

**06TH JULY 2025**  
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**REFLECTION**

In today's Gospel, we read the commissioning of the disciples by the Lord. We see that the Lord does something a little bit unusual and perhaps for our modern standard, a bit inefficient! He sends His disciples out two by two. Why would the Lord do this? With all the ground that He has to cover, with all the souls that need to hear the message of the Kingdom of God, why wouldn't He just send them out one-by-one? As a homilist once put it years ago: "If these disciples can survive each other, they can survive anything the world, the flesh and the devil can throw at them!"

Yes it is true that, at times, we can be our own worst enemies! How can we, all of whom are different and have radically different ideas and styles and ways of going about things, look beyond ourselves and pull it together so that the Church can grow? The first lesson to learn is that it is not about us, it's never about us, it's all about the Lord and how best we can serve Him with our very lives. This is an important lesson for all of us to remember when it comes to the nature of collegiality and cooperation on the parochial level, on the diocesan level and on the interdiocesan level. Sometimes, it doesn't matter where the souls, minds and hearts of the faithful are being formed and fed and who is doing the ministry, all that matters is that the souls, minds and hearts of the faithful are formed and fed.

On the parish level, how many of us have seen dedicated parishioners grow upset when one organization assists in accomplishing something for the parish that is traditionally "theirs"? When newer faces come to help and some of the long-time helpers in these areas seem threatened, are we able to be like Christ and to reassure them that "whoever is not against us is for us"?

On the diocesan level, are we who are involved in the various ministries and apostolates in our own local parishes open and willing to Collaborate with our neighbouring parishes for the good of our people? If one of our local parishes is able to offer something that our resources, facility or staff can't, do we actively encourage it and promote it to our people? Or do we just start up our own version of it?

Discipleship in the Lord comes with the understanding that we are all, ultimately, as the Scriptures phrase it, "useless servants." We all need to pull together and sanctify the world by what we say and what we do. We speak so much evangelization, of showing mercy to those outside the church, those who might feel marginalized. There is an old expression of which I would like to remind us all:

"Charity begins at home." If we can give credible witness to the reality of our faith to each other, to other believers, to other practicing Catholics, then we surely can do so for the rest of the world. Jesus sends His disciples out, two by two. May we never forget His wisdom in doing so.

Extracts from the writings of Rev. John P Cush, STD

**NEW WEEKEND ROSTERS**

Have been sent out via email this week. If you did not get yours then please advise the office - quite a few were returned!!! If you have changed your email please let us know.

The rosters go through to the end of October. The parish Office email is [office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz).

We are in urgent need of two Mass Coordinators and two projectionists for the 10.30am Sunday Masses.

PLEASE consider helping at YOUR PARISH MASSES neither job is too difficult and training will be given.

**DISCERNMENT WORKSHOPS  
INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNAL**

Saturday 19th July 9.30am to 3.30pm

Fee is \$35.00 per session

Drawing on the work of Ignatius of Loyola these days will look at discernment practice that will help us find the freedom in God that so often eludes us.

Presenter Adriana Janus

Venue: Hou Mana Wai Mercy Wellsprings, 104 The Drive, Epsom.

To register [cathryn@mercywellsprings.org.nz](mailto:cathryn@mercywellsprings.org.nz)

**REMINDER RE PARKING!**

You must not block the entrance and exit ways onto church grounds in case there is a need for an emergency vehicle to be called. Only park in the marked spaces, so as not to block another vehicle. **When parking on the street, DO NOT PARK ACROSS NEIGHBOURS DRIVEWAYS, if you do you WILL be TOWED AWAY**

**COME JOIN US! MAKE YOUR  
ATTENDANCE AT MASS MORE**

**MEANINGFUL!** Thursday Scripture Study & Reflection *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass*. 10 beautifully presented topics. Discover why we Catholics do what we do at Mass, why the liturgy is a major theme that runs through the entire bible ..... more next week!!!

**HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER  
SCHOOL**

Ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community. A life-changing experience for young adults 18-35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and to meet other Catholic young adults from all over NZ. Join us this time at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton from Jan 02 to 11 2026! Registrations open 06 July at 1pm. We sell out fast so be in quick! More info or Register Visit [Heartsaflame.org.nz](http://Heartsaflame.org.nz)

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME**

New sets of envelopes from July are available in the church today. **If your set is not there please contact the office.** If you are not in our programme and would like to join like to join then contact the office for a personal number. [office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)

If you join you can gain a tax rebate at the end of the tax year of 1/3rd of your contributions!

**IMPORTANT UPDATE:**

If you would like to read the Onewa Road Corridor Optimisation Public Feedback Report please go to our webpage. [www.northctecatholic.org.nz](http://www.northctecatholic.org.nz)

**HELP!**

The parish St Vincent de Paul monthly cash collection will take place after all Masses this weekend. Still in desperate need of more help in collecting & distributing bread, once every six weeks, and help for delivering Food Parcels More info 027 202 9916 Christine or 021 154 3428 Cath.

