



23 August 2020 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

**STAYING
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Pastor's Desk

Pope Francis is hot on mercy! He has recalled for all of us the essential place of mercy in the life of the church and in the administration of law. In doing this, he has restored an essential message of the Gospel to its central place. For those Churches and nations that are tempted to power and wealth, there are other Churches and countries that deliberately choose to welcome the poor and the powerless.

Pope Francis is not afraid to call out the capitalist economy and the structure of rampant commercialism as unfit for the Kingdom of God. He has called the capitalist economy an "economy that kills". He has called us to the renewed awareness that urgent change is needed; that the planet needs to be cared for; that migrants and refugees are people too – even when we discredit their motives. He has not declared a new type of economic theory or system; he is recalling for us all the Gospel values imbedded in our baptismal promises and proclaimed each time we pray the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Pope is calling us to a genuine renewal not only in how we live out our Christian faith, but more radically in how we understand the call to Christianity! Christianity is a vocation for others, but it is often treated as a private thing – something I do for God or for my own sake. It is church and faith and community on "my terms". Where this happens, people leave the community when the priest is not "my type", or the group, when "it is doesn't do what I want" and won't dirty their hands with prison ministry because "I don't associate with criminals". Where this happens, mercy is missing, and it is not Christianity that is being lived but a deep selfishness.

We are called – as individuals and as a community of faith- to renewal, within our tradition, of faith and worship – *Ecclesia semper reformanda est* (Latin for "the church must always be reformed", often). The Church, here, is both the institution and the individual believer. The source of our Christian tradition and faith is Jesus Christ.

When we are frightened, as individuals or groups, we often revert to orthodoxy, law and order, and control. Mercy, freedom, justice, and compassion become more difficult because they are seen as weak, namby-pamby, or populist. Christian mercy exercised in justice, respecting freedom, and living compassionately is not for the faint hearted, they require courage. Jesus said nothing about orthodoxy, but he said much about mercy, because mercy changes our behaviour.

As a result of Covid-19, many people have come to realise that a simpler life, based on life-giving values and a healthy, person-based lifestyle is preferable to what we had before. For many, time *with* family and time *for* family are now treasured. It has also given many of us the opportunity to value creation and humanity, and renewed our appreciation of the virtues of faith, hope, and love in an ever-changing and risky world. I am encountering many people who tell me they are more open to these values than they were six months ago. I can see them genuinely trying to live more simply upon the earth as they seek to live mercifully, in faith, with hope and love. Where we encounter this, we encounter *Ecclesia semper reformanda est*.

Fr Joe Grayland

Prayer Intentions

We Pray for Our Deceased: RIP:

Betty Deegan buried 20 August 2020
Marie Edwards (CHCH) 17 August 2020 – sister of Jeanette Currie

Mass intentions: Frank O'Brien (A23/8)

Special Prayers for all those suffering with psychological illnesses and their families



St Peters College: The Board of Trustees are about to commence the process of appointing a replacement Principal for Kevin Shore, who will be leaving us in September. This is a time when prayer becomes a significant factor to their planning and decision making. Accordingly, we invite all parishioners to mindfully keep this process and the Board Members in your thoughts and prayers.



We pray for: Andre Griffin, Audrey Murphy, Bettie Beech, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Chris Kleinsman, Diane Stubbs, Fiona Hurly, Evie Feierabend, Ian Sutherland, Josie Conlon, John Pepperell, June MacMillan, Janice Williams, Kathleen Butturini, Kia Reyes, Malia Mavaega, Marian Carey, Maureen Murphy, Maureen Watts, Maria Pascoe, Fr Michael Lloyd, Mike Manson, Mikulas Oros, Melva Widdowson, Michael Quirk, Pat Kauri, Nicola Burmeister, Paul McRae, Peter Morrison-Story, Raymond Jones, Romuald Rudzki, Rebecca Lauvi, Romeo Plamio, Rose Waldvogel, Steve Horgan, Tony Murphy, Tony Winchcombe, Vinnie Carroll, William Lemmon, Tyler, Allan and Wayne.

Special Notices

Please Note: **Memorial Acclamation said during Masses in August:** So parishioners can respond in unison each month we will alternate these responses starting this month of August with:

“When we eat this Bread & drink this cup, we proclaim your own death, O Lord, until you come again!”

