

# Prayers For Peace and Hope



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The combined churches of

St Heliers

Glendowie

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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

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**Eastern Refuge Society**  
*Kia hora te marino*

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



## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

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**33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 November 2021**



**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 IN HIS TEMPLE BE.  
AMEN.



*Dear Parishioners,*

Yet another week of lockdown! Yet there is sign of movement. Shops are open, and primary schools will open next week. The balancing act of where and how much to restrict and where to open is delicate as infections climb. Let us pray for a manageable number of infections in these days leading up to Christmas.

Not only is Covid Delta incredibly infectious; it is also a disease that divides. The issues quickly mount up: managed isolation, self-isolation, those locked out from those locked down.

As families we also have to cope with some of these issues. If we have children, we have both vaccinated and unvaccinated in the same house. As our (unvaccinated) children return to school, how do we manage? What about bringing our children to Church?

The same issues confront us as Parishes as we look to return to celebrate Mass as one community together. Bishop Pat has written to Parish priests saying that at lockdown level 3 the status quo remains, and we cannot open our Churches for private visits.

However, the new traffic light system is not far away and under the Red light we will be back to open churches and celebrating Mass as a community.

There are lots of issues. I list first of all my total reluctance to exclude anyone from the worshipping assembly, combined with an interest for not only the spiritual but also the physical health of all our people. Jesus turned no-one away. But neither did he deal with a pandemic.

Here are the Government's requirement under the Traffic Light Red. Up to 100 people with Covid Vaccination Certificates (CVCs) may gather in places of worship. They must scan in with their CVC, wear masks and keep at 1 metre distance.

There can be gatherings of people who do not have a CVC, with a maximum of 10 people. You can see the issues that jump up for yourselves! I think we will need to have our moral theologian Fr Bernard to help us think things through! Watch this space.

The **Synod**. If you wish to be informed, please check out the Diocesan website <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/?s=synod> and you will find a wealth of material. You can make your individual contribution online, or by email, or by letter. Pope Francis has extended the deadline from 20 December to 27 April, which makes the process much more manageable.

How do we proceed as Parishes? Last Monday and Tuesday each of our two Parish Councils met to go through the small group process. There are 10 themes, and St Ignatius did that of 'Our Journey Together' with the questions (Who do you feel is included / welcome on the Church's local journey? Who is not included or not welcomed?)

Mother of Perpetual Help did the theme of Gathering (How does our gathering for prayer (including Mass) meeting people's needs? How do we fail to meet people's needs?). I think everyone found it inspiring, and some wonderful things came out.

Some of our Parish Councillors in turn will lead other groups. If you wish to join, please email the office. I hope that other groups (Youth, those who no longer walk with the Sunday assembly, university students, etc.) may also form their own groups. Pope Francis tells us that the Holy Spirit is intimately part of our lives whether we are in Church or not, and with the Spirit's help we can discern together the Gospel road ahead.

My homily can be found at <https://share.icloud.com/photos/02T16iGabB9Uuj47yeFpfbVtQ>

Lots of encouragement, and blessings on us all on our journey ahead!

**Fr John Dunn**