**CHILDREN'S FORMATION  
(EDUCATION IN FAITH)**

If your child has been baptised, attends a non-Catholic school and would like to know more about their faith, these classes provide an opportunity for them to learn and grow in understanding of our Catholic religion. **The classes are a requirement for those children wishing to register for the Sacramental Programme later this year.**

Classes are on a Sunday morning. Enq. [childrenformation@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:childrenformation@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)

**FRIDAY'S EXPOSITION,  
ADORATION & BENEDICTION OF  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

We need more parishioners to dedicate one hour and be rostered for Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Please give your name and time preference to Pauline in the Parish Office, or you may give your name and time preference to Rose 022 580 7851

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE**

Financial assistance is available to assist families who may need financial support with payment of Attendance Dues for preference students attending both primary and secondary Catholic Schools in the Auckland Diocese. [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/catholic-schools-2/)

**NEW TO OUR PARISH?**

Please let us know you are here by contacting the parish office either on 480 7357, or by entering your name in our New Parishioners book in the church. alternatively email us on [office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz](mailto:office@stmarysnorthcote.org.nz)

**DE PAUL HOUSE**

Please continue to bring along non perishable foods, tin meat or fish, pasta, rice, sugar, long-life milk, tea, coffee, Milo or hot chocolate, breakfast cereals, flour, biscuits, spreads to make school lunches, etc. You can also bring toiletries, toilet soap as well as washing powder & dishwash anything you would use in a home.

**ENROL AT TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC  
THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

"Study anywhere, at your own pace, with support from qualified lecturers. Online Courses, semester 2 starts July 21. To see courses offered go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/distance](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/distance)

**Diocesan Parish Council met 7 June**

Newsletter link [www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/June-25-Newsletter.pdf](http://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/June-25-Newsletter.pdf)

### THE EUCHARIST - DO YOU KNOW? MINI BOOKLET

You will remember the series of talks that Fr Lio presented on the Eucharist, the content of this series of talks has been made into a beautiful Mini Booklet (by Joyce Ng) and copies are available for a gold coin donation from the parish office. You are welcome to come and have a look!

### ST MARY'S COLLEGE AUCKLAND 175TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Labor Weekend (Friday 24th – Sunday 26th October)

2025 marks 175 years since the Sisters of Mercy arrived in NZ and founded St Mary's College. Past pupils, teachers and friends are invited to a weekend of celebrations, including a cocktail function, school tours and displays, and a family picnic and Mass at the school. Gala Jubilee Dinner at RNZ Yacht Squadron on Saturday. For more information go to [pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:pastpupilsstmarys@gmail.com)

### HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERING

Are you interested in learning more about Catholic Chaplaincy including the qualities and understanding important to be effective in the role? You are warmly invited to an information seminar Sat. 16 August 10am-12.30pm at Diocesan Centre more info contact Deacon Stephen 021 439 407 or John Metherell 021 0865 2181

### NORTH SHORE REGIONAL STARLIGHT TALENT SHOWCASE

Come, support and cheer our youth 19th July at 7.00pm, in Rosmini Auditorium. For ticket information visit Instagram (@starlight\_ns) or Facebook (@starlighttalentshowcase)

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Liturgy Centre is presenting two combined lectures for these ministries, focusing on the theology and an emphasis on the Practicalities. All deaneries are invites to attend one of these workshops, which will be hosted as follows:

Saturday 19th July, 1pm to 4pm Holy Cross Papatoetoe

Sunday 20th July, 1pm to 4pm St John's Mairangi Bay.

Please register via the link or contact your parish office/priest.

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/formation/>

### MASS INTENTIONS

**5.30pm Sat.** Daniel Turalakey RIP (55th Anniv.) and Rufina Erbasio RIP; **8.30am Sun.** Ranjini Dias RIP & Alfi D'Souza RIP

**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, Katya, S Perry,

Kathy M, Matthew S, Ronald B, Syrel C, Billy G, M. Angus C, Keira, Max W,

David P, Yvonne S, Andrew C, Lauren S, Fe T, Jamie S-W, Adam S, Colleen S,

James F, Lu P, Caroline C, Connie B, John H, Emily D, Sebastian C, Lucia,

Victoria R, Huda AW, Hilda P, David K, Maria O, Alice C, Najla, Petros A,

Jocell D-V, Luca M, Maselino L, Ann C, Letalie V, Yvonne P, Helen McBride,

Orille F, Connie B, Patricia W, Elizabeth S, M O'S, Jason P, Maria & Andre T,

Chike E, Ted H, Eileen B, Dorothy T, Bridget & Helen R. Emily G, June B, John

R, John S, Pearl D, Patricia Maunsell, Mary G.

