



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sunday 18th September 2022 – Twenty Fifth Week In Ordinary Time

Readings: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14, Psalm 51, 1 Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

The Pastor's Pen

Dear Parishioners,

Kia tau te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou katoa. Peace of the Lord be with you all. The three fantastic readings this Sunday, is "The Call to Social Justice." Perhaps, this reminds us, not only to be honest and trustworthy stewards but also of our duties and responsibilities, towards the poor, the downtrodden and the despised of the world.

Respect for persons and property is essential if there is to be social justice in society. On one hand, this entails respect for and trustworthiness in handling the resources of another. This has revealed the fact that, this is essentially the social contract between all employers and their employees. On the other hand, employers must respect the rights and dignity of those in their employ and society at large must safeguard the rights of its members, most especially the poor and marginalised of society.

Amos of Tekoa, one of the minor prophets, is the most well-known prophet of social justice. He rails against the wealthy and powerful of Israel who are exploiting the poor through shady business practices and even outright dishonesty and cheating. The prophet warns these evildoers that God sees their crimes and will not forget how the poor and needy have been trampled upon.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that if we are trustworthy stewards of the resources given us, we will be entrusted with more. Such trustworthiness, in matters both material and spiritual, always starts with little things. Then we can be entrusted with greater things. An example is that of an employer, say a grocery store manager, who hires a sixteen-year-old boy as a bagger. The teenager is industrious and exemplary in his job, so he is promoted to the position of clerk and eventually that of assistant manager of the entire store.

Paul the apostle teaches us that we should pray for our politicians and those in authority that they be honest and trustworthy. We should especially pray that they will value and uphold norms of social justice, particularly for those who are most marginalised in our society. God will not look kindly upon us if we trample upon the legitimate needs of the poor and needy.

Let us also pray for ourselves, may our merciful God help us to realise that we are all called to be responsible stewards in this world and grant us the willingness to serve the poor and needy around us.

Have a great weekend and safe week ahead. Kia ora tatou katoa.
Blessings
Fr. Simone Ah Lo sm

**Parish Rosary Intention for September Is for:
All Fathers**

MASS TIMES for the week of **20th to the 25th September 2022**

Tuesday	20 th	September:	Church open for prayer
Wednesday	21 th	September: Mass	5.30pm
Thursday	22 nd	September: Mass	5.30pm Led by the School
Friday	23 rd	September: Holy Hour	10.am followed by Mass at 11am - Reconciliation is available at this time
Saturday	24 th	September: Mass	5.30pm At Ruawai
Sunday	25 th	September: Mass	9.30am Tongan Mass

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24th and 25th SEPTEMBER

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Saturday: 5.30pm – N and D McCarthy

Sunday: 9.30am –

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday: 9.30am – M Marinkovich

GIFTS:

Sunday: 9.30am – McMillan Family

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DYING

Recent Deaths: Flora Hackett

Death Anniversary: Sr Helena, Ross and Patricia Hopkinson

Sick: Reginald Warren (Andrew Warren's Father)

FAITH JOURNEY CAFE WITH A CUPPA:

These sessions will be held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

Perhaps you've been thinking of becoming a member of the Sacred Heart Parish

Or perhaps you are just curious about what Catholics believe.

Or want to know more about your Catholic Faith

Please join us for tea/coffee **This Sunday 18th September**

after the 9.30am Mass from 11.am to 12noon

The Sacraments

We'll meet in the **Mary McKillop Centre**. All are welcome.

Kids Korner: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/TWENTY-FIFTH-SUNDAY-in-OT.pdf>
Parent Ponderings: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Uber-drivers-Act-of-Honesty.pdf>

Registrations are now open for **Ngā Tapuwāe - Sacred Footsteps 2023**. Our Northland pilgrimage will be from 6th January to 8th January 2023. All are welcome to hiko with us to learn more of our Catholic heritage. We will explore, experience and live the sacred places of Kupe, Bishop Pompallier and the early missionaries. Don't delay, get your group together, hire a van, pack the car and we'll see you there!!
<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/nga-tapuwa-e-pilgrimage/> or contact: Stephen Fraser 09 360 3052 or: stephenf@cda.org.nz Wiga Autet: wigaa@cda.org.nz Manuel Beazley: manuelb@cda.org.nz

Mass for Life You're invited to pray for babies, mums, dads and families at a Mass for Life on Friday 2 December, 7pm at St Mary of the Angels, 17 Boulcott Street, Wellington. Cardinal John Dew will be the principal celebrant. Eucharistic Adoration will follow for one hour after Mass to pray in readiness for the National March for Life. For more information please visit fli.org.nz/prolifeevents or phone Clare 021 231 7954.

National March for Life You're invited to love them both by attending the sixth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 3 December. Join people of goodwill from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also *peacefully* protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz

The National Liturgy Office has prepared a page of prayers which may be said to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II. <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/prayers-at-the-death-of-queen-elizabeth-ii/>

As we remember the great service of Queen Elizabeth over 70 years might we also rejoice in the little acts of service we see every day and be grateful for them. The smiles, the holding of doors, the doing the dishes etc that will never get a big celebration but make our lives better and present the joy of the Gospel. **Sr Siân Owen**

Saturday 1st October A family movie and lunch at 1pm at the centre. Entrance fee a donation. Sasha is raising money for Plunket.

Daylight Saving starts next weekend 24th/25th September
move your clocks forward

Father Don Cowan gives his regards to all

A Memorial Mass for Queen Elizabeth II.
This will be held at the Cathedral Auckland at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21 September 2022