

Prayers For Peace and Hope



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The combined churches of

St Heliers

Glendowie

Glen Innes

Welcome you to a prayer
service for families

Sunday 14 November 2021

at

Mother of Perpetual Help
Church Glendowie

4.00 pm

or by ZOOM

Guest Speaker Ana Atkinson

Programmes and Administration Manager (Eastern Refuge
Society)



Eastern Refuge Society
Kia hora te marino

Donations and collection <https://www.easterrefugesociety.org.nz/help-for-domestic-violence/>

“Kia Hora Te Marino” – May The Calm Be Widespread



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 November 2021

The Year of St. Joseph is ending on Dec. 8th. To commemorate this special year, there will be a Festival starting with Mass at St. Mary of the Angels in Wellington on Sunday, Nov. 14th. Unfortunately for us, this will not be livestreamed, but we are able to take part in all of the other events. All of the events are free, but a donation to Catholic Marriage and Family, who have undertaken to organize this festival, would be welcomed and greatly appreciated. Please share with all your friends, across NZ and even overseas, so as many people as possible could participate in honouring *St. Joseph!*

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EVANGELION

presents
Patris Corde
With a Father's Heart
A FESTIVAL ON ST JOSEPH
Year of St Joseph (14 Nov -11 Dec 2021)

14 Nov. (Sun) 5:00 pm
OPENING MASS
St. Mary of the Angels
Wellington

17 Nov. (Wed) 7:00 pm
CONSECRATION TO ST.
JOSEPH
Virtual Talk by Fr. Donald
Calloway, MIC

24 Nov. (Wed) 7:00 pm
JOSEPH OF NAZARETH:
THE STORY OF THE MAN
CLOSEST TO CHRIST
Online Movie

1 Dec. (Wed) 7:00 pm
SACRED MUSIC AND ART
IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH
A Virtual Event

11 Dec. (Sat) 6:00 pm
CLOSING MASS AND
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
The Sanctuary of Fourvière
Christchurch

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of all parishioners, greetings, love, prayers and encouragement to you! The lockdowns are taking their toll. While the future looks somewhat brighter as our vaccination rate climbs to 90%, it is still unclear where we will be by Christmas. It may help to remind ourselves why we are making this extraordinary national effort. It is an act of love for the common good of all New Zealanders, to bring healing, and a relatively normal life to us all. And, of course, God's love is the source of our love. Please God we will be back together so that we can celebrate Mass soon.

This week I wish to cover a large topic — the world **Synod** which *Pope Francis* has called for— and two practical topics.

We all know that the Church needs reforming in so many ways. Pope Francis wants us to ask the Holy Spirit to re-make the church for our contemporary world, just like the Spirit did with the disciples at Pentecost. He asks us to join in a Synod (journeying together) for this purpose. What is the Spirit saying today? The key word for him is discernment, in union with the Holy Spirit. Ideally, we join together in small groups, work out what aspect we want to discuss - positive or negative - and then ask the Holy Spirit to help us discern how we can journey forward in fidelity to the Gospel.

Our contributions are sent in online to the diocese, and the major themes, suggestions, criticisms, are drawn out and sent to the NZ bishops' conference. The Bishops do the same on the national basis, then it's off to the whole of Oceania, and thence to the Synod in Rome next year. The time frame is limited (**December 20**) and our Parish Councils have decided upon an individual submission process, and a series of small group Zoom processes.

For the individual process, I invite you to click on this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AotearoaSynod1>, where you will find an easy questionnaire where you can participate and say what you want to say. It is very easy to follow.

The survey suggests various themes or subjects, and you can do any single theme you like, or as many as you like, or offer your own. You can also write directly to the Bishop. If you would like more information on how to go about any of this, please contact **Peter Brown - 021897154**.

If you, or a group of your friends, would like to participate in a small group Zoom process, taking about 1½ hours, please email St Ignatius Parish officestignatius_stheliers@xtra.co.nz **OR** Mother of Perpetual Help Parish office@glendowiecatholic.org.nz with your phone number and email address, and we will get back to you. The Parish Councilors are hoping to chair some of these small groups. I encourage you to invite some of the people you know, including those who no longer join us at Mass or who have criticisms and questions. It is vital that they also participate in this discernment process.

Now let us turn to two practical points. The first is our Christmas Hampers project. Each year we have distributed 270 hampers to St Pius School, Glenbrae School, and Te Waipuna. But this year lockdown prevents us from doing this. The need, however, does not go away. In fact, in these days, it is even greater. So we have decided instead to distribute vouchers, each one wrapped in a Christmas message or drawing from our children. We have a substantial amount of money ready, but we are still short of about \$4,000. If you would like to make a donation, please pay it into the **St Heliers Parish Glenbrae Account 02-0184-0181634-013**, together with your name and planned giving number. Further details will follow.

Secondly, I invite you to join with our Parish community and our neighbouring Church Communities in our Ecumenical Zoom Service Prayers for Peace and Hope at 4.00pm (note the time) next Sunday 14 November. Mother of Perpetual Help is our host.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911729491?pwd=TWf4ZTNETXRkMmxBSWJicnQvZDdydz09>

Last of all, I note with sadness that this weekend the End of life Choice Bill becomes law. Please pray for all those who wish to take advantage of this bill, for their families, and for those medical personnel who must be party to this process.

This Sunday's readings can be found at <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110721.cfm>
My homily can be found at <https://share.icloud.com/photos/0zZpA7QqjIGISFcLLUuX7vJgg>
Akata's hymn can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-wJOCOQ89U>

Fr John Dunn