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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**TWENTY SIXTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Numbers 11:25–29

Psalm 19B

James 5:1–6

Gospel Mark 9:38–43,45,47–48

**“The LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses.”**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Stephen Croymans

COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: John Reynolds

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Alice Douglas

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Simon Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**TWENTY SEVENTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Genesis 2:18–24

Psalm 128

Hebrews 2:9–11

Gospel Mark 10:2–16

**“Let the little children come to me”**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Kay Brydon

COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Croymans

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks

COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Frances Chaplow & Kay Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

In last week's gospel, the principal message was that to be a disciple, one must become the servant of others. This message seems to have had little impact on the disciples as we still find them obsessed with their own position in the 'in group': 'Because he was not one of us, we tried to stop him.' The arrogance of the disciples is astounding. They have no authority to stop the spread of the Kingdom! Indeed the true reward will go, not to the great among them but to those who by a simple act of kindness, such as offering a cup of water, assist in the work of welcoming the kingdom. Not only must they not hinder the spreading of the reign of God by whatever means, Jesus warns them that they must not hinder or damage the faith of others. The difficult language of the remainder of this gospel is really designed to draw attention to the fact that the kingdom is so precious that we should be prepared to rid ourselves of anything at all that would place our attainment of it in jeopardy.



Pray today for all those in our society who are labelled as 'not one of us'. Pray for those in leadership positions who have the power to influence both social policy and attitudes.

**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**NEXT WEEK —6TH OCTOBER**  
**DUTY— FRANCES CROOYMANS**



**CWL Morning Tea for Plunket**  
 Fun and profitable morning was had by the CWL ladies and friends on Thursday 19th—I'm sorry I couldn't make it.

They had a yummy morning tea and some raffles followed by a bit of a quiz and raised \$600—well done ladies!

Jesus asks us to live at peace with other believers who are doing ministry outside of how you think it should be done.



The major themes which have emerged from the gospel readings over the past few weeks are those of 'being receptive' and 'being of service'. One crucial human situation where both of these attitudes are vital is in the marriage relationship. At the time of Jesus, divorce was allowed under the Law of Moses (the Torah) but there were divided opinions. One school of thought held that divorce was only to be sanctioned in the case of the most serious moral misdemeanours on the part of the woman. Another held that any reason was good enough for a man to send away his wife. Jesus cuts through the legal arguments and goes back to the original plan of God as revealed at creation. One aspect of Jesus' answer which must have been surprising to his hearers is that he treats men and women as equals. They are drawn to become one flesh and if either breaks this bond they are equally guilty. In an important sense, Jesus' prohibition on divorce can also be seen as a protection for women. At a time when the status of women was bestowed by their husband or their male offspring, a divorced woman was at the mercy of society. Jesus' understanding of marriage flows not from legality or social convention but from the intrinsic nature of man and woman and their role in God's plan.



**Married life is a process of growth, in which each spouse is God's means of helping the other to mature. Change, improvement, the flowering of the good qualities present in each person – all these are possible.**

**Each marriage is a kind of "salvation history", which from fragile beginnings – thanks to God's gift and a creative and generous response on our part – grows over time into something precious and enduring. *Amoris Laetitia 221***



#### **ROSARY IN OCTOBER**

During the month of October there is the opportunity to pray the Rosary each Sunday before Mass at 10am



#### **Suzanne Aubert Celebration Day**

**6th October 2024**

'Let my actions be a continual prayer and speak to you of my love'

*'Mā aku mahi ka rangona tonutia ngā karakia me taku aroha ki ā koe'.*

– Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert

This weekend at our Masses, we join with the Sisters of Compassion and all peoples of Aotearoa, New Zealand to celebrate the life of Venerable Suzanne Aubert Meri Hōhepa.

Following her example, we pray that our actions will be a continual prayer that speak of Christ's love for all.



**MINISTERS – 13TH OCTOBER 2024**

GREETER: Frances Chaplow  
COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey  
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Laurel Blakey & Fel Aralar  
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**MINISTERS – 20TH OCTOBER 2024**

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward  
COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman  
COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Stephen Crooymans & Kate Main  
DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

**READINGS – 13TH OCTOBER 2024  
TWENTY EIGHTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Wisdom 7:7-11  
Psalm 90  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Gospel Mark 10:17-30



**READINGS – 20TH OCTOBER 2024  
TWENTY NINTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 53:10-11  
Psalm 33  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Gospel Mark 10:35-45



**FLOWERS**

W/E 5/10 Frances Ch  
W/E 12/10 Frances Cr  
W/E 19/10 Alice Douglas



**LINEN**

OCT Phyllis Hayward



**OCTOBER MEETINGS**

**CWL—Friday 4th beginning with Mass  
@ 10am**  
**Parish Council—Thursday 10th @ 5pm**



Oct 1 Eileen Leonard  
2 Emily Hurle  
12 Tyrone Hicks

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Ray Karl, Frank and Nick Walsh.  
If anyone needs Father Rob to visit them phone the presbytery on **07 868 6169** and leave a message. He will get back to you.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of October: Mick Welsh, Valda Green, Ita Hayward, Angelo Tuyay, Tom Keane, Maureen Smedley.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.