



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday 27th September, 2020

26th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year A



WALK THE TALK

Today's Gospel is Matthew 21: 28-32

Jesus has now arrived in Jerusalem. Angry at his emptying of the Temple, the religious leaders challenge his actions and authority to teach. Jesus responds. Pious words and lip-service is easy. To be true children of God requires actions of doing the will of the Father.

- How large is the gap between your profession of faith and the practice of your faith?
- In what area of your life is more 'action' required? What would motivate you to action?
- Consider someone in your life who 'talks the talk and walks the walk' of their Christian belief. How do they inspire your journey?

Tax collectors felt helpless and stuck in a situation of never feeling they could be forgiven by God. Jesus reveals this is not the case. God welcomes those who turn to him. Do you know someone who needs help to hope and believe in God's forgiveness?

Sunday Readings

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

4th October 2020

1st Readings

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Psalms 80: 9, 12-16, 19-20

2nd Reading

Philippians 4: 6-9

Gospel

Matthew 21: 33-43

Alert Level 2 Restrictions

Mass is now back on!

- You can book your spot online here 28th Sept-3rd Oct <https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=19762784>
- Limited to 100 people. No Sunday Mass because of our parish being very large. We will share an updated schedule for next week in the coming days.
- Please sign in or use the App QR code.
- Please use masks and the hand sanitizers provided.
- Please keep the one-meter distance requirement.
- Level two Cleaning Church after Mass - Fr Brian has asked for volunteers after Mass to do this please.

Please Pray for our Parishioners



RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Vo Thi Dieu Thuy, Marija Dorotich (funeral Tuesday limited number), Zachary Ashley Konn, (India) Gabriel Peryeux (brother of Pauline Arthur), 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.

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THOUGHTS FROM FR. BRIAN ON ELECTION 2020

The Church does not tell people who to vote for.

The first principle in voting is how can my vote help the greater good of our country. What is the best thing that I can do to make our country care for one another? So, if I vote only for my own interests the first principle for voting is forgotten.

Voting is always for the greater good of our country. And deep in our country is the right for everyone to live in freedom and have our right to life protected. The people we vote for is also the same, will this person be there to serve all people? Will this person that I vote for uphold the best values for every person in our country? Now this is difficult.

Voting calls for us to examine who we vote for and who best upholds the good of all. A government is there to look after and protect all people to the best of their ability. By its nature politics will never satisfy everyone at the same time. So that is why we review our vote every three years.

In New Zealand we have a political system that keeps these principles, but in recent years the right to life and protection of the old have been violated. The Church has a lot to say about the undeniable right of the human person. When this right to life is violated or attacked, the Church, condemns. **The Church always offers an alternative way of living that respects the human dignity of each person.**

Examples are:

Abortion, nuclear war, global greed, global warming, rights of workers, incredible wealth in a few, and a poverty structure that is built on economic principles so that some people do not have a fair share of the wealth of the country. When indigenous and migrants are not entitled to have the same opportune or a treated with prejudice, when decisions are made in favour of one group of people over others, when children are hungry, the Church has so much to say. Pope Francis emphasises this. Sometimes our vote keeps these structures in power. **What is the greatest good we can do for one another?**

In **the two referendums**, that we are asked to vote on: the choice to assist people to die is opposed to the very deep principle of the right to life. From the womb until we die. Life is sacred.

The use of another drug to be made legitimate is an assent to increasing even greater problem of drug dependence and an economy around deepening mental health problems. Why would we vote for another mind-altering drug to increase our intoxication by substance abuse?

CONTEMPLATION AND COMPASSION

To contemplate is to give ourselves time to be silent, to pray, to restore harmony to the soul, the healthy balance between head, heart and hands, between thought, feeling and action. Contemplation is the antidote to hasty, superficial and inconclusive choices. reality willed by the Creator. Those who know how to contemplate do not remain with their hands in their pockets, but instead find something tangible to do. Contemplation leads you to action.



Compassion. It is the fruit of contemplation. How is it understood that someone is contemplative, if someone has understood God's outlook? If someone has compassion for others, compassion is not to say: "this pains me...", compassion is "to suffer with", if someone goes beyond excuses and theories in order to see others as brothers and sisters to be protected. His compassion is the opposite of our indifference. Indifference – I allow myself a phrase that's a bit vulgar – is that "I don't care" that enters the heart, into the mentality, and that ends with "let them fend for themselves". Compassion is the opposite of indifference.



This applies to us too: our compassion is the best vaccine against the epidemic of indifference. "It has nothing to do with me", "it is not up to me", "it does not concern me": The world needs this creative and active charity, people who do not stay in front of a screen making comments, but who are willing to get their hands dirty to remove degradation and restore dignity. Having compassion is a choice: it is choosing to have no enemies, so as to see everyone as a neighbour. And that's a choice.

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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 or the at anytime or to the Parish Office. May God bless you all and your families during this challenging time. Deacon Sanele 027 2673210

Sick & Hospitalised

If you require assistance for family members who are sick, please make contact with Parish Office.

If you have people going into hospital, please make sure that the record says your family member is Catholic.

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.

Reflection Resource

Have a look through this resource 'The Meal that Changes Lives' with lots of reflection on the Eucharist.

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