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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 23RD JULY 2023

READINGS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 12:13,16–19

Psalm 86

2Romans 8:26–27

Gospel Matthew 13:24–43

'Let them grow together until the harvest.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Kay Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Kathy Karl

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Crooymans

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Laurel Blakey & Simon Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

SUNDAY 30TH JULY 2023

READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1Kings 3:5,7–12

Psalm 119P

Romans 8:28–30

Gospel Matthew 13:44–52

'He sells everything he owns, and buys the field.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Frances Chaplow

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: A Douglas

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow

COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Kay Brydon & Eileen Leonard

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

The contrast between the good and bad seed reflects a reality within Matthew's community. This text highlights the difficulty of being a Church called to spread the good news while there are some within its ranks who scandalize others by their bad behavior or decadent ways of life. This parable counsels patience. The answer to the dilemma is to let both the righteous and the lawless members of the community grow together until the harvest time and then let God be the judge.

Ultimately, this parable assures its hearers that God will not allow evil to destroy what is good.

In the longer version of this Gospel, the short parables of the kingdom compare it to a mustard seed and to the yeast in dough. Both are small and insignificant but both can develop almost imperceptibly and, once begun, there is no stopping them.



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY

This is celebrated on **SUNDAY 23RD JULY** which is near the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, with the motto 'His mercy is from age to age' (Lk 1:50) chosen by Pope Francis. It takes us back to the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth (cf. *Lk* 1:39–56). This year, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to World Youth Day. Both celebrations remind us of the "haste" (cf. v. 39) with which Mary set out to visit Elizabeth. In this way, they invite us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. Pope Francis invites you to make a concrete gesture that would include grandparents and the elderly.

Let us not abandon them.

May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

CARING SUNDAY – 23rd JULY

Make an impact this winter and support the Caring Foundation's annual appeal this Caring Sunday. Your gift will support Bishop Steve's foundation to help those in need in the greater Auckland area and Te Tai Tokerau. To donate place in an envelope marked "Caring Sunday" in collection plate or visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz

CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH—next on
6th August



We need to accept the imperfections in ourselves and in others to some extent. What do you have to be patient with in yourself? This week, be tolerant of the limitations of others and try and rectify an imperfection in yourself.

Jesus continues to convey his teachings about the kingdom using the imagery of everyday life. Pearls were highly valued in the Near East and were regarded as a symbol of wisdom—thus the saying, ‘pearls of wisdom’. In the first two of these parables, the protagonists commit everything they own to acquiring what is beyond price. According to Jesus, the kingdom is worth the sacrifice of everything we value most to gain a place in it. The parable of the dragnet tells us something more of the kingdom. There will be those who have not recognized its value and are unworthy of the kingdom. However, it is not for people to judge who is worthy and who is not. That belongs to God. Jesus is very concerned that his followers clearly understand his message and he questions them directly: “Do you understand all this?” There must be no confusion over the meaning of the Gospel! Matthew stresses that believing in Christ does not mean a total rejection of Judaism. Indeed, both the old and the new have value. Jesus did not come to overturn the Law, but to fulfil it and those who recognize this truth will honour both the old and the new.



There will be a Mass on Wednesday 9th August at 10.30am to celebrate the 70th Jubilee of the St Paschal's Catholic Women's League.

Congratulations on achieving this great milestone and we wish the group many more years of faith and service.

Father Marcellino will be on leave to visit family in Korea from 31st July to 6th September.

Enjoy your well earned break and travel safe! See you back here in September.

Father Tony O'Conner will be filling in for him while he's away.



The Parish Council is in the process of replacing the green cups and saucers from the Hall kitchen to white mugs. If there is anyone who would like some of the green cups and saucers for nostalgia please see Alice.

O Caring Lord, open our hearts to the suffering of the poor. With your grace, may we never turn our eyes away from their struggle. With your guidance may we work tirelessly to alleviate their pain and be the outstretched hand of compassion. Lord, show us the way to care for the poor.

MINISTERS – 6th August 2023

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward
 COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: John Reynolds
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas
 COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Alice Douglas & Simon Main
 DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

MINISTERS – 13th August 2023

GREETER: Moya Lynch
 COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Crooymans
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kay Brydon
 COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Laurel Blakey & Stephen Crooymans
 DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

READINGS – 6th August 2023**Transfiguration of the Lord**

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
 Psalm 97
 Peter 1:16-19
 Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

**READINGS – 13th August 2023****Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
 Psalm 85
 2Romans 9:1-5
 Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

**FLOWERS**

W/E 29/7 Kay Brydon
 W/E 6/8 Fel Aralar
 W/E 12/8 Dot Chipman

**CHURCH LINEN**

JULY F Crooymans
 AUGUST A Douglas

First Friday of the Month Mass Devotion

The devotion of the nine First Fridays of the month continues on Friday 4th August. Please see the handouts in the foyer for more details.



July 25 James Aralar
 28 Chris Schouten

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Harry van Eijk, Ray Karl, and June Smith.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of July: Nancy Pye, Claude Mangan, Ted Ryan, Truus Roskam, Marie Laurich, Bill Hoogeveen, Joe Ligthart, Michael Hopkins, Peter Roskam Snr.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.