

## Mary's song is our song

Mary set out quickly from Nazareth to a town in the hill country of Judah, to visit her older cousin, Elizabeth, who was pregnant with the child we know as John the Baptist. Mary is carrying her own child, Jesus. At the presence of Jesus and his mother, the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy!

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, excitedly bursts into praise. She recognises the special position of Mary and her Son: *"Of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb."* Then, it's Mary's turn to sing God's praises in the song we call the 'Magnificat'.

Mary begins by proclaiming God's greatness: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.* Mary's happy because God has affirmed and honoured her lowliness; calling her to faithful service. God's special care is for little ones. Mary echoes the same joy that Jesus blesses the Father, because God is hidden to 'the wise and the learned' and is revealed to 'the little ones'. In the New Covenant, God's 'preference' is for the lowly and humble who are specially favoured. 'Greatness' doesn't come from social status!

*From this day forward all generations will call me blessed.* This isn't an arrogant statement. Rather, it's humble thanksgiving. What an extraordinary grace to be chosen to be the mother of the world's Saviour. Mary rejoices and is deeply grateful for being chosen for this privilege. It's yet another sign of God's desire that the poor, the weak, the marginalised, the wounded, the exploited and discriminated against in this world should be the special recipients of God's love, care and concern.

Mary knows that God's faithful love and mercy *reaches from age to age* and accompanies all generations. It's the message Jesus preached and lived and that's why disciples need to 'be merciful as your Father is merciful'. Mary, in a very special way, embodies the tenderness of God and points us to Jesus' fundamental message, that God's true nature is compassion and love.

Mary proclaims the God of the poor, who *pulls down princes from their thrones*, removes their power to oppress and sends them away empty handed. Indeed, God will *exalt the lowly*, so they reclaim their dignity and worth. God will *fill the hungry with good things*, so they enjoy a more valued and just life. In other words, the last shall be first, and the first last.

Today, with faith and trust, we're invited to make Mary's song our own; and to live our lives guided by its spirit and deep simplicity. The fulfilment of the song's promises and Mary's fidelity to them, 'led her home' to eternal life with God. Where she has gone, we hope to follow.

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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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## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 August 2021

**"Taken up into  
Heaven,  
Mary show us the  
way to God.  
The way to Heaven.  
The way to life."**

*Pope St. John Paul II*



**Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
And guide us on the way  
that leads to Heaven.**

*Pope Francis*



### MĀORI PASTORAL CARE - Special Collection

This money is used to fund initiatives, schools and projects of the Auckland Diocesan Māori Community.

The envelopes for *Māori Pastoral Care* are at the entrance to the Church. If you have a donor number, please put it on the envelope so that your donation can be included in your tax receipt at the end of the financial year.

### **Talks on Redemptorist Spirituality**

**Fr Bruce McGill**

The final talk "*St Alphonsus and his love for Mary*", will take place on Friday 20 August after 9am Mass in the Church.

There will be an opportunity to contribute to a Koha



### **SPECIAL MASS FOR CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH**

On Tuesday, August 17, there will be a special Mass at 7pm for those who are now preparing themselves to be consecrated to St. Joseph. *All are Welcome!*



### **Choral Vigil Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Celebrating Aotearoa New Zealand's Patronal Feast Day, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at **7pm Saturday 14 August**. Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks on Durham Lane \$2 & Hobson Street \$4.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Ladies, husbands and friends, please join us on our **Bus Trip on 25th August** to CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN in the Waitakere Range.

Includes the Mine Museum which has crystals and minerals from around the world; Animal Park, Crystal Mt. Express Train and the Gallery shop. (Discounts of 10% on purchases)

**LUNCH IS PROVIDED.** Meet at RSA Orakei, 178 Kapa Rd at 9.15am & return at 2.30pm. **ALL THIS FOR \$35.** Please pay online to ASB Bank Account No. 12-3073-0079278-00, using your surname as reference, or pay cash on the day, after confirming that you will be attending, before 20th AUGUST.

Email confirmation to Tina on [tinaraines@orcon.net.nz](mailto:tinaraines@orcon.net.nz) Ph: 021 940 950/ 09-5212499. More information will be sent regarding your choice of food!



### **St Ignatius Catholic Primary School - Years 0-6 Enrolments 2022**

Enrolment applications for places at St Ignatius Catholic Primary School for 2022 close on 31 August and will be processed in accordance with our Enrolment Scheme. Parents will be notified soon after 31 August. Please complete an enrolment application form together with the Preference Certificate and other supporting information and deliver or email it to the school office not later than 31 August 2021. If you have a baby or preschooler it is helpful if applications for places beyond 2022 are in the system. It's never too early to apply. For enrolment application forms please download from our website [www.stignatius.school.nz](http://www.stignatius.school.nz) or collect from 72 Speight Rd, St Heliers. For further information please email [office@stignatius.school.nz](mailto:office@stignatius.school.nz) or phone **5757081**

**We remember in prayer our parishioners whose anniversaries occur during August:** Hilda D'Souza, Robert Steele, Imelda Larsen, Dora Gordon, Hendrick Van Swet, Jean Young, Patsy Olsson, Dawn Alcock, Eileen Rennie, William Kearns, Herman Leupold, Ross Lanigan, Katherine Donnelly, Kathlyn Lorne

### **Next Week: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time 21 & 22 August 2021.**

**1.** Joshua 24:1-2,15-18 **2.** Ephesians 5:21-32 **3.** Gospel John 6:60-69

<b><u>ROSTERS</u></b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>10.00am</b>
<b>Welcomer</b>	Tony Verner	Liz Pascal	Sateki Misiuata
<b>Greeters</b>	Heather Manickum David Manickum	Delreen Rayen Aloy Rayen	Chris IZQUIERDO Lynaire Kelly
<b>Musicians</b>	Filipino Singers		Tongan Community
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Filipino Singers	Kathy Slater	Tongan Community
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	We believe - Trevor & Gaila Hubbard		
<b>Prayers of the Faithful</b>	Br Frank Blewman		
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	— Anne Gordon	Maria Kneebone Mary Lynch	Simon Tevaga Willie Lavaka
<b>Readers</b>	Maurice Hall Kathryn Redmore	Catherine Lipski Sam Wimsett	Sue Kelly David Kelly
<b>Cleaners</b>	Malia Griffiths & Sue Rivalland		<b>Altar Linen:</b> Ingrid Coakley
<b>Grace Joel</b>	10.30am David Manickum & Maria Kneebone		
<b>Sac Prog</b>	<b>Offertory Procession: Giesen Family</b>		