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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

TENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Genesis 3:9–15

Psalms 129

2Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Gospel Mark 3:20–35

“ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.”



MINISTERS

GREETER: Stephen Croymans

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: D Chipman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Kate Main & Laurel Blakey

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

ELEVENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 17:22–24

Psalms 92

2Corinthians 5:6–10

Gospel Mark 4:26–34

“The mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.”



MINISTERS

GREETER: Kay Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Frances Chaplow

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

This text is an example of the classic ‘Marcan sandwich’ where Mark introduces a theme or episode, interrupts it with another seemingly unrelated aspect and then returns to the original and unifies the two. This literary device helps build tension and suspense. At issue here is the opposition of his family and the dispute on blasphemy. What comes immediately before this text in Mark’s Gospel is a list of the twelve whom Jesus has chosen – his new family. Family now goes beyond birth lines but encompasses all those who do the will of God.

The scribes ‘from Jerusalem’ accuse Jesus of blasphemy and acting for Satan. They fail to see that in casting out demons Jesus is actually undermining the power of the evil one, dividing his ‘house’. Instead, the scribes themselves are guilty of blasphemy. They attribute a power from God – the power to cast out demons – to Satan himself. God is willing to forgive all sins but the inability to distinguish good from evil makes one impervious to the presence of God and therefore beyond forgiveness. Those who recognise and do the will of God are the family members who stand united in faith.

IF A HOUSE IS DIVIDED
AGAINST ITSELF,
THAT HOUSE WILL NOT
BE ABLE TO STAND.



Spend time with your own family this week and strengthen the bonds and love you have for them. Be aware and welcoming to those who may not have a strong family to turn to.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 13th June at 5pm

In June we pray with Pope Francis “For those fleeing their own countries.”

God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of
heaven.

We live in our homeland,
but as if we were foreigners.
Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land is foreign to us.
Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary
home.

Help us to keep walking,
together with our migrant brothers and
sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling you have
prepared for us.

Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in
need
becomes an encounter with Jesus, your
Son and our Lord.
Amen.

Pope Francis—May 2024

Parables provoke interpretation. They make us wonder what Jesus was referring to and what he really meant. At times, he is quite vague about the real meaning and his disciples are left wondering. But other times, like today's Gospel, Jesus is quite explicit: he tells his hearers that he is talking about the Kingdom of God. Even so, he must still explain his meaning to the disciples when he is alone with them. Unfortunately, Mark does not report for us what interpretation Jesus places on these parables. In the Old Testament, the imagery of the reign of God had an apocalyptic dimension; it was to come to fullness at the end times when the wicked would be punished and the faithful vindicated. Only then would there be a new Heaven and a new Earth. The message in Mark's Gospel however, is quite different. Jesus proclaims that the kingdom of God has already begun. It is among us now. "This is the time of fulfilment. The Kingdom of God is at hand." Like the seed planted, it takes root and grows mysteriously into something much larger than itself. The Kingdom or reign is a gracious gift from God brought near in Christ and demanding a response of faith from those who recognise the truth of his words. The kingdom offers a challenge; like the man who sowed the seed, we must be ready to co operate in God's work when the harvest time comes.



The mystery of the Kingdom of God is at the heart of this reading. Humans cannot understand how it will grow and spread, but, once planted, it will prosper as the seed does, taking root and growing to fullness. What begins as a tiny seed like the mustard seed will grow into something much larger and offer shelter to all. Be attentive this week to how the seed of God's word and love is growing within you. Foster this growth in as many ways as you can and try and plant the seeds of faith in the hearts of others.

If anyone would be interested in their child/grandchild/friend attending St Ignatius of Loyola (the new Catholic College in Drury) please get in touch with Sr Paula (0212068062) as there are children from St Francis keen to attend, but more numbers are needed to support a government grant for Transport..

CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
NEXT—7TH JULY
DUTY—CWL



Registrations Opening Soon
WORLD YOUTH DAY—AUCKLAND
17th August
Victory Convention Centre
98 Beaumont St, Freemans Bay
10am—8.30pm

More info—felicity@cda.org.nz

MINISTERS – 23RD JUNE 2024

GREETER: Frances Chaplow
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: John Reynolds
COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Stephen Crooymans & Fel Aralar
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

MINISTERS – 30TH JUNE 2024

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward
COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Simon Main & Eileen Leonard
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**READINGS – 23RD JUNE 2024
TWELFTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Job 38:1,8-11
Psalm 106
2Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel Mark 4:35-41



**READINGS – 30TH JUNE 2024
THIRTEENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
Psalm 30
2Corinthians 8:7-9, 13-15
Gospel Mark 5:21-43



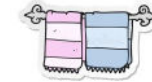
FLOWERS

W/E 15/6 M Lynch
W/E 22/6 K Brydon
W/E 29/6 F Aralar



CHURCH LINEN

JUNE Laurel Blakey
JULY Kay Brydon



TAX RECEIPTS FOR DONATIONS



These are now available from Frances.



June 4 Kathy Hicks
12 Frances Chaplow
15 Yvonne Schouten
19 Phoebe Main

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Trevor Finan, Ray Karl.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of June: Mary Leonard, Rodney Garrett, Fred Laurich, Michael Hopkins, Arthur Blake, Dot Kiely, Algar Bath.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.