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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

TWENTY SECOND WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 4:1–2,6–8

Psalms 15

James 1:17–18,21–22,27

Gospel Mark 7:1–8,14–15,21–23

**'You forget the commandments of
God and hold on to human traditions'**



MINISTERS

GREETER: Moya Lynch

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: J Reynolds

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Kay Brydon & Laurel Blakey

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

READINGS—YEAR B

TWENTY THIRD WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 35:4–7

Psalms 146

James 2:1–5

Gospel Mark 7:31–37

**'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb
speak.'**



MINISTERS

GREETER: Eileen Leonard

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Eileen Leonard & Alice Douglas

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

This is one of those wonderful examples in Mark's Gospel where he gives an explanation for an audience who may be unfamiliar with the practices of Judaism. He explains the idea of ritual cleanliness as practiced by Jews. The Pharisees were a group of especially observant Jews. They took ritual observance very seriously and criticized Jesus' disciples for their lack of observance. In this Gospel text Jesus makes two very important points: first, that the Pharisees are presenting human observances as God's Law, binding them to external practices. In doing this they are missing the point of what God truly wants from his people. Becoming obsessed with external practices and rituals is not what God asks of us. The Prophet Micah famously puts it this way: *This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.*

The second point that Jesus makes is that it is not what goes into people from the outside which makes them unclean but what is harboured in their hearts and minds. It is the thoughts, words and actions that come from within which truly show what a person is like. Mark is no doubt addressing these comments to his own community where there may have been a similar tendency to concentrate on the externals of religious practice rather than on what God really asks of his people.



The heart is a symbol of the whole person, the seat of emotional life. People are 'good hearted' or 'hard hearted'.

Jesus is critical of those who are extremely virtuous but do not have their hearts in the right place. The heart is also the symbol of love. Truly loving others and living for them is an act from the heart.

What assists you to become more 'pure of heart' and strengthen your commitment to God?



Happy Father's Day

We ask God's special blessings on all our "Fathers" and thank them for all that they do for their families.



Day of Prayer for Care of Creation 1st September 2024

In his message, Pope Francis invites us to "heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation."



BAPTISM

Today we welcome Lily Davey into our Catholic Parish Family. We ask God's special blessings on her today, and her family



The geographical indicators in this Gospel are very important. Mark is at great pains to tell us exactly which way Jesus travels. Following the route outlined, Jesus would not have set foot on Jewish territory. He remains in Gentile land. The healing offered by the good news is for all people to access. The miracle is not wrought by the use of gestures alone. Placing his fingers in the ears and his own spittle on the tongue of the man produce no magic results by themselves. To these gestures are added Jesus' gaze towards Heaven, a sign of his union with God, and the commanding words of Jesus that produces the results. This man is now open to a whole new world, no longer dependant on others, but free to take his place in the community. The prophecy of Isaiah in today's first reading has been fulfilled. When the Lord comes, the ears of the deaf will be opened and the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. These are signs of the advent (coming) of the Messiah. In last week's Gospel, Jesus had clashed with the religious leadership of Israel over their lack of understanding of who he is. In this text however, we see that it is the Gentiles who recognise Jesus and are open to his message and ministry.



SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK—8TH TO 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

IMAGINE PEACE FOR ALL
POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 5th September 5pm

Be attentive this week to the way gestures and touch can be used to welcome or to exclude. Open your ears to what others are really saying. Open your ears in a special way to what the gospel is saying to you.



SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Fr Rob will administer the Sacrament of Anointing during Mass on Friday 6th September 10am



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
Monthly meeting after the Anointing
Mass 6th September 10am

MINISTERS – 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

GREETER: Colleen Jordan
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Alice Douglas
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Crooymans
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Kate Main & Stephen Crooymans
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

MINISTERS – 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

GREETER: Ross Brydon
COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: James Aralar
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: F Chaplow
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
Fel Aralar & Eileen Leonard
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**READINGS – 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024
TWENTY FOURTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 50:5-9
Psalm 116A
James 2:14-18
Gospel Mark 8:27-35



**READINGS – 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024
TWENTY FIFTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Wisdom 2:12,17-20
Psalm 54
James 3:16-4:3
Gospel Mark 9:30-37



FLOWERS

W/E 7/9 Fel Aralar
W/E 14/9 Dot Chipman
W/E 21/9 June Clark



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LINEN

SEPT Eileen Leonard



**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS
TODAY
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH
MONTH**



Sept 9 Moya Lynch
Bruce Foster
11 Ruaan Dela Rosa

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 September:
Marilyn Assen, Mary Schouten, Gerard Roskam, Ivan Main, Joan Northcott.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.