



30 August 2020 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

**STAYING
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Pastor's Desk

Jeremiah could not ignore the call to prophecy even though it brought him much ridicule. Where are our prophets today who speak out about injustice in human trafficking, state-sanctioned violence, and the economic structures of social poverty? What social or economic structures of injustice would you like to transform so much that you cannot keep quiet about it- or is silence your preference?

In a 2013 interview with America Magazine, Pope Francis said, "it becomes like fire burning in my heart." From today's reading and the social disruption we see too regularly on TV, could the racial, immigration, social violence and environmental problems be some of the "wounds" to which he was referring?

Pope Francis said: "Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent. The ones who quit sometimes do it for reasons that, if properly understood and assessed, can lead to a return. But that takes audacity and courage. ... We need to proclaim the Gospel on every street corner, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing, even with our preaching, every kind of disease and wound." (A Big Heart Open to God: An interview with Pope Francis, Sept. 30, 2013).

Prophetic living relies on discerning God's will and certainty about the will of God does not always come suddenly. Discernment of the prophetic call can emerge gradually. Often the call to prophecy is not a call to words but a call to actions that live out the biblical call to mercy and the rejection of sacred violence towards others. Sacred violence is any violence that seeks to bring consolation to the group through the scapegoating of an individual or a sector of society. The lie of sacred violence is shown for what it truly is where an individual chooses: "Lose your life for my sake and find it".

Where parents decide to make sacrifices for the good of their families and when police stand with protesters against structures of violence and injustice their acts of prophetic faith show us new and more creative ways of living in society. Where young people dare to follow their consciences, unafraid to go against the current, and others renounce their own interests to work with immigrants, elderly, disabled and trafficked people we find prophetic living based on the call to live for others - to lose one's own life!

As my grandma used to say: "there are no pockets in shrouds"; you cannot take your money with you when you die. If you "lose your life" out of love for others, does that give you something to take with you? I think it does: the love in your heart goes with you when you die and in the moment of death you meet the greatest love of all - Jesus, the Christ of God!

Fr Joe Grayland

Prayer Intentions

We Pray for Our Deceased: RIP:

Ruben Victorio and Michael Fahy (Fr Peter Fahy's brother).

Mass intentions: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. **May** their **souls** and the **souls** of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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



Mass Intentions



We pray for: Andre Griffin, Audrey Murphy, Bettie Beech, Barbara & Graeme Younger, Bernadette Conlon, Chris Kleinsman, David Maeguard, 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, Bernice O'Beirne

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

Please Note:

The Cathedral Café is postponed until further notice!

A number of dishes still need to be picked up from the Cathedral office.

Office hours – 9am – 1pm Monday through Friday.



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

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 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9 2nd Reading: Romans 11.33-36

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16. 13-20

Responsorial Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases began to show his disciples, rebuke him, deny himself, loses his life, find it.

To the point: No wonder Peter rebukes Jesus! Jesus “began to show his disciples” what faithful discipleship demands: denying self, losing self, letting self-die. Jesus teaches his disciples to let go of self so that a new self can be given. What we relinquish is ourselves as we are now; what we are given is a new self-born from identifying completely with Jesus. It takes a lifetime of discipleship to turn from wanting to rebuke Jesus' way of living through the cross to embracing it. It takes a lifetime of discipleship to let Jesus transform our life into his Life.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Jeremiah grows tired of the demands of authentic prophecy; he vows to quit speaking. But God's word burns within him, drawing him back to speaking in God's name. Jesus' faithful disciples cannot avoid the demands of the cross; Jesus draws them to embrace the cross for the sake of receiving his Life.

... to experience: The drive to preserve our life is one of our strongest instincts. In this gospel Jesus is asking us to let go of our life so he can give us something more: a share in his divine Life.



by Joyce Anne Zimmerman

Come and Join Us



Join us at the Cathedral each Friday for some quiet prayerful reflective time followed by Mass and when we are back to normal, hospitality.

11.00am	Exposition
11.30am	Reconciliation
12.05pm	Mass

Health and Wellbeing



CHURCH NOTICES

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit:

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

**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
3 September	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.
22 September	5:00pm	SVDP - An invitation to our: Festival Mass of Area Conferences at the Cathedral . All members, associate members, volunteers, family, friends, prospective members and parishioners are most welcome to attend and join us for supper.

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
4 September	6:45am	Men’s Breakfast – Come & be fed mind, body & soul. The perfect way to start your day. Continental breakfast supplied. All welcome. Info John Hammond: 027 688 7750

St Mary’s Foxton/Shannon:

Reconciliation is available by appointment with Fr. Joe		
30 August	9:00am	No Mass at St. Joseph’s Shannon this weekend 30 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

† **Social Justice Week** 6-12 September 2020 – see noticeboard for more news

† **Meals on Wheels – Volunteer Driver required.** See noticeboard or call Gil Escott 357 1617 or May Young 354 4677

† “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

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

Can you help St Vinnie's Op Shop – they need:

- 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 regarding the car)

Please contact the Shop on 06 3576779 or visit us at 252 Rangitikei Street.



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