Happy Birthday
Gilbert Cole, 90 years old
23 August 2020



Auckland Diocese Sunday Mass @ 2pm on SHINE TV – Free-to-air TV Channel 25 or SKY TV Channel 201

Maori Education Collection – This Sunday, the 23rd August – This annual collection has growing support. A contribution to something that works well rightfully brings a sense of inner satisfaction to our hearts. Successful educational outcomes for young Maori is good for all New Zealanders. Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faithfilled NZ. It is timely also to thank the many people who support a number of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help.



ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER: - We will be retaining the online newsletter.

If you know of anyone who cannot access the emails or the internet or who does not have a printer please print out a copy of the newsletter and pass it onto them. Alternatively, ask them to register with the parish office for a printed newsletter – thank you! Please view the overhead presentation before and after Mass.

Reflection – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 22.15, 19-23 **2nd Reading:** Romans 11.33-36

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16. 13-20

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands!

The question, “Who do you say that I am?” in this Sunday’s Gospel hinges on the very foundation of our faith. Peter’s answer, “You are the Christ [the Messiah], the Son of the living God,” is one that we should all share. If we do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God, who was raised from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, then we can’t claim to be Christian.

And yet, alongside proclaiming belief in Jesus’ divinity, we must remember that Jesus was also fully, one hundred percent human. This is what speaks to my heart the most: yes, Jesus is God, but he was also a man. He came into the world the same way we did; he had to learn to walk and talk; he would have played with his friends and run to his mother for cuddles when he was upset; he got hungry and thirsty, tired and cranky; he grieved for his friends and undoubtedly laughed with them too.

I’ve always loved the idea of Jesus as someone I can hang out with, like a close friend that I rant to when I’m annoyed, cry with when I’m upset, and share all the little delights of my day. Some people might be shocked to hear that many of my prayers start along the lines of, “Now listen here mate, just what do you think you’re playing at?”

But that is the beauty of it. I know that I can bring anything to Jesus, because he knows what it is like to be human. He suffers with us in our pain and accompanies us in our death, because he has experienced it himself. And that is something worth proclaiming.

By Emma Dodsworth

Cathedral Parish - 11 October – First Communion Start Date

It has taken some time to sort out what and how to do 1st Communion this year with many of our usual patterns thrown into disarray. So finally let us get started in the new 4th term – enjoying the life and energy of the new season. This year we will be conducting our preparation in four weekly sessions for parents/caregivers and children together! With no separate times for parents! This means that we will need to be more savvy than usual in our organisation of logistics for the “Breakfast” Morning Tea Celebration after Mass in the Diocesan Centre on 8 November. It is imperative that you attend Mass with your children before each session, as the Mass is formative by its nature.



Parish Catechist: Kate Bell – k.bell@pncathedral.org.nz and 0276544004. Mark your calendars and diaries!

All sessions commence with Mass at 9.30am followed by morning tea and session in Diocesan Rooms			
Date	Topic	Date	Topic
11 Oct	We Gather to Celebrate	18 Oct	We Listen to God’s Word
25 Oct	One Bread, One Cup, One Body	1 Nov	Belonging and Serving
4 Nov	5pm in the Cathedral – soup and sausages followed by a walkthrough of the ceremony	8 Nov	9.00am 1 st Holy Communion Celebration followed by breakfast in the Diocese Rooms

Health and Wellbeing



CHURCH NOTICES

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit:

The following events are an open invitation to the Palmerston North Catholic Community – all welcome.

Every Sunday	2:00pm	Life in the Spirit Programme: Talk in the Diocesan Hall
Friday’s	11:00am	During Alert Level 2, Praying the Sunday Gospel has been moved to 11:00am
25 August	5:15pm	SVDP meeting in the Cathedral lounge – all welcome
27 August	9:30am	Shining Stars – an invitation to all our little people to come and share some song, dance, and morning tea – an invitation to all parents and caregivers from all parishes. We look forward to seeing you all in the Cathedral Lounge.
7 September	6:00pm	Cathedral Café recommences on Monday 7 September. Please book on 357 2891, between 9.00 and 1.00pm Monday to Friday, if you wish to join us.



