

SEEING WITH THE EYES OF FAITH

If we hear something interesting about someone, we might be inclined to search for more information about that person. But Mark in today's gospel tells us about a contrasting attitude displayed by the people of Nazareth, Jesus' own kinfolk. People in Jesus' hometown didn't want to learn more about him. They rejected him. They questioned his wisdom, power and authority. They saw Jesus as nothing special, an ordinary carpenter, a local man who lived a similar life to them. These people were waiting eagerly for the Lord's coming. They were longing for God to come and free them. They wanted to be saved. They were sure they would recognise the Messiah when he came. They didn't recognise Jesus as the one for whom they waited. They couldn't see that He was the One. They were unbelieving and unwelcoming, rejecting God who had taken the form of the ordinary, one like them in human flesh.

They were blind to the presence of God among them. Jesus was amazed they lacked faith. His amazement tells us of the importance of having faith. Jesus invites us to welcome Him with faith because faith opens our eyes and enables us to see God. God is always among us and with us. Our discipleship journey requires faith. If we have faith, accepting and trusting Him totally, God's presence and what He is offering will bring new life and joy into our lives. Every day God invites us to journey with Him. In faith, we can recognise that God is ever present in our lives and that He cares for us and wants us to have eternal life. His presence in our lives leads us to discover the gifts and talents each of us has, gifts and talents provided by God.

God participated in the very human experiences of being born, living, suffering, and eventually dying. In doing so, God made himself 'reachable' to humankind. Jesus was born in a stable, a simple place that could be accessed by rich and poor alike. He died on the cross so that sinners and holy people could witness and glorify him. In these ways, God shows us that He is with us whoever we are and wherever we might be. Having faith, we sense God's presence close to us. It also enables us to see miracles in our everyday lives. Like the people in Jesus' hometown, these miracles will not occur if we are unaccepting. We need to open our hearts, place our trust in the Lord, and welcome Him into our lives.

May the Lord continue to give us His grace to have the 'eyes' of faith to see Him in every moment and at every turn in our life journey and to let Him strengthen us in our discipleship. As Saint Paul said, "For it is when I am weak that I am strong."

Redempt Jawa CSsR
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Masses:

Saturday Vigil:

5.30pm

Sunday: 8.00am &
10.00am

Monday-Saturday:
9.00am

Anointing Mass:

First Friday of each
month at 9am Mass

Prayer of the Church:

Saturday: 8.45am &
Novena at 9am Mass

Reconciliation:

Saturday: After 9am
Mass & 4pm after-
noon

Rosary Group:

Each Friday: 3:30pm
in Parish Centre

Exposition:

Every Thursday
9.30am - 6.45pm
with Benediction at
6.45pm



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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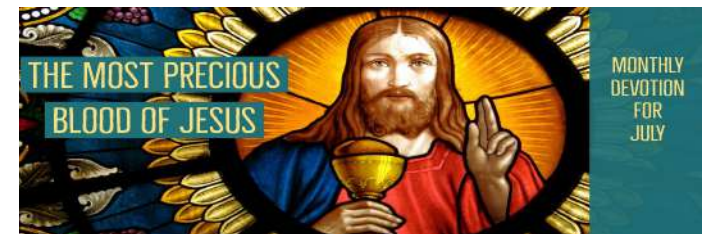
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14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July, month of the
Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ
Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 July 2021



“Father in heaven, may we all be cleansed
by the saving **Blood of Jesus**;
may our consciences be purged of dead works.
May the Water and **Blood**
that came from the side
of **Jesus**

create a protecting fountain
of grace,

one which flows directly
from the throne of God to us.

Come, Lord, and fill us with
Your Holy Spirit.”

Amen.



The Parish children of Sacramental Programme has received the Sacrament of Confirmation on

Tuesday, 29 June

Congratulations to those being confirmed by Bishop Michael Gielen

Anya Knight
Charlotte Butterfield
Cilia-Mary Raea
Daniel Hogg
Daniel Payne
Elena Dinh
Ester Carvalho Leite
Florence Hamilton
Harry Burton
Hope Mati Tevaga

Isabelle Dwyer
Jack Brandts-Giesen
Jake McCullum
Lucia Simich
Marilyn-Grace Insley
Oliver Francis
Olivia Schamrel
Rafael Gutierrez
Sebastian Butterfield
Viktor Nobre Milosevic



REDEMPTORIST SPIRITUALITY TALKS

Next Friday, on 9th July, after 9am Mass a series of spirituality talks will be given by Fr Bruce McGill in the Parish Centre.



MASS ROSTERS

from July to December 2021 are now available. Please collect your copy from the table in the Church foyer. Many thanks for volunteering.

AUCKLAND EUCHARISTIC CONVENTION

Hear overseas and local speakers address the theme:

'Come to me all you who are weary and heavily burdened.'

Friday 16, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 July

St Mary's College, New Street, Ponsonby (opposite the Pompallier Diocesan Centre)

Tickets \$30.00 per day or \$50 for the weekend.

See flyer for more information.

'May our Eucharistic celebrations transform the world.'

Pope Francis



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



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JULY 16TH

Our Parish is running a preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph, with a consecration date of August 17th. To consecrate yourself means to make a formal act of entrusting yourself to your spiritual father, St. Joseph, so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The preparation begins on July 16th, using the book *Consecration to St. Joseph*, by Fr. Donald Calloway. Each person does the daily readings in their own time, and will meet weekly with the group in the parish center. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sekai (kwangwas@yahoo.co.uk) or Odelia (steveodelia@gmail.com).

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We remember in prayer our parishioners whose anniversaries occur during July:

Catherine Burke, Steve O'Donoghue, John Brown, Honor Brooks, Mary Simich, Daniel Cavanagh, Marie Sweet, Peggy McLaren, Ross Carley, Free Grant, Zelma Ryan

Next Week: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time 10 & 11 July

1. Amos 7:12-15 2. Ephesians 1:3-14 3. Gospel Mark 6:7-13

<u>ROSTERS</u>	5.30pm	8.00am	10.00am
Welcomer	Kathy Slater	Shirley Rivera	Chris Izquierdo
Greeters	Jennifer Dalglish Desley King	Rockelene & Gerhanie Cahucom	Angela Shields Jacki Jeanmonod
Musicians	Jason Diack		
PowerPoint	Maureen Keenan	Liz Pascal	Odelia D'Souza
Children's Liturgy	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Prayers of the Faithful	Siobhan Sims		
Ministers of Communion	Heather Hart Louise Morton	Albert Kim Sam Wimsett	Simone Schollum Natalia Schollum
Readers	Heather Manickum Anna Mortiaux	Francis Hall Alex Binnie	James Bergin David Bergin
Cleaners	Dianne Anderson & Carl Doherty		
Grace Joel	10.30am Delreen Rayen	Altar Linen: Ingrid Coakley	