNAMU STUDY & JOY ON LINE Mary of Nazareth**

with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin and Kieran Fenn  
fms Monday 22 August 7-8.30pm ZOOM Koha/  
Donations Welcome [www.studyjoy.nz/events/mary-of-nazareth/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/events/mary-of-nazareth/)

**Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at .** [www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/](http://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/)

**NZ CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER ONLY \$4 (UNCHANGED FOR 8 YEARS)**

Headlines for the current issue  
Bishop Michael Gielen installed in Christchurch.  
Mental Health focus of CWL appeal.  
Cardinal Dew at Plenary Council in Sydney.  
Presbytery housekeeper in Gore for nearly 30 years

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY**

Thank you to all that contributed to and listened through the diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality. The synthesis document of the voices of the people of Auckland has been submitted. It can be read/downloaded from the diocesan website

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

**DE PAUL HOUSE**

Have provided housing & family support services for the most vulnerable for over 30 years. A Vacancy for a caring & experienced community support worker/social worker. Please visit De Paul House website: [www.depaulhouse.org.nz/work-with-us](http://www.depaulhouse.org.nz/work-with-us) For full details then submit CV to [admin@depaulhouse.org](mailto:admin@depaulhouse.org)

### STARLIGHT TALENT SHOWCASE 2022

Our North Shore Regional Talent Showcase- **STARLIGHT** - is back again this year on 30th July (NEXT SATURDAY) at Rosmini College. We would love to see our various parishes come and support our youth in showcasing their talent. Ticket sold on line and if there are any youth who would like to participate, please encourage them to enrol. More details on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/starlighttalentshowcase>

### ROSARY BEADS FOR REPAIR

Can be left in the container provided in the church foyer with your name/contact number. They will be collected and repaired by a kind parishioner FREE OF CHARGE. You can also place beyond repair blessed beads in the container, they will be used to repair other Rosaries.

### LINKS FOR KIDS CORNER AND PARENT PONDERINGS

Kids Corner [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/SEVENTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/SEVENTEENTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf)  
Parent Ponderings [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/The-Extra-Mile.pdf](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/The-Extra-Mile.pdf)

### SEE THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Enquiries are invited for a 21 day pilgrimage to Israel, Jordan & Palestine, leaving on 2nd May 2023. Led by Pat McCarthy, former Editor of NZ Catholic., Chaplain Fr Chris Denham. Itinerary includes 6 nights Galilee, 5 night Jerusalem, 4 night Bethlehem, 2 nights Petra & 1 by the Dead Sea. More details [patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:patsuzie@slingshot.co.nz)

**SUNDAY MASS** A reminder that the Diocese continues to broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded Saturday night (as per Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic <https://youtube.com/channel/UCb701XYfQet-mOW1mJSzfow> from 6 February it will also be broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2pm Free-to-air TV Channel25, Sky TV Channel 201

### CHRISTINE BELL COACHING

**Achieving your goals, step by step** Phone: 021 234 4765 Diabetes | Weight loss | Relationships Mental Health | Addiction

**CARE OF ALTAR LINEN** 24 July Michelle J **CHURCH CLEANING** 30 July Issa N

**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, Kelly & Craig N, Max W, Ava, David P, Anne C, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Adam S, Roxanne V-R, Colleen S, James F, Lu P, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia, Jenny F, Victoria R, Huda AW, Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Alice C, Najla Petros A, Denise C, Jocell D-V, Luca M, Tui O'S, Maselino L.

