

**Mission Sunday**  
**31 Oct 2021**

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**WORLD  
MISSION  
SUNDAY**



**SEND YOUR ANGEL  
TO HOLY MASS**



O HOLY ANGEL, AT MY SIDE,  
GO TO THE CHURCH FOR ME,  
KNEEL IN MY PLACE, AT HOLY MASS,  
WHERE I DESIRE TO BE.  
AT OFFERTORY, IN MY STEAD,  
TAKE ALL I AM AND OWN,  
AND PLACE IT AS A SACRIFICE  
UPON THE ALTAR THRONE.  
AT HOLY CONSECRATION'S BELL,  
ADORE WITH SERAPH'S LOVE,  
MY JESUS, HIDDEN IN THE HOST,  
COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN ABOVE.  
AND WHEN THE PRIEST COMMUNION TAKES,  
OH, BRING MY LORD TO ME,  
THAT HIS SWEET HEART MAY REST ON MINE,  
AND I HIS TEMPLE BE.  
AMEN.

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH**

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**30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**World Mission Sunday**

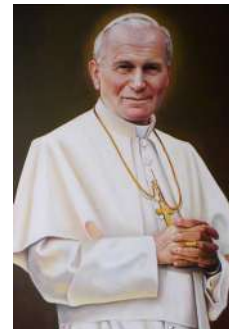
**Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 October 2021**

**BLESSED FEAST  
SAINT JOHN PAUL II  
October 22**

A son of Poland who survived both the Nazi and Communist regime, Karol Wojtyla became a priest, then a bishop, and then was elected Pope of the Catholic Church in 1978 and took on the name John Paul II.



As Pope, he made over 100 apostolic journeys across the globe and deeply loved human love, devoting the first five years of his teaching to what is now known as, "The Theology of the Body," a Scriptural reflection on how the love between a husband and a wife mirrors the life-giving love of the Trinity.



He loved the youth, establishing the global world Youth Day events. He loved Mary, citing the Rosary as one of his favorite devotions. Above all, he loved Jesus Christ, clinging to the Cross throughout his pontificate and his last days suffering of Parkinson's disease, until his death in 2005.

*"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness!"  
St. John Paul II*

*Dear Parishioners,*

Two more weeks at level 3... !!!! Nevertheless, we all try to keep our spirits up and the virus down. I send lots of encouragement to you, especially to those whose livelihoods are on the line, and to those who are finding being closed in at home very, very difficult.

It is good news that senior students will be able to return to school. May the term bring you not only successful exams, but a special term especially for those of you who are finishing school.

Note that this time of thinking about our world and its future and yours is probably the best learning point you will take with you into adult life.

We need to stay positive! We have time and space to reflect and pray in these days. The media does not quite catch the overwhelming good will of our country in working together against Covid. Even the bad points — note the anger of Aucklanders against those partygoers.

However, let us not be self-righteous: a parishioner told me of a party at the house next door. I met some great young people who were going over to a friend's house to hang out...

The real positive point is something called the Common Good. It has been a key point of Church social teaching since 1891. We are all acting together for the common good in fighting this virus.

However, the pandemic has revealed the poverty in which some sections of our population are living.

They are making a disproportionately large contribution at huge personal and family cost. Why this hidden rift in our society? If we believe in the common good, why are some families and children going hungry? Why are there overcrowded homes which become sources of transmission of virus and which make online learning for so many of our children almost impossible?

Catholic teaching says that it is not only the duty of our elected state representatives to provide for the common good, but it is also ours.

On that note, I must ask you to join with me in honouring many of our parishioners. Some are paying full wages at great personal cost. Some are retaining employees whom they could easily make redundant. Others make great caring contributions. God bless each and all of you. I see Christ in your hearts and lives. How do we fix things? This is your time to invite the Holy Spirit to fill your hearts and homes in this pandemic.

One way is to explore your spirituality. Ask yourself/ yourselves these questions: Where do I see and find Christ and the Holy Spirit (note both persons of the Trinity) in my personal life and devotion? In my family life? In our church? In our society? In our planet? The theme of the Common Good applies in all these. As Jesus teaches us - to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

In regard to our Church. I wrote last week about the world-wide Synod that Pope Francis has announced. We are invited to meet together in groups, to reflect on the Church, pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern our Church's path ahead.

It is, ideally, a new, synodal way of being church. Given time limitations and the limitations of the pandemic, what can we realistically do? Our Parish Councils met by zoom on Monday to discuss how we can respond. We have opted to put out a questionnaire, open enough for you to express what you really think about the Church in general, our Diocese and our two Parishes, in next week's newsletter. There will be guidance there. **Come Holy Spirit!** This week's homily may help.

An ecumenical opportunity: join our neighbor Churches in prayer. **The Ecumenical Prayers for Peace gathering scheduled for Glendowie will now take place on zoom at 4.00pm on Sunday 14 November.** Watch this space for the zoom link.

This Sunday's readings may be found at  
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102421.cfm>

My homily can be found at  
<https://share.icloud.com/photos/06SqhKEKptkhwqZ9g7P4HWH6A>

God Bless!  
**Fr John Dunn**