



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday 6th September, 2020

23rd Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A



FORGIVENESS IN COMMUNITY

Today's Gospel is Matthew 18: 15-20

How is the community of Jesus supposed to respond to hurts and arguments that come from living together?

- Is there anyone you need to approach 'face to face'?
- Anger and resentment cripple Christian hearts and disciples. Who are your 'two or three' guides to help your reconciliation journey?
- If reconciliation does not result, do we exclude or offer continued hopeful patience? What did Jesus do?
- The goal of Christian community is to witness to the world the love of Christ with each other. The authority to bind and loose is given by Jesus to the community in the context of prayer and agreement together. Is there need for prayer and discernment with a group about decisions you (or your ministry group, parish...) are making?

Sunday Readings

6th September 2020

1st Readings

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading

Romans 13: 8-10

Gospel

Matthew 18: 15-20

13th September 2020

1st Readings

Sirach 27: 30-28:7

Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

2nd Reading

Romans 14: 7-9

Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

Alert Level 2.5 Restrictions

With the announcement of the Level 2.5 retained for at least two more weeks, we will continue to have the same conditions as before.

- The church will be open, from 7.00 am till 7.00 pm, limited to ten people at one time.
- Please sign in or use the App QR code.
- Please use masks and the hand sanitizers provided.
- Please keep the two-meter distance requirement.
- There will be no Public gatherings for Mass.

SEASON OF CREATION

Pope Francis established 1st September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

The Season of Creation, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. This year also marks the 5 year anniversary for Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si - On Care for our Common Home".



WE PRAY

- **For the Church** – that the baptised discern what is unjust, speak out against injustices and act to bring about a more loving and equitable world.
- **For world leaders** – that they listen to their people, use their power to care for those who are vulnerable, and create safety and autonomy for indigenous communities.
- **For an end to the Covid-19 pandemic** – that a vaccine be found and justly distributed, and that people whose mental wellbeing has suffered in this time be supported by family, friends and neighbours.
- **For Aotearoa New Zealand in this election year** – that the needs of the poor, including the planet which Pope Francis refers to as among the poorest of the poor, are given priority.



O God listen to our voice. In your kind mercy, help us to keep your commandments. May we grow stronger in loving our neighbour and caring for our world. May we be people who seek reconciliation and healing in all things. We ask this through your Son Jesus who lives and dwells with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please Pray for our Parishioners



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Noreen Fletcher, Gordon Lepper, Leticia de Ramos Hernandez (Mother of Nanette Feria) Emmet Fayne, Sonjia Brown, Dulcie Jones, Monika Ika, Ernie Madden

THE SICK:

Lagi Vaike, Alan Taylor, Tahaafe Emilio, Pei Isa'ako Baice, Tuioti Fu'a Baice Pauline Maxwell, Valda, Rosie, Fotulafai Siliva Chungsum, Marija Dorotich, Joan Dickens, Stephanie Hilliar, Maureen Foster, Barry Fraei, Kamalijit Dsor, Nurani Khan, Pat Fitzpatrick, Rosalynn Clark, Henry O'Neil, David Ifopo, Francis Gallego, Olivia del Valle, Su'a Pese, Peter Dickens, Marie Dephoff, Alice McElhinney, Kevin Nelson, Nadia Kourkgy, Naomi Daculan, Jean & Gordon Lepper, Amelia Kaihea, Janette Vinall, George Koteka, Steve Meredith, Frances Te Amo, Uera Redfern, Molly Winkley, John Bland, Chanele, Broughton, Ron Scholten, Stella Sequeira, Lily Fernandes, John Coombe, Philip Coombe, Brian & Nadene Fahey, Luis Cabral, Raj Kaur, Claudia Medeiros, Richard Stewart

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you know someone who is interested in our Catholic faith? Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is for you. Come along to our remaining 2x enquiry sessions, on Zoom Fridays 11th & 18th September at 7pm. No commitment required afterwards. For more information: Contact Therese Lautua 0212636812

BLESS OUR FATHERS

Fathers tend to be taken for granted. We invariably make more of a fuss over Mum on Mother's Day than Dad on Father's Day. Dads are taken for granted like the sun in our family sky that warms and gives life but isn't much thought about unless he goes missing.

Yet this denies the enormous impact fathers truly have on their children; while a dad's nurturing may often take the form of playful roughhousing and silly jokes, his influence is quite serious and significant: the presence of a loving father greatly increases a child's chances of success, confidence and resilience, physical and mental well-being, and yes, quite naturally, their sense of humour.

Heavenly Father,

Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children. We honour our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modelling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.



Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people - and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day.

Amen.
- Tony Rossi

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Notices

Family is important and to keep your family secure.

If you have need for help, please do not hesitate to ask. We have so many ways of helping, personal, family needs, and support is available. There are many services available to help in these tough times. We are all in this together.

Marist Messenger Free Giveaway

Doreen Lightfoot has an A4 box size of past issues of the Marist Messenger magazine that she's giving away. They have plenty of wonderful reflections, articles and prayers on various faith topics. Contact the Parish Office to take them.

Our Condolences

We have sad news. Our Operational Manager Tine Kalati, lost her brother Palaamo Kalati. Last week we heard of his sudden and accidental death. We offer our sympathy to Palaamo's wife and seven children, and to the family of Tine, the Mum and Dad and all who are grieving.

Online Session (Evening): Mary, the Mother of God - A Contemporary Understanding of Mary with Br Kieran Fenn

who has a wonderful way of bringing Scripture alive. Topic on Monday, 7 September, 7-8.30pm: Mary in the Gospel of Luke. Fee: \$25/session. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. ZOOM. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

Online Session (Retreat Day): Homecoming - A Journey of Transformation (Prodigal Son) with Eamon Butler

Saturday, 19 September, 10.30am-4pm. Fee: \$60. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz



First signs
of Spring
at
St. Anne's