### DAILY READINGS

<b>Monday</b>				
Reading	Genesis	28:10-22	Ps.	91
Gospel	Matthew	9:18-26		
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Reading	Genesis	32:23-33	Ps.	17
Gospel	Matthew	9:32-38		
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Reading	Genesis	41:55-57,42: 5- 7,17-24	Ps.	33
Gospel	Matthew	10: 1- 7		
<b>Thursday</b>				
Reading	Genesis	44:18-21,23-29,45: 1- 5	Ps.	105
Gospel	Matthew	10: 7-15		
<b>Friday St Benedict</b>				
Reading	Genesis	46: 1- 7,28-30	Ps.	37
Gospel	Matthew	10:16-23		
<b>Saturday</b>				
Reading	Genesis	49:29-33,50:15-25	Ps.	33
Gospel	Matthew	10:24-33		
<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>				
1st Reading	Deuteronomy	30:10-14	Ps.	69
2nd Reading	Colossians	1:15-20		
Gospel	Luke	10:25-37		

### NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

**Bishop Steve Speaks** tune into the diocesan YouTube channel playlist Bishop Steve Speaks to hear him reflecting on the readings of Sunday and other moments of conversation.

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVDDAAH6gEBFpCzXcTLhpW\\_-gsxny4e](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYVDDAAH6gEBFpCzXcTLhpW_-gsxny4e)

**Billings LIFE NZ** - Billings Ovulation Method Seminar - Natural Fertility Management Auckland 12 &13th July 2025. For further details phone

0800 693 378, email: [info@billingslife.org.nz](mailto:info@billingslife.org.nz) or visit [www.billingslife.org.nz/](http://www.billingslife.org.nz/)

**World Youth Day Auckland 2025: Signs of hope Sat. 02nd August**

**10am to 8.30pm** Calling all young people aged 13-35 (and their awesome youth leaders!) Join over 1,500 young Catholics at the Victory Convention Centre for World Youth Day Auckland 2025 - a massive joy-filled day of faith, community and HOPE. Get ready for dynamic speakers, uplifting praise and worship, powerful prayer experiences, delicious (free) kai. Mass with Bishop Steve Lowe, and huge celebration of our Catholic faith. Follow the link for more details and to register

<https://events.humanitix.com/wydak25>

[www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinar2025)

**Music Director required for the St Patrick & St Joseph Cathedral** Are you passionate about sacred music and building vibrant, faith-filled communities through music? Our Cathedral is looking for a **dynamic & visionary Music Director** to help grow and shape our music ministry. You would work with talented cantors& organists, choirs and music groups. For more information or to have a friendly, informal

Conversation about the role please contact Fr Craig [frcraig@stpatricks.org.nz](mailto:frcraig@stpatricks.org.nz)

Deadline for applications Friday 11th July.

**Monte Cecilia Housing Trust—Chair and Trustee Vacancies** Monte Cecilia Housing Trust supports families experiencing homelessness across Auckland and is seeking a new Chair & a Trustee (appointed by the Bishop) to join the Board. If you have a heart for this mission contact Mel Keane at [info@amyltea.co.nz](mailto:info@amyltea.co.nz) Applications close Wednesday 23rd July.



*"Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves." Luke 10: 1-12 17-20*

*When you encounter obstacles in life, what helps you remain steady in your faith?*

### CHURCH CLEANING

12 July Valdez Family

19 July Hoa N

**ALTAR LINEN**

06 July Prisca T

13 July Ninette C

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP 2025!

Meets on the first Sunday of every month at 6pm in the Foley Centre (immediately after 5pm Mass). Our next meeting is this **Sunday 06 July** Anyone between the ages of 16-25 is most welcome. Come along and meet other young adults in the parish and learn more about our amazing Catholic faith. **BONUS!** - we also have a Young Adults Music Group. If you'd like to join please let us know. For more information or to register your interest please contact Gracia [gnasrun88@gmail.com](mailto:gnasrun88@gmail.com)

### PROLIFE FACTS

Join the Auckland Voice for Life Committee for an inspiring and thought-provoking day of pro-life training designed to inform and empower.

International speaker **Brendan Malone** will provide in-depth explanations of the foundations of the pro-life position, uncovering the ideological influences that shape today's cultural attitudes. You'll also hear from **Ellie Whitaker**, who will unpack the popular pro-choice arguments, and share practical strategies for engaging in these conversations from a pro-life perspective, with clarity and compassion.

– **Saturday 19 July 2025 / 9:00am–5:00pm – Reformed Church of the North Shore – Free to attend, and lunch is provided – Register at [voiceforlife.org.nz/](http://voiceforlife.org.nz/) AUCKEquip (this will assist with catering) –**

**Contact [auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz](mailto:auckland@voiceforlife.org.nz) for more details**

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