



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday 20th September, 2020

25th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A



THE GENEROSITY OF GOD

Today's Gospel is Matthew 20: 1-16

The Christian community was Jewish but gradually swelled with Gentile converts. Jews who had served long in faithful obedience to the Law now saw Gentiles coming in at the last 'hour' and receiving the same 'reward'. They were upset. God seems almost ludicrously generous.

- Who do you identify with in the parable?
- What is your emotional response to the parable and why?

The landowner's (God's) generosity creates a problem then and for us. The world's expectation is strict justice. More hours worked = more money. Fewer hours worked = less money.

- Does this build a 'just society'?
- Why is justice easier to manage than mercy?

Sunday Readings

20th September 2020

1st Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

2nd Reading

Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Gospel

Matthew 20: 1-16

27th September 2020

1st Readings

Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Psalms 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14.

2nd Reading

Philippians 2: 1-11

Gospel

Matthew 21: 28-32

Alert Level 2.5 Restrictions

With the announcement of the Level 2.5 retained, 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

Excerpts from Pope Francis' General Audience - 16th September 2020

Contemplating and caring: these are two attitudes that show the way to correct and rebalance our relationship as human beings with creation.

In order to come through this pandemic it is necessary to “to look after and care for each other.” “We must support those who care for the weakest, the sick and the elderly,” he said, because they “play a vital role in today's society, even if they often do not receive the recognition and remuneration they deserve.”

This care, Pope Francis went on to say, “must also address our common home” “All forms of life are interconnected”, he continued, “and our health depends on that of the ecosystems that God created and entrusted to us to care for.

Practical tips for caring for the environment



Turn off lights you're not using and when you leave the room. Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent or LED ones.

Turn off the heat/air conditioning when you're not home.



Cut (or reduce) eating beef and dairy. As a byproduct of their four-stomached digestive system, cattle produce and emit significant quantities of methane, a greenhouse gas that is 23 times more potent by quantity than Carbon Dioxide. The livestock industry contributes a lot to manmade greenhouse gas emissions.



Eat locally-produced and organic food. Transporting food requires petroleum-based fuels, and many fertilizers are also fossil fuel-based.

Creative and nourishing God, you feed us like the birds of the air with Earth's free gifts and nourish us by the work of human hands.

Your gifts tell of your abiding presence with us in our journey.

You have shown yourself faithful to your Covenant promises.

Guide our journey with the peoples, cultures and the Cosmos in every age until your new creation is made complete.

Amen

GENERAL ELECTION 2020

NZ Catholic Bishops Election Statement 2020

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/Catholic-Bishops-Election-Statement-2020.pdf>

As Bishops it is not our role to tell you who to vote for. We are called to assist in forming consciences in the light of the Gospel, not to replace them. It is our role to guide people to look to the wellbeing of everyone in our political decision-making – especially the most vulnerable – as well as the wellbeing of our planet.

Rather than thinking about what will benefit each of us personally regarding the election and referendum choices we face, we ask you to pray and discern what will protect the poor and vulnerable and what will uphold the dignity of creation so that we create a connected future for all, without discarding any of us.

End of Life Choice Referendum

Urging a “no” vote in the End of Life Choice Act referendum, the bishops say the demand for euthanasia is driven not by pain but by personal and emotional factors such as fear of being a burden or being disabled, fears that reflect negative attitudes towards the elderly and disabled that run deep in society.



Cannabis Legalisation and Control Referendum

The cannabis referendum is about whether or not to legalise recreational cannabis. It is not about medicinal cannabis. Regulations to provide and improve access to quality medicinal cannabis products were passed in April 2020.

The bishops say as proprietors of many of the country’s 237 Catholic schools with 66,000 students, they are keenly aware that rangatahi are the group most vulnerable to the negative effects of cannabis. “We think people do need to give serious thoughts to the issue, and we hope you will use your vote in a way that considers the impact of legalised recreational cannabis on the young and vulnerable in our communities.”

God of Nations,

Bless our nation as we approach our election in these uncertain times. As we discern our choices, guide us with your Spirit. Grant us humble Parliamentarians of integrity who seek to serve for the common good.

E te Atua,

Unite our nation in the desire to protect the sanctity and dignity of every human life in all its stages. Help us recognise our families as a treasure and enable us to support those families that struggle. Make us mindful of people in need in our communities and ready to work together for a just community. May we always delight in the beauty of your creation and ensure this beauty is enshrined for our children’s children. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please Pray for our Parishioners



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gabriel Peryeux (brother of Pauline Arthur), Noreen Fletcher, Gordon Lepper, Leticia de Ramos Hernadez (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, Fancis 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.

For more information:
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UPDATES FROM THE PARISH

This is strange and it is getting harder...

The team of 2000 at St Anne's.

We miss the time of meeting.

coming together at the Eucharist each Sunday, the faithfulness that you all have shown.

There are little ways to keep your family focused.

In the morning, a little prayer.

It may be the sign of the cross, it may be a blessing, but something with prayers like this....;

This is tough for us and we need your help...

Our God Creator of us all,

The Risen Christ be with you,

Peace be with you on your journey,

Love and Blessing be with you on your day.

Do not worry, do not fret Christ is with us.

It is good to seek a few moments in our life for silence, to turn off the phone, and just sit somewhere that you love, just to be still.

It may be teaching this to your children, your family, just being still.

Some time to walk, to talk and to be with others....

This helps us to make the world a kinder place.

Cooking something lovely for others is good for the spirit.

We have so much and when we share what we have everyone has something. That makes us realise we are all the same.

The simple things change hearts.

Always remember and help the poor.

A GOOD RESOURCE

Have a look through this resource from the Diocese of Dublin, Ireland which has prayers, liturgies and reflections for difficult times, produced especially in this time of world pandemic.

<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/strong-in-tribulation.-20042020.pdf/>



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Notices

We're Here to Help

More and more families are struggling to meet their ends due to Covid-19. Many have lost their jobs or hours of work have been reduced, some have been unable to keep up with their rent, to name a few. Stats show that the waiting list for housing has gone up rapidly and 20,000+ families have moved out or been evicted because they can not afford it. Monte Cecilia Housing Trust, a social arm of the church is appealing for support with food or any donations to would help families who are struggling. Feel free to contact me at anytime or to the parish Office. May God bless you all and your families during this challenging time. Deacon Sanele 027 2673210

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.

Columban Calendars

Columban Calendar 2021 are now available for sale at the Parish Office \$12.00 each.

School newsletter

Can be accessed here: <https://www.stanne.school.nz/copy-of-2019-archive-newsletter>

Liturgy Conference 2020 Postponed

Originally to be held in Auckland at the beginning of October, has been postponed until this time next year- due to COVID-19.

