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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023

READINGS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalm 145

2Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

'I am gentle and humble of heart.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Ross Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Kathy Karl

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Kathy Karl

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Stephen Croymans & Simon Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

SUNDAY 16TH JULY 2023

READINGS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm 65

2Romans 8: 18-23

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

'A sower went out to sow.'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Stephen Croymans

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Robert Hicks

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Stephen Croymans

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

Throughout the history of the Church, there have been examples of people who have taken up the 'burden' of faith and experienced it as a double edged sword of both great joy and blessing, as well as an awesome responsibility leading to hardship and persecution. Mary MacKilop – Saint Mary of the Cross is one example. Born in Fitzroy in 1842, Mary was 15 when she felt called to be a nun. Unable to find a religious order that suited her call, Mary began her own – The Sisters of St Joseph – in 1867, dedicated to the education of the poor, particularly the rural poor. Her independence and determination to live under her own rule, and not that of the Bishop, led her into conflict with the Church authorities. At the centre of the difficulty was Mary's insistence that her sisters live in absolute poverty and to rely on God to provide for their needs. This meant begging, which the Bishop thought unseemly. Mary was excommunicated in 1871, only to be re instated in 1872, although opposition by some continued. Despite the set backs and disappointments, the Josephite order continued to expand both in membership and ministry. Her struggle was worth the effort and Mary was canonized a saint in Rome in 2010 by Pope Benedict.



**POT LUCK LUNCH AND GUEST SPEAKERS
TODAY AFTER MASS**



See you there!!

Parish Council Meeting—Thursday
13th July @ 7pm

**SUNDAY 9TH JULY
DAY OF PRAYER FOR SEAFARERS**

Let us remember all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen, women and their families. Away from family and friends for many months at a time, working long hours and navigating some of the world's most dangerous stretches of ocean, seafaring can be a tough, lonely and hazardous career. On this Day of Prayer for Seafarers 9 July, we pray especially for these 1.3 million hardworking men and women who are often forgotten.

**SOLOMON ISLANDS
SECOND COLLECTION
TODAY**

With Love we Remember Bishop Gerry

The word 'humility' comes from the Latin word for 'soil'. Humility is not about being shy or quiet or taking a back seat; it is about recognizing our origins and not being so 'learned and clever' that we get too big for our boots. To be like 'mere children' is to have that sense of wonder and awe at things bigger than ourselves.

This parable today would have had a great appeal to the rural population living on the fertile land around the Sea of Galilee. There, the gentle, undulating hills were green and verdant. This is a sharp contrast to the desert wilderness of the southern part of the province of Judea around Jerusalem.

In the longer version of today's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the parable of the sower. The different soils represent different human responses to hearing the word of God. The meaning is that, despite some failures, the sower's work ultimately succeeds. Not everyone is open to receiving the word and acting on it but there is encouragement for those who allow the word to take root and bear fruit.



What are the thorns in our world that may cause the word of God to choke and wither? In the modern world, what are the things that make it difficult for the word of God to take root and flourish? How can believers 'cultivate their soil' to help the seed of faith grow?

Try to be rich soil this week, not just for the word of God but also for those around you. Listen attentively to your family and work colleagues. Try to discern what God is saying to you in the events of everyday life.

NEW BANK ACCOUNTS WHICH ARE EFFECTIVE NOW

**PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS :
HAURAKI PLAINS PARISH
02-0108-0707550-00**

**COROMANDEL REGION HOUSE ACCOUNT
02-0108-0706566-001**

If you have an automatic payment using the old bank accounts you DO NOT need to do anything as they will be changed automatically. Use these new accounts for any changes or additional payments.



175 Campaign - reflecting on our past by supporting those in need! As we reflect on the diocese's 175th Anniversary, please join Bishop Steve's 175 campaign through the Caring Foundation. By donating \$175 as a parish, a family, a group of friends, or individually, you will support families and people in need throughout our diocese. To donate, please pick up a donation card from your parish foyer or visit www.caringfoundation.org.nz to donate online or to find out other ways to donate.

MINISTERS – 23rd July 2023

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

MINISTERS – 30th July 2023

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

READINGS – 23rd July 2023**Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalm 86

2Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

**READINGS – 30th July 2023****Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1Kings 3:5,7-12

Psalm 119P

Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

**FLOWERS**

W/E 15/7 Eileen Leonard

W/E 22/7 Moya Lynch

W/E 29/7 Kay Brydon

**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	10	Matthew Crooymans
		Annette McWatters
	12	Simon Main

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