Attention everyone: **More Welcomers are needed** for the Roster at the Cathedral, especially for the 6:00pm Mass. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in becoming a Welcomer 357 2891 or office@pncathedral.org.nz

Our Lady of Lourdes:

Every Friday	10:30am	Reconciliation available on Fridays 10:30-11am after Mass. Adoration available on Friday after Mass from 10:30am to 12pm. No reconciliation on Saturdays. Reconciliation available by appointment with Fr Joe
23 August	9:30am	No children’s liturgy this Sunday at Lourdes

St Mary’s Foxton/Shannon:

Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Joe		
23 August	9:00am	No Mass at St. Joseph’s Shannon this weekend 23 August. A Liturgy of the Word will be held this Sunday.

General Notices:

See **Noticeboard** for more information and details on certain events mentioned below and more.

† **Palmerston North Young Family Ministry Facebook** page – <https://www.facebook.com/PNYoungFamilyMinistry/>
Contact: Basia McIntosh at BMcintosh@pndiocese.org.nz phone: 021 082 03750.

† Kia ora all year 6 to 9 students and your Whanau! This is your official invite to join our **Junior Youth Group!** Youth group runs from 5:30-7:00pm every Friday night at the **Diocesan Centre** on Amesbury street. Come along for a night of fun, food, and good times! Stay blessed, Bridget Kelly bkelly@pndiocese.org.nz

† **“End of Life Considerations for you”** The NZ Bishops have an Election Statement <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/bishops-statements/the-new-zealand-catholic-bishops-2017-election-statement/>

Votesafe quiz - <https://www.votesafe.nz/quiz> - **Public campaigns running** - www.riskylaw.nz and www.votesafe.nz
A newly graduated healthcare professional's view - <https://www.facebook.com/bridgette.thwaites>



† **Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North & the Tindall Foundation** – The October 2020 funding round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocation groups is now open. For more information see parish noticeboard or [click this link](#)



† **Safeguarding Officer Vacancy at the Diocese of Palmerston North** – 20 hours a week – see noticeboard or [click this link](#)

† **Vote for Life** – www.righttolife.org.nz see website or church noticeboard for more information.

† **Let us get to know the bible.** Come join Emma, Angie, Basia, Mel, Sarah, Lena, Sue – Nana Sue. Over a cuppa and enjoying the Word and being encouraged. **Where:** 540 Albert street, **Time** 1:15 Tuesday pm till school pickup. **Enquires** ring any of these ladies: Basia McIntosh 02108203750 BMcintosh@pndiocese.org.nz, Emma Whitson 0277557375 Analena Siu 0220209297

† **Mary, the Mother of God** – A Contemporary Understanding of Mary with Br Kieran Fenn who has a wonderful way to bring Scripture alive. This is an online series (Zoom) starting on Monday, 24 August at 7pm and will be on for 6 consecutive Mondays. The sessions are connected but also stand alone. Fee: \$25/session or \$120 for 6 sessions. Special fees for groups of more than 2 persons. For more information and registration: info@studyjoy.nz

All Saints (PN) along with Archbishop David Moxon have created a Virtual Franciscan Pilgrimage to be held on 3 October at All Saints. Resource book available on www.pilgrimagenz.nz. See parish noticeboard.

† **Ignatian Spirituality NZ** is offering a 6 day **Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat –25 October, 10am to 30 October 4pm.** St. Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd, Auckland.

† **St James School** – Taking Enrolments now for 2021. Contact School office 06 357 9719 to request an enrolment pack.

† **The Family First** election guide is available here on this link. It gives Information as the voting records of politicians on significant social or ethical issues: ValueYourVote

† **CathNews** reports news about and of interest to the Catholic Church. This Catholic News has focus on New Zealand and the South Pacific – read online [CathNews New Zealand](http://CathNewsNewZealand)

26 August 7:00pm **The Final Choice** – Book Tour – Globe Theatre Palmerston North – see noticeboard

NZCatholic [available online](#) during Alert level 2 & 3 – No printed copies until further notice.

The Op shop is asking for material suitable for making face masks we have volunteers ready to sew. Toys of all kinds. The Society is also seeking a 4-door car 1.3-1.5 litres in good running condition for a family of 4 in need. Please phone Mike Keenan 021 185 8969 if you can help. Remember all requests for help to the Shop 06 357 6779 252 Rangitikei Street.



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