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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – During Exposition or after Mass every Sunday

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST 2023

READINGS

TWENTIETH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Psalm 67

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

'Woman, you have great faith'



MINISTERS

GREETER: Eileen Leonard

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: L Blakey

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Simon Main

COLLECTOR: Stephen Croymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Alice Douglas & Kay Brydon

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST 2023

READINGS

TWENTY FIRST WEEK ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm 138

Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

*'You are Peter, to you I will give you keys
of the kingdom of Heaven.'*



MINISTERS

GREETER: Colleen Jordan

COMMENTATOR: Frances Croymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Robert Hicks

COLLECTOR: Trevor Finan

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Eileen Leonard & Simon Main

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In this Gospel, we find another example of the common device used by Matthew to denote the movement of Christianity from a Jewish to a Gentile setting. Jesus has left the Jewish region around the Sea of Galilee and travelled north west to the Gentile territory of what was ancient Phoenicia in Syria. Jesus' fame has obviously spread even here, yet the focus of the passage is not the cure but the dialogue. The woman knows full well that Jesus is Jewish, as she hails him as Son of David. His silence in the face of her plea is explained in the next verse – he did not want to exceed his divine mission, which he saw as gathering all Israel into the kingdom. Jesus' response is harsh; however, the woman is quick to seize on his imagery and twist it to her advantage but with humility She reminds Jesus that God's salvation is available to all. He responds generously with both his praise and his healing power.

Faith
is not hoping
God can
it is knowing
He **Will**

All the readings this week speak of foreigners who have accepted faith in the one God. The gospel tells of a great learning moment for Jesus. He ignores the plea of the Gentile woman but, ultimately, she forces him to recognise that salvation is available to all people who have faith. This would have been a salient message for those in Matthew's community who struggled to come to terms with Gentiles entering their community.



A great celebration at CWL 70th Jubilee luncheon held on 9th August. Kathy & Colleen cutting the cake.



At this point in the Gospel, Jesus and his chosen have travelled and lived together for some time. He invites them to explore what they understand of his identity. Even in his question there is explicit hint of his identity: *Who do people say the Son of Man is?* The people offer a variety of opinions: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. But it is Peter who adds to the title, *Son of Man*, by recognizing Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. This same Peter whose faith faltered when he was buffeted by the wind and waves has now shown that he is open to God and recognized Jesus for who he is. But this is not the end of Peter's story. There are ups and downs in his response, as there are in our own. As long as we remain open to the gift of God, faith, we are offered forgiveness when we fail to treasure what God has given to us.



**World Day of Prayer
for the Care of Creation
Friday 1st September 2023**

Pope Francis' message is the theme, "Let Justice and Peace Flow", inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream."

The Pope notes that, "God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival."

The annual day also marks the beginning of an ecumenical outreach bringing Christians to pray and work together in what is called the Season of Creation which lasts until 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



Keys are a symbol of authority. Jesus says to Peter, *'I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.'* Jesus entrusts his authority to Peter, and thus to successive Popes, and to the Church. This authority must always be used with wisdom and compassion and with it comes great responsibility.



Catholic Women's League

Mass and meeting to be in Thames on 1st September.
More details to come..

First Friday of the Month Mass Devotion
continues on **1ST SEPTEMBER** in
THAMES .

CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH —
NEXT IS 3RD SEPTEMBER



MINISTERS – 3rd September 2023

GREETER: Ross Brydon
 COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey
 COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Alice Douglas & Laurel Blakey
 DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Crooymans

MINISTERS – 10th September 2023

GREETER: Stephen Crooymans
 COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman
 PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow
 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman
 COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans
 MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:
 Stephen Crooymans & Kay Brydon
 DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**READINGS – 3rd September 2023
Twenty Second Week Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20:7-9
 Psalm 63
 Romans 12:1-2
 Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

**READINGS – 10th September 2023
Twenty Third Week Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 33:7-9
 Psalm 95
 Romans 13:8-10
 Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

**FLOWERS**

W/E 26/8 Laurel Blakey
 W/E 2/9 F Crooymans
 W/E 9/9 F Chaplow

**CHURCH LINEN**

AUGUST A Douglas
 SEPTEMBER P Hayward

HOUSE MASS
34 MAHUTA ROAD SOUTH –1st on right
MANGATARATA
Simon & Kate Main's

Wednesday 13th September @ 6.30pm
RSVP Text Simon on 021 043 6092



Aug 25 David Hurle
 30 Louise Smythe
 Arie Schouten

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

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of August: Valerie Finan, Mike Speedy, Frank Blackmore, Velma Harris, Marlane Marshall.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.