### DAILY READINGS

#### Monday St James, Apostle

Reading Corinthians 4: 7-15 Ps. 126  
Gospel Matthew 20:20-28

#### Tuesday Sts Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary

Reading Ecclesiasticus 44: 1,10-15 Ps. 132  
Gospel Matthew 13:16-17

#### Wednesday

1st Reading Jeremiah 15:10,16-21 Ps. 59  
Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

#### Thursday

Reading Jeremiah 18: 1-..6 Ps. 146  
Gospel Matthew 13:47-53

#### Friday St Martha

Reading Jeremiah 26: 1- 9 Ps. 69  
Gospel Matthew 13:54-58

#### Saturday—

Reading Jeremiah 26:11-16 Ps. 69  
Gospel Matthew 14: 1-12

#### Sunday 18th Sunday Ordinary Time

1st Reading Ecclesiastes 1: 2,2:21-23 Ps. 90  
2nd Reading Colossians 3: 1- 5,9-11  
Gospel Luke 12:13-21

### NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

#### Mission Map Momentum

10.30am—2.15pm Saturday 27.08.22,—St Francis Xavier, Whangarei RSVP 22.08.22—Our Lady of the Assumption, Onehunga RSVP 19.09.22 15.10.22—St Joseph's, Takapuna RSVP 10.10.22 The Diocese will provide lunch Please register with [Aucklandcatholic.org.nz/missionmap/momentum](http://Aucklandcatholic.org.nz/missionmap/momentum)

#### How relevant is the Old Testament in our lives today?

Find out more, register for this course I Auckland SC501 Understanding the Old Testament. Saturdays 06 August, 03 September & 01 October (9am to 4pm) St Columba Centre, Ponsonby. Lecturer: Rev. Kevin Wadie SM Enquire at [office@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:office@ctc.ac.nz) or call 819 8380 Catholic Theological College [www.cyc.ac.nz](http://www.cyc.ac.nz)

#### CDA CONNECT

Check out this month's issue of CDA CONNECT : <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/services/cda-connect/> it is a great way to find out all that is happening in the diocese and how you can get involved.

#### CATHOLIC CARING FOUNDATION

Please remember the Caring Foundation's annual appeal on Caring Sunday 31st July (Next Sunday). The need in our community is even greater this year! A donation to our annual appeal will help families throughout the diocese! For ways to donate go to [www.caringfoundation.org.nz](http://www.caringfoundation.org.nz) or please take home our latest newsletter.

#### Accompanying Survivors of Sexual Harm: A workshop for Church Leaders

If you lead a ministry in the church or are involved with supporting the vulnerable in your community, come and join us for a one day workshop facilitated by Dr Rocio Figueroa (Theologian & Lecturer at CTC), Dr Emily Colgan (Snr Lecturer & Academic Director at Trinity College), and Lisa Spriggins (Head of Counselling at Laidlaw College. Saturday 20th August 9am to 4pm CTC Campus, 40 Vermont Street, Ponsonby. Registration fee \$15 (includes tea/coffee but excludes lunch—plenty of options around Ponsonby area). Free parking on site go to <https://forms.office.com/r/x8KstC4xEs> Register and for programme overview [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/accompanying-survivors](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/accompanying-survivors)

#### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Alone Again? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on 23 to 25th September. The Beginning Experience is a non-profit organisation that provides support for the grieving single again and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of growth. The total cost for two nights accommodation, meals, materials and reunion is \$350 with EARLY BIRD cost \$325 if paid by 8th August. For further information please phone Lynda on 027 489 8003 or (09) 478 9742 or Kelly evenings 027 686 4416 [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

#### GIANNA'S CHOICE PREGNANCY OPTIONS & SUPPORT

Under the patronage of Bishop Emeritus Patrick Dunn ...pledges to all women and girls facing an unplanned pregnancy, regardless of creed or personal Circumstances, every possible help with practical, moral and financial support as necessary, in order that they may give life to their baby.'

We also have a very well appointed and staffed home, *Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies*, situated close to all motorway access south of Auckland All enquiries are welcome Individual plans and programmes are made for each mother and their baby Mothers out of Auckland, all travel arrangements will be made free of charge For more information, please phone 0800 367 5433 or email [nzgiannaschoice@gmail.com](mailto:nzgiannaschoice@gmail.com) to request an information pack.

Ask, and it will be given to you;  
Search, and you will find;  
Knock, and the door will  
be opened to you.

LUKE 11: 1-13

How intimate are we